



Interdisciplinary Research Education Seminar Series

Being & Doing Phenomenology Workshop with Dr Patricia Munhall April 26th & 27th 2011

The School of Nursing at Fanshawe College is pleased to sponsor a two-day phenomenology workshop with **Dr. Patricia Munhall**. All Nursing, Health Sciences and Human Services faculty members are welcome to attend. Registration is free but space is limited. Please **RSVP** to tgantert@fanshawec.ca by **April 15, 2011** to be registered.

This two-day workshop has two intertwined aims; one is to *become* phenomenological, that is assuming a phenomenological perspective in one's life as a way of being in the world in interaction with self and others. We will come to understand what it means to become phenomenological in one's own life. The outcome of this phenomenological position in relation to self and others is nothing less than amazing! Integrating the philosophical tenets of phenomenology, we become unknowing, learn to listen with the third ear, welcome new and different interpretations of reality, search for meaning of experience for self and others, and without assumptions, we become more understanding, empathic, authentic and compassionate. During these two days, we will practice with self and others, being phenomenological.

The second aim of this workshop is to *inquire* into how one uses an interpretive phenomenological philosophy as a research approach. We will engage in this interpretive process in search of understanding and meaning of experience for others who through language provide narratives for the researcher. The respect we show these narratives in order to understand them in an authentic manner, calls upon us to understand the irreducibility of human beings, the postmodern and multistoried world, intersubjectivity, and the situated context of being. This requires us to abandon our assumptions, be atheoretical and become childlike, reflecting wonder and awe as the varied meanings and interpretations awaken us from our taken for granted beliefs and knowledge that presently structures our approach to caring for others.

During this workshop, we will follow the phenomenological research perspective from the philosophical to the practical. The findings of our research lead us to understanding the meaning of experience for self and others, liberation from our assumptions, legitimization of differences and emancipation from outdated beliefs or stereotypes. From voices often silenced, we attend to the fluid core of being human and our research leads to individualized care, understanding and meaning.

Understanding an "other" is a task of no small consequence. Often we realize how difficult it is to understand ourselves! During these two days, we will attempt to comprehend what and how authentic understanding of self and other is achievable, liberating and therapeutic.



Dr Patricia Munhall, EdD, ARNP, NCPsyA, FAAN

Dr Patricia Munhall has been a professor of nursing for over twenty-five years, at Hunter College and Columbia University among other universities and also a psychoanalyst for the past 16 years. She received her doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York and graduated from the Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis. Patricia is an international speaker and author on phenomenology as a research method for nursing, psychoanalysis, human understanding. She is an author or editor of fourteen books, among them is the Emergence Series (3 volumes) focusing on the experiences of Women, Men and the Family in the 21st Century and a Women's Series (2 volumes), *In the Experience of Women*, Volume I and II. Her textbook, *Nursing Research: a Qualitative Perspective*, has been a two-time recipient of the AJN Book of the Year Award. The updated and revised fifth edition of this text has just been published giving this book a 25-year life span thus far. Patricia has also authored *Revisioning Phenomenology: Nursing and Health Science Research* and over 60 manuscripts and chapters focusing on qualitative research, unknowing, phenomenology and philosophical analysis. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and last year was awarded the R. Louise McManus Medal from Teachers College, Columbia University, the highest honor for a nursing alumnus. She is founder and present president of the International Institute for Human Understanding and its educational arm, The Open U located in Miami, where she is also in private practice.

Being & Doing Phenomenology Workshop Agenda

Alumni Lounge

2nd Floor Fanshawe College Student Union Building

Tuesday April 26th

0830 - 0900	Registration & Refreshments
0900 - 0915	Welcome & Introductions
0915 - 1015	Workshop
1015 - 1030	Break
1030 - 1200	Workshop
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1600	Workshop

Wednesday April 27th

0830 - 0900	Registration & Refreshments
0900 - 1015	Workshop
1015 - 1030	Break
1030 - 1200	Workshop
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1400	Workshop
1400 - 1600	Research Team Consultations