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Dean of Alumni Richard Buggs

CIIS Alumni Newsletter December 2010

Message from Richard Buggs,
Dean of Alumni



with underserved populations and how their CIIS educations prepared them to listen deeply and learn and share integral approaches to health and healing.



Dear Alums,

President Joseph Subbiondo and I traveled to Arizona on November 5, 2010 and hosted a gathering of alums and prospective students. We were moved by the stories alums told of their clinical work

The next week on "the other side of the pond" there was a gathering of alums living in London. CIIS International Advisor Jody O'Connor hosted the event at a shop and yoga studio called Buddha on a Bicycle. Alum Becky Walsh read from her new book, *Intuitive Lovers*.

As we approach winter solstice, I wish you all time for rest, reflection, and connection with loved ones. May the new year bring a renewed sense of hope for peace and abundant energy for all of your endeavors.

Richard Buggs (CLN, '96)

DR. MEG CHANG NAMED NEW SOMATIC PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM CHAIR

Starting in spring semester, Meg Chang, PhD, begins her tenure as the CIIS Somatic Psychology chair.

Meg brings an abundance of professional and personal experience as a dancer, therapist, academic, mother/grandmother, and world traveler to her new role.

She was dance/movement therapy faculty and former program coordinator at Lesley University, where she was responsible for recruiting and advising graduate students, as well as teaching the core MA dance therapy curriculum and developing new courses. She has practiced as a clinician for many years in a variety of settings and most recently conducted Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) with HIV+ patients in New York City.

A warm welcome to San Francisco and CIIS, Meg!



THIRTY-NINE FOURTH GRADERS AT CIIS MINNA CENTER!

The Arts at CIIS has developed a collaborative relationship with Marshall Elementary School, a Spanish-immersion public

school. We've sponsored a teach-the-teachers workshop at the school where artist Oscar Palacio and education curator Julie Bernson from the Addison Museum in Boston conducted a demonstration class with the fourth graders. The students made their own set of photographs in response to the theme of place that Oscar Palacio used in his show at CIIS, and on November 12, the fourth graders visited the CIIS Minna Street Center and compared their photographs to the ones in the gallery by the artist. It was wonderful to see so many energetic children interacting with Oscar's photos.

RENÉE EMUNAH PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

Renée Emunah, program director of Drama Therapy, has recently coedited a new edition with David Reed Johnson of their book *Current Approaches in Drama Therapy*. Reviewer Mary Bitel notes, "This work is remarkable in its ability to encompass the wide range of history, theory, and development of practice approaches in one complete volume."

LICENSED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS NEEDED

We frequently receive requests from all over the country 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 us your contact information, state license number, brief description of your practice, and a high-resolution digital photo (if possible). Send to Cynthia Mitchell at cmitchell@ciis.edu.

UPCOMING ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



Coming Home

JAMES MCENTEE, MFT (ICP, '06) will be facilitating a twelve-week men's group beginning in January called Coming Home: A Journey in Two Movements Through the Heart of Man. The organizing topics are betrayal and longing, two primary, archetypal themes in masculine psychology. Call 415.272.0780 or email attention108@gmail.com to schedule an introductory interview.



KEELY BURKE (EXA, '10), associate at the Center for Creative Growth, is starting a twelve-week relationship class on Saturday mornings for dating, engaged, living together, and married couples, starting January 22, 2011.

www.creativegrowth.com/register



CONNIE HILLS (CLN, '98) will offer The Bridge Back Home: Buddhist Practices Carry the Healer Back to Wholeness from February 13–18, 2011 at Esalen Institute in Big Sur. This five-day Buddhist-inspired wellness retreat for mental health professionals, health care providers, chaplains, pastors, rabbis, caregivers, and other

healers will provide ample opportunity for rest and renewal.

Register online or call 831.667.3005.



Sweet Honey and the Rock interfaith holiday concert, December 16 and 17, Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, San Francisco. The alumni discount code is **CIIS p2** and is still available for both performances.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

INVITATION TO NEW YEAR'S GATHERING OF CIIS ALUMS

ROSHAN JAMAL BHARTIYA CONCERT
January 1, 2011

Home of Glenn and Tomoko Parry
13109 Sunrise Trail Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111



Ustad Roshan Bhartiya is one of the great sitar players of his generation. His father and teacher was Jamaluddin Bhartiya, a contemporary and disciple of Ravi Shankar. Roshan began as a Bollywood musician in India, and soon became one of India's most beloved musicians, performing in literally hundreds of films, including the classics *Sargam*, *Patkiza*, and *Sur Sandam*. Over the past two decades, he has performed and taught the art of Indian classical music all over the world.

