

# Narrative Practices Gathering

An opportunity for Narrative practitioners & students to extend their practice through collective conversation

May 22 & 23 with Sonja Bar-Am

## LOCATION

Narrative Practices Adelaide,  
NADA Counselling Service,  
1 Mary St, Hindmarsh 5007  
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## DATES

May 22—23 2018

## COST

\$375.00

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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**In peer conversation**, we will work together to document challenges, edges and successes in our Narrative conversations with folk we meet with across four broad conversation points.

**Who:** For curious practitioners, students, writers and thinkers in therapy, community, psychology and collective action. Please bring your client stories, transcripts and dilemmas to be confidentially shared.

**How:** This gathering is designed to support client work and accountability in a peer-consultation method – circular conversations over two days. The Gathering will be guided by the Rhizome-Network Metaphor with no fixed centre in a democratic space where skills and practices will be free to emerge wherever they will.

*What we know about what works in Narrative Therapy and what may yet be possible to know and create together for all the different folk who consult with us...*

Narrative Practices Adelaide would like to invite you to gather with us to explore the relationship between our Narrative Therapy practices and people's lives. Cross-examine your favourite introduction, level one and two theory and philosophy through a closer inspection of the foundational practices against client transcripts.

**Why:** Narrative practices have developed over the past decades through rigorous active reflection in conversation with our clients. Through it personal agency becomes more richly described as powerful storylines that contribute to action and change. Our narrative conversations act to centre the individual within their own life and complex web of relationships and contexts that support them - so it is in this task that we must remain accountable.

Join experienced narrative practitioner-theorist Sonja Baram on a creative new journey through what inspires and stretches narrative practitioners and their clients' wishes for change. This is an ambitious first Adelaide Gathering, with more planned centred on themes that emerge in our work. This Gathering 1 will serve as an honouring gesture to the Legacy of narrative originator Adelaide's Michael White and the fruitful partnership with New Zealander David Epston. For more information on Intentional Michael White Legacy Gathering in the USA see: <https://reauthoringteaching.com/narrative-training/workshops/building-legacy-michael-white-san-diego-narrative-gathering/>



**Sonja Baram** is an Associate at Narrative Practices Adelaide. She works in Adelaide, Australia in a large community agency meeting with individuals, couples and families for conversations about their lives and relationships. She has had formative training in Narrative therapy with Maggie Carey, Shona Russell, and in violence accountability with Rob Hall and Alan Jenkins and her colleagues at Uniting Communities for the past 10 years. Sonja is inspired to continually engage with the writings of Michael White, David Epston, and post-structural and feminist philosophy, through client stories, and through new thought experiments to play and improvise with thoughtful and respectful practices. Trained in Counselling, Psychology, Narrative Therapy, and Collaborative Family Therapies, she continues to publish articles and present at conferences in the field on a diverse range of dilemmas and joys in therapeutic work, including psychosis, narrative therapy, feminism and violence. If you have questions about this gathering, you are welcome to contact Sonja on 0423 891 352

## CONVERSATION GUIDE, A ROUGH OUTLINE

### Tuesday Morning May 22, 2018: Forces that Shape Us

- From resistance through to resonance and new questions for 'Catching Thermals' of precious expressions and connection for clients

### Tuesday Afternoon May 22, 2018: Narrative Therapy in the Context of Collaborative Therapies

- Invitations to consider the ways in which therapists can put the client in the centre of the conversation whilst bringing others and their voices into the dialogue

### Wednesday Morning May 23, 2018: Personal Agency, what is it and what is possible in one's change project?

- Developing multiple storylines of identity in the narrative metaphor: what is known and familiar and what is possible to know.

### Wednesday Afternoon May 23, 2018: Collective & Collaborative Practices

- From Personal to Collective narratives. Network and rhizomic thinking: families, tribes and relationships. Community Actions – counter-practices and counter documents.

**Narrative Practices Adelaide** is a small, vibrant centre committed to a collaborative approach to practicing and teaching narrative therapy. It's directors are Maggie Carey, Shona Russell and Rob Hall. Maggie, Shona and Rob have been involved in the teaching of narrative therapy and community work for many years, both in Australia and internationally.

**NPA** has its history based in the **Adelaide Narrative Therapy Centre**, which was established by Michael White in January 2008, a few months before his sad and untimely death.

From its inception Maggie, Rob and Shona joined Michael in the formation and early development of **ANTC**, and after his death they formed **Narrative Practices Adelaide** to continue this work.

# REGISTRATION FORM

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Cost: \$375.00 (A non refundable deposit of \$50 is  
required with registration)

A minimum number of participants is required to run  
this course. We will advise when this workshop is  
definitely confirmed. Please ensure that travel  
bookings made prior to final course confirmation  
are fully refundable.

## **Indicate your payment method:**

- Cheque**
- Electronic transfer to NPA account**
- My work will be paying for me.**

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payment by Credit Card.*

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### **Cheques payable to:**

Narrative Journeys

### **Post to:**

Narrative Practices Adelaide, PO Box 137,  
Hindmarsh, SA 5007.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer to our account:**

Commonwealth Bank. BSB: 062-692

Ac. Name: Narrative Journeys

Ac. Number: 3229 1734

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Please return this completed registration  
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[info@narrativepractices.com.au](mailto:info@narrativepractices.com.au)

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