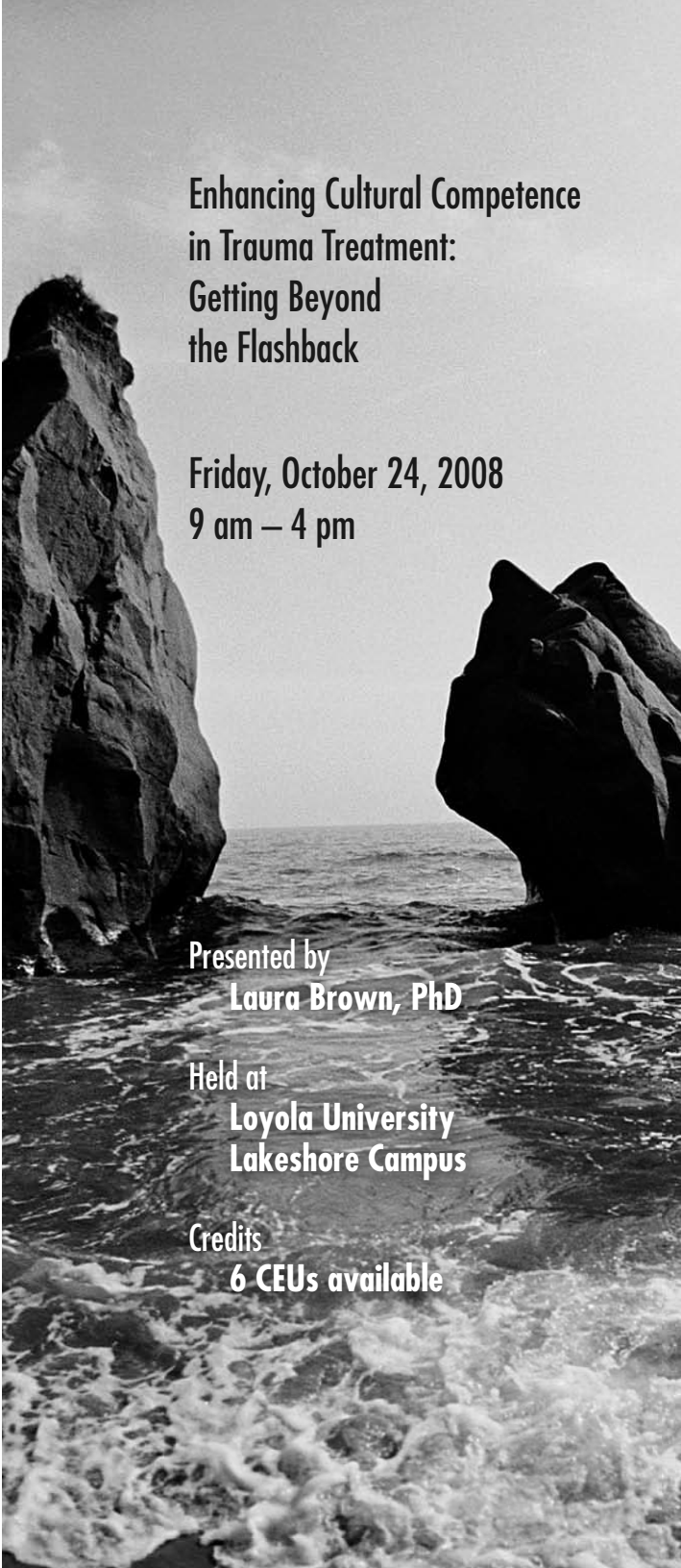


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Enhancing Cultural Competence in Trauma Treatment: Getting Beyond the Flashback

Friday, October 24, 2008
9 am – 4 pm

Presented by
Laura Brown, PhD

Held at
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Trauma occurs to diverse, complex human beings whose multiple identities and social contexts lend particular meanings to the experience of trauma. Even those traumas that are not of human design, such as natural disasters, take on meanings because they occur in the midst of pre-existing and post-event social realities that affect a person's coping capacities, vulnerabilities, and communities. Psychotherapists working with trauma survivors are themselves diverse in identities, and will be affected by their work in ways shaped by those personal meanings.

This full-day conference offers an introduction to basic skills for enhancing cultural competence in psychotherapeutic work with survivors of trauma, using a model that goes beyond the "how to treat group X" paradigm that has informed much cultural competence training. Instead, this workshop aims to increase a therapist's awareness of dynamics of culture and identity in a more over-arching way. We will explore how to develop an epistemology of diversity that is responsive to each individual's multiple strands of identity, looking at the influences of culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, disability, immigration status, and other social locations informing the experience of trauma. We will examine a model for understanding people's identity development in the context of these multiple strands of identity, and specifically analyze ways in which trauma affects the various trajectories taken by individuals as they respond to trauma. The role of bias, particularly aversive bias, and therapist shame and guilt will be addressed. Strategies for developing more culturally competent means of service delivery will be explored.

This workshop will be both didactic and experiential, and will include time for discussion of specific questions and cases. Some materials may evoke strong emotions for participants. If bringing case materials, participants should carefully disguise all identifying information so as to protect client confidentiality.

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Program Location

Loyola University, Lakeshore Campus
McCormick Lounge
6525 N. Sheridan Road
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Program Fee

\$125.00 through October 10, 2008

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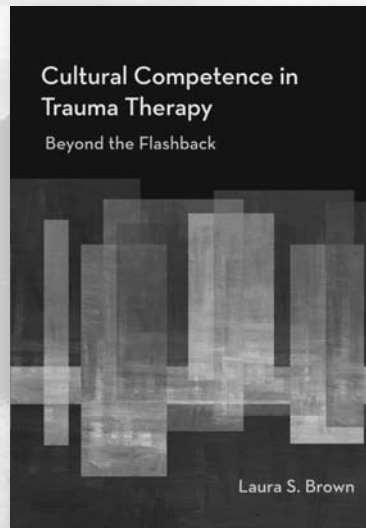
Presenter

Laura S. Brown received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1977 from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and has practiced feminist psychotherapy and forensic psychology in Seattle since then. Formerly on the faculties of Southern Illinois University, the University of Washington, and the Washington School of Professional Psychology, she has taught workshops throughout the U.S., and in Canada, Europe, Israel, and Taiwan.

She has been a major contributor to the literatures on feminist therapy theory and practice, trauma, and cultural competence, twice winning the Distinguished Publication Award of the Association for Women in Psychology.

She has also been honored for her work in the field of trauma, where her most recent publication is the book, *Cultural Competence in Trauma Therapy: Beyond the Flashback*, published in 2008 by APA Books.

In 2006 she founded a low-fee psychotherapy training clinic, the Fremont Community Therapy Project, which she currently directs. She is a student of aikido, and lives in Seattle with her partner and her canine co-therapist.



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