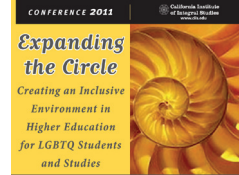
RSVP to Glenn Parry (HUM, '09) at gparry@seedgraduateinstitute.org or 505.858.2413.



SAVE THE DATE! CIIS COMES TO PORTLAND

Friday,
January 21, 2011;
6:30PM–9:00PM
Hotel deLuxe

\$20 suggested donation benefits the CIIS Alumni Scholarship Fund



"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.



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: \$5,200 until 1/1/2011, when the price increases to \$5,500. 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.

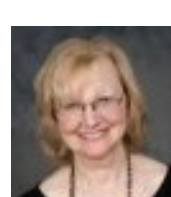
CLASS NOTES



DR. ROSA GRANADILLO-SCHWENTKER (EXA, '96)

has been working in the mental health, education, community, and organizational areas for more than thirty years.

Currently she is the director of the Transpersonal Integrated Energy Therapies Center and creator of shiftinNRG™ for change: a model integrating feminine shamanism, energy medicine/psychology, and the arts for teaching and coaching. Trained as a psychologist in Venezuela and the U.S., she is also an adjunct faculty member for CIIS and ITP.



MARY ELLEN HALLORAN (ICP, '99)

is the owner and anger management coach at Reworking Anger in Willimantic, CT. She recently did a successful

presentation to the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce: "Coping with Stress and Anger in the Workplace."



TAMERA THEBERT (ICP, '08)

just published the article "How to Make the Most Out of Therapy: Notes from Ecopsychology" on the website *Awakening the Bay: The Holistic Network*.

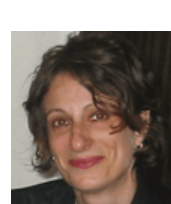
www.courageousearth.net



LIZA BEHRENDT (CAS, '04)

is the founder of Beauty of Water, a nonprofit that generates collaborative art experiences worldwide. Liza is presently in Edmonds, Washington

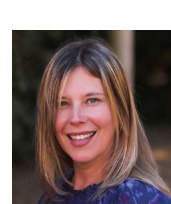
where she is partnering with the Fabric of Life to create a new process-and-product community art piece.



CARRIE LOVE (SOUND AND HEALING CERTIFICATE, '09)

opened her own practice called Discover the Sound of YOU. Carrie teaches creativity through

songwriting workshops and beginning guitar workshops, and she offers private sessions in creative sound coaching. Enter discount code "Community" for her winter workshops.



MARIEFRANCE COTE (ICP, '03)

has been successfully holding workshops in North Carolina and California. She is now joining a group of fellow therapists in their office suite,

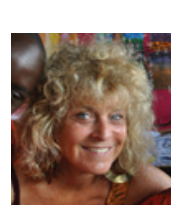
and will offer sessions there. Mariefrance will also continue to see clients in her home office in Nicasio, CA.

Mariefrance@BeingResonance.com



GEORGE TAYLOR (ICP '91)

recently opened an office in San Francisco to complement his Marin MFT practice. He works with couples and individuals on recovery and communication/relationship issues. He and his wife Debra Chamberlin-Taylor, a Spirit Rock Meditation Center teacher, offer couples programs and classes locally and in Hawaii. His new website is www.georgetaylormft.com. His book on men's groups, *Talking with Our Brothers*, has been republished in Australia and on the web.



GLORIA SIMONEAUX (ICP, '99)

continues to direct Harambee Arts in Kenya. Gloria spreads the gift of creative expression to women and children in the slums of Kibera. Harambee

Art projects are thriving in halls of the Autistic Children's Center, and the Women's Prison.



MIRKA KNASTER (ACS '03)

has co-authored *Living This Life Fully: Stories and Teachings of Munindra* (Shambhala), the first book about the Bengali Buddhist master and Pali scholar, one of the most important Vipassana meditation teachers of the twentieth century and a grandfather of the mindfulness movement in the West. His early students included Ram Dass and Jack Kornfield. Some 200 people around the world shared remembrances for the book. It features never-before-published excerpts of Munindra's teachings and rare photographs.

To send a class note, please email **Richard Buggs (CLN, '96)**. If you include a photo, please send a high resolution image.

