Leadership can be understood as “a dynamic relationship between leaders and collaborators in which both are moved to higher levels of motivation as they affect real, intended change.” The foundation of this relationship involves “emotional risk, uncertainty, and exposure,” otherwise known as vulnerability. It follows, therefore, that effective, transformational leadership is inherently a vulnerable experience, which may explain why so few choose this path.

Please join Dr. Mike Wood for a compelling discussion on this complex connection between leadership and vulnerability during our 2013 Special Keynote Program.* Using a combination of lecture, video, and real-life case studies, Dr. Wood will explore the surprising strengths that vulnerability can bring to any leader in any position.

“We don’t see things as they are; we see them as we are.” Anais Nin

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*This year, we are combining the Forum & Keynote sessions into a more integrated and dynamic “Keynote Program.” Please stop by the UC Food Court for special NRU deals on lunch, then bring your lunch to the Program.

A special 1 hour “trailer session” will follow the Keynote Program for anyone interested in a more in-depth discussion of this topic.