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Dean of Alumni Richard Buggs

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Message from Richard Buggs, Dean of Alumni

On January 21, 2011 President Joseph L. Subbiondo and I hosted the second annual reunion of alums living in Oregon. We gathered at Portland's Hotel deLuxe. During the informal program, alum Kathleen McLaughlin (PAR '77) shared memories of studying with Dr. Chaudhuri when the Institute was on Dolores Street. The group listened intently as she described her clinical practice of psychoanalysis as "a meditation between two people." Making our way around the large circle, other alums shared reflections about their years at CIIS and named faculty members who helped shape their life's work. Gregory Kramer (ISD '97) teaches meditation to physicians and other professionals around the world and expressed gratitude for the academic rigor of CIIS. ICP alum Roland Hathaway remembered faculty members Paul Hermann and Vern Haddick with great respect and fondness.

The prospective students who gathered with us were quite excited about studying at CIIS and touched by the warmth and welcoming spirit of our alums, who readily offered their contact information for follow-up discussions. I am grateful to our alums who attended and gave so generously.



Portland gathering: Roland Hathaway, Paula Noel MacFie, Kathleen McLaughlin, Nina Watt, Marla Feinberg

I am pleased to inform you about a new service available to all CIIS alums. The Dean of Students Office has created CIIS CareerLink, a gateway to online career development services and event sign-ups. CIIS CareerLink provides access to jobs and internships, as well other essential employment resources.

CIIS CareerLink will begin this month and can be accessed through <http://ciis-csm.symplicity.com>. You can search for jobs posted for the CIIS community, create and save a resume and cover letter for sending to employers, and create job search agents to notify you of new jobs.

All alumni with email addresses will be sent login information. If we do

ALUMNI EVENTS



FORTY DAYS OF ALCHEMY with Ellen Hammerle

February 11, 2011
CIIS Mission Campus, Room 607,
7:00PM-9:00PM

Join alumna Ellen Hammerle (CLN '02) for a personal odyssey of psychospiritual healing and growth. RSVP online or contact Richard Buggs at 415.575.6116 or Cynthia Mitchell at 415.575.6278.



"EXPANDING THE CIRCLE 2011: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies"

Presented by California Institute of Integral Studies

March 3-6, 2011
Hotel Nikko San Francisco, California

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 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.



THE INNER ADVENTURES OF BALI May 16-29, 2011

Eat, pray, love among the vibrant spiritual traditions and cultural offerings in Bali. Enjoy gamelan music and mask dancers, bask in the sun on pristine beaches, take an early morning dolphinwatching boat ride. Price: \$3,300. Single supplement \$866. [Details](#)

not have a current email address on file, go to <http://ciiscsm.symplicity.com> to register, or email careerdevelopment@ciis.edu for more information.

Alumni Survey

We'd like to know what you think! In a few days, you'll be receiving an Alumni Survey. We hope you'll take a few minutes to express your opinion about your CIIS degree and how we might increase services for alums.



M. J. Zimmerman (PCC '0-) at the home of Glenn and Tomiko Parry with sitar concert in background.

New Year's Celebration in New Mexico

Glenn and Tomiko Parry invited New Mexico alums to their home on New Year's Day for a celebration and ritual to welcome in the new year of 2011, honoring the god Janus, the god of doorways who looks backwards and forwards. This was followed by an extraordinary three-hour sitar concert with Rhoshan Bhattiya, renowned musician, teacher, and performer.

Please see the other items for updates on job opportunities, events, tours, and the latest news from your classmates.

Richard Buggs (CLN, '96)



INVITATION TO NEW BRIAN SWIMME MOVIE

The CIIS community is invited to the film screening of Brian Swimme's new movie, *Journey of the Universe*. The opening will be on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Delancey Street Theater, 600 Embarcadero at Brannan Street. For more information, please go to [CIIS events](#).



Sevin Philips (ICP '05), founder of the

Relationship Counseling Center (RCC) is currently interviewing MFTs to join the center. Qualified MFTs in the North Bay, South Bay, East Bay, and San Francisco locations are needed. For more information, contact Sevin at SevinPhilips@Gmail.com or go to www.RelationshipCounselingCenter.org.

CIIS ALUMS: LICENSED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS NEEDED...

We frequently receive requests from all over the U.S.A. for contact information for CIIS alums who have private practices. Would you like to be listed in an upcoming online directory that will be linked to the CIIS main web site? If so, please send your contact information, state license



SACRED SITES OF INDIA TOUR

June 25-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: \$4,620. 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



Alexander Shaia (CLN '92)

has published a new book, *The Hidden Power of the Gospels*, with Michelle Gaugy (HarperOne, 2010) that was just named one of the top ten spiritual books by *Spirituality and Practice*, and received an honorable mention from Tikkun magazine.



Sandy Miranda (WSE '05),

KALW radio broadcaster, received the Aloha Spirit Award in November 2010 from the San Francisco Hawaiian Community for her work in radio.

To send a class note, please email Richard Buggs (CLN, '96) at rbuggs@ciis.edu. If you include a photo, please send a high resolution image.

number, brief description of your practice, and a high-resolution digital photo (if possible) to Cynthia Mitchell at cmitchell@ciis.edu.

UPCOMING ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



Will Kabat-Zinn (ICP '08) is leading a Beginning Insight Meditation class at [Spirit Rock](#).



Laura Mohaupt (ICP '10) and **Megan Rose** (ICP '05) have teamed up to offer group therapy. Please contact Megan Rose, MFT, at 415.294.1147; or Laura Mohaupt, MFTI, 415.506.8565.



Nicholas Carlisle (ICP '01) offered a seminar at the Cupertino Community Hall on “How to Make your School Bully-free.” For more information, please go to <http://nobully.com>

Merideth Bowen Shamszad (EXA '09) is offering an eight-week expressive arts therapy group at the [Living Arts Counseling Center](#).

Alexander Warnow (EXA '10) has founded a four-month workshop to help people in San Francisco bring their creative ideas to life. Learn more at www.sfspringboard.com. He is currently accumulating his hours towards MFT licensure at Family Service of the Tri-Cities in Newark, California.

Marguerite Rigoglioso, PhD, faculty member in Women's Spirituality, will offer a fascinating exploration of Greek mystical secrets at an upcoming presentation on her new book, *Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), on Wednesday, February 15, from 12:30PM to 1:30PM at the Creekside Room, Dominican University; 50 Acacia Avenue, San Rafael CA (free).