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Fall 2010 E-Newsletter
CIIS Alumni: Leaders and Innovators
in 28 Countries Around the World

Dean of Alumni Richard Buggs

Fall 2010 Alumni Events

Dear Alums,

On October 21, 2010, Joseph Subbiondo, Mike Griffin, David Townes, and I hosted a gathering of CIIS alums and prospective students living in the New York City area. The setting was the beautiful Rubin Museum of Art, where ACS alum Michael Sheehy is senior editor at the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center. Michael spoke about his journey to CIIS and the importance of his degree. Elizabeth Baum also shared her journey to CIIS and return to New York as an ICP alum.

After the program, Michael led a guided tour of the galleries, and we all marveled at the incredible collection of Himalayan art from India, Nepal, and Bhutan.

The New York Alumni Circle is busy organizing several other events and inviting prospective students in the area.

On Friday, October 29, 2010, CIIS hosted the School of Undergraduate Studies (SUS) alumni dinner as part of the second annual Di-a de los Muertos celebration.

Alums enjoyed traditional food and wonderful company at our dinner reception. Vice President of Academic Affairs Judie Wexler and Director of the School of Undergraduate Studies Michelle Eng spoke to a packed room about the latest CIIS initiatives.

We are grateful to all the alums who came to both events and contributed to the Alumni Scholarship Fund,

Richard Buggs (CLN, '96)

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ALUMNI EVENTS



CIIS Goes to London
November 13, 2010

CIIS International Student Advisor Jody O'Connor, hosted the first CIIS alumni gathering outside the United States. CIIS alum, Becky Walsh (BAC, '10) led an opening meditation followed by a lively group conversation about her recently released book, [Intuitive Lovers](#).



Expanding the Circle 2011: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies

Presented by California Institute of Integral Studies
Hotel Nikko
San Francisco, California
March 3-6, 2011

In this conference for higher education professionals, we will address factors that have contributed to excluding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) issues from academic study and student life; and also explore ways to make our campuses more inclusive for all students. We will examine strategies and best practices that effectively integrate LGBTQ areas of teaching and research with student life activities. Building on the success of last year's



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Faculty News



Professor Jack Weller Retires

Professor Jack Weller, founding director of the CIIS Expressive Arts Therapy program, has announced his decision to retire after 22 years as a prominent member of the faculty. His leadership in the field of expressive arts and his teaching have enriched the lives of CIIS faculty, staff, and students as well as members of the international

expressive arts community. We are grateful for his long and committed service.



Lucia Birnbaum Retires

After 16 years as a prominent member of the faculty in Women's Spirituality, Professor Lucia Birnbaum has announced her decision to retire at the end of this academic year. CIIS faculty, staff, and the many students whose lives have been enhanced by her teaching and scholarship are grateful for her extraordinary contributions.

CIIS Community News

J.C. Kellogg Foundation Makes Gifts Totaling \$165,000 to CIIS

The J.C. Kellogg Foundation has made recent gifts totaling \$165,000 to CIIS. These gifts include: \$90,000 to the Integral Counseling Psychology Diversity Scholarship Program; \$40,000 to the counseling centers for the ICP, Somatics, and PsyD programs; and \$35,000 in unrestricted support, which CIIS will use for the library relocation and renovation project.

With these gifts, the J.C. Kellogg Foundation has contributed nearly \$725,000 to CIIS, making it one of the Institute's most generous donors. CIIS is very appreciative of these gifts, which are helping us increase the number of students from diverse backgrounds pursuing degrees in Integral Counseling Psychology, strengthening our counseling centers, and supporting our library project.

groundbreaking conference, Expanding the Circle 2011 will be among the first national conferences in higher education focusing on LGBTQ issues by seeking connections across academic and student affairs, across kinds of diversities, across disciplines, and across LGBTQ subfields.

Visit www.ExpandingtheCircle.com or email ExpandingtheCircle@ciis.edu for more information.



Sacred Sites of India Tour: June 25th-July 15, 2011

Join us as we embark on our seventh annual journey to India. This exciting tour offers both first-time and seasoned travelers a unique and unforgettable adventure. We will visit areas of Northern India considered sacred by Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists. Price: \$5,200. Single Supplement: \$1,100. 12 CEUs are available to licensed mental health professionals for an additional \$180 fee. Take a look at our exciting [itinerary](#).

CLASS NOTES



Susan Christy (COU, '94) has published *Working Effectively with Faculty: Guidebook for Higher Education*

Staff and Managers. Susan Christy's book is written for employees in all departments who work with faculty. Viewing academia through a lens of staff-faculty relationships brings new



CIIS Trustee Peter Baumann Makes Gift of \$100,000 to Library Relocation and Renovation Project

Following the CIIS fall board meeting, Trustee Peter Baumann made a gift of \$100,000 to the library relocation and renovation project through the Baumann Foundation.

With this gift, CIIS will establish the Baumann Foundation Collection in the library.

The Baumann Foundation is a San Francisco-based think tank whose mission is to explore the experience of being human in light of evolutionary theory and the latest scientific insights, and how these can be harnessed for the greater human well-being.

CIIS is deeply appreciative of this generous gift from the Baumann Foundation, which will not only strengthen and expand our library collections, but also add momentum to our fundraising for this critical project. With this gift, CIIS has raised \$580,000 of the \$850,000 total cost of the project.

THE ARTS AT CIIS



Oscar Palacio American Places

Exhibition Dates: October 8 - December 3, 2010

**Location: CIIS Minna Street Center
695 Minna Street (at 8th Street)
San Francisco CA 94103**

**Gallery Hours: M - F, 9:00AM - 6:00PM
(except holidays)**

Read more at <http://oscarpalacio.net>

SATURDAY NIGHTS @ CIIS: FALL EVENTS



NOVEMBER 20, 6:15PM - 7:30PM

A talk with graphic novelist/comics artist, Gene Luen Yang, author of *American Born Chinese*, the first graphic novel nominated for the National Book Award.

insights and approaches. This guidebook helps readers

- Discover principles, strategies and best practices
- Identify the impact of academic structure and culture on their relationships with faculty
- Learn about faculty work styles, priorities, and stresses
- Appreciate their role, contributions, and challenges in working with faculty

For more information and free resources, visit her website:

www.WorkingWithFaculty.com



Amanda Feller (TLC, '03/HOT, '00), associate professor of communications at Pacific Lutheran

University, will be taking a sabbatical to conduct academic research in Bhutan. After Bhutan, Amanda will teach at Hedmark University in Norway, and then conduct research in Northern Ireland and Macedonia. She hopes to have time in Norway to write up her research on Bhutan, before returning to the States.



Frank DeLuca (IWP, '01) is holding small, fun workshop groups in Carmel and San Francisco to

learn highly interactive ways to integrate the Enneagram into daily practice and relationships, and use it as a tool for spiritual transformation.



Elena Hull

(EXA, '04) is presenting a one-day workshop at NYC Open Center. Elena will be a presenter at

From Darkness to Light, a theoretical and experiential workshop for therapists healing adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Friday, December 3, 2010; Open Center, New York City, 8:30AM -4:00PM. For more information and registration, please email: NYAMFT.METRO@gmail.com.

To send a class note, please email [Richard Buggs \(CLN, '96\)](mailto:Richard.Buggs@ciis.edu). If you include a photo, please send a high resolution image.



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