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**George Washington University Offers Public Meetings Series**

**GWU Will Discuss “Organizational Change and Learning In High-Reliability Organizations” November 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.—at SMHEC**

Dr. Margaret Gorman, Research Professor of Human and Organizational Learning at the George Washington University, will host a round table discussion series on “Leadership, Organizational Change and Learning” at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center at 44219 Airport Road, California, MD on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Gorman will be joined by Dr. Melissa Denihan LT Navair PMA 205. Dr. Denihan’s research “*Naturalistic Decision Making in Aviation: Understanding the Decision Making Process of Experienced Naval Aviators During Novel or Unexpected Situations in Flight*”, will be discussed as part of this presentation. It will also include other topics such as “aircraft carrier ship’s collective learning process.” An additional Roundtable will be held on December 10, 2009.

The George Washington University also plans to offer a new start of its Executive Leadership in Human and Organizational Learning Doctoral Program at SMHEC starting in Spring Semester 2010. Interest meetings will be held for individuals wishing to learn more about the doctoral program following the public round table meetings.

For more information on the Round Tables or the ELP Doctorate call Dr. Jim Leslie at 301-737-2500, extension 250 or Dr. Cynthia Shoemaker at 301-737-2500. Or you can check [www.smhec.org](http://www.smhec.org), or check the GWU website at [www.gwu.edu/elp](http://www.gwu.edu/elp)

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The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center was established by legislation in 1994. About 150 courses per semester are currently offered at SMHEC’s high-tech, centrally-located campus, providing the Creative Workforce in Southern Maryland with unprecedented access to higher education opportunities.