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Message from Richard Buggs, Dean of Alumni

Dear Alums,

I had the pleasure of traveling with a group of CIIS alums and friends to Southeast Asia over the winter holiday break. Our journey began with an exploration of the ancient Khmer empire at Angkor Wat in Cambodia, where we marveled at the lush jungle temples, ancient stone carvings, and life on Tonle Sap Lake. The tour continued north to Luang Prabang, Laos, and then with a leisurely long boat tour up the Mekong River to the Pak Ou Caves, crammed full of statues of the Buddha in a multitude of colors, shapes, and sizes, left by Buddhist pilgrims over the past 100 years. North of Hanoi, we sailed on a Vietnamese junk through Halong Bay and visited some of the 2,000 islands scattered throughout the region. Our tour continued with cooking classes in lovely Hoi An, lit at night with colored silk lanterns. We ended with the excitement of Ho Chi Minh City's busy street life.

I hope you will join us on our next CIIS adventure—Southern India—in early 2013.



(clockwise from top left:) The group, Buddha statues at Pak ou Caves, Buddhist monks, and Alumni on Halong Bay

Richard Buggs

Dean of Alumni CLN '96

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PRESIDENT SUBBIONDO ON SPIRITUALITY ON CAMPUS



CIIS President Joseph L. Subbiondo published an article in *About Campus*, a journal of the ACPA-College Student Educators International. The article, "Spirituality on Campus: The Emergence of a Postsecular Age in American Higher Education," appeared in the November/December 2011 issue.

CIIS EVENTS

Somatic Psychology Program presents NEUROSCIENCE FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

A Relational-Somatic Perspective on the Neurology and Psychophysiology of Awareness, Regulation, Cognition, Affect, Embodiment, and Attachment

Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 2012 Hotel Shattuck Plaza, Berkeley

Registration form and more **information** available online or for information, please contact Mark Ludwig, LCSW, 415.575.6197 or mludwig@ciis.edu

UPCOMING ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



Meredith Shamszad (EXA '08) and CIIS faculty **Armand Volkas** will sponsor an expressive arts training group workshop through the Living Arts Counseling Center, 5463 College Avenue, Oakland. CEUs available. To register or for information, call 510.595.5500, ext. 20, or email meridethbowenshamszad@livingartscenter.org

Nicki Koethner (EXA '04) will hold sacred mask-making workshops at Terras Temple, 645 Oakland Ave., Oakland on 2/25, 3/24, and 4/21/ 2012. Call 510.779.2842, or email nkoethnermft@yahoo.com. www.express-explore-expand.com



Mireya Alejo Marcet (EXA '03) will hold an upcoming women's series, "The Fire," on Tuesday evenings from 7:00PM–9:30PM in Berkeley and Oakland. For more information, contact Mireya at 510.594.4030, or www.almaquecanta.com, or mireyaam@gmail.com.



Roni Alperin (PDT '11) will host a workshop at the Living Arts Counseling Center: "The Third and Beyond: Healing the Wounds of Third Generation Holocaust Survivors" on the first Sunday of every month at The Space, 926 Dwight Way, Suite 10A, Berkeley. For information contact Roni Alperin at ronialp@gmail.com or 510.595.5500, ext. 16. www.ronialperin.com



Michael Murphy Loeffler (CLN '12) and **Dan Scharlack** (ICP '10) are leading the workshop "Embodied Intuition: Practices from Nondual Wisdom Traditions and Jungian Psychology to Bring Deeper Wisdom into our Daily Lives" on Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11, 9:30AM–4:30PM, Golden Gate Counselling Center (507 Polk St.). For more information: <http://embodiedintuition.wordpress.com/>

Kartik Patel (PAR '98) will hold a workshop on "Planning, Implementing, and Managing Online Programs" at the WASC Academic Resource Conference, April 18–20 in Costa Mesa CA. For registration information, please go to: <http://www.wascarc.org/workshop/w09>



Cynthia Morrow (ICP '95, EXA CER '95) is co-leading "Mojave Wilderness Vision Fast: Awakening the Inner Fire" from May 9–19, 2012. The eleven-day ceremony involves four days of preparation, four days and nights of fasting alone in a wilderness place, and three days of incorporation. 32 CEUs available for LMFTs and LCSWs. For more information, please contact Cynthia at 415.221.6373 or cynthia@earthways.info.

HEALING JOURNEY TO JOHN OF GOD



Mytrae Meliana (ICP '06) is leading a healing journey to John of God, a spiritual healer in Abadiania, Brazil from June 18–30, 2012. Offered by this-world-the-extraordinary gifts offered by first-hand-renowned medium. Informational meetings will be held in San Francisco on February 9 and 23. For more information visit www.mytraemeliana.com/events or contact her at 415.226.1312.

ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES: SPRING 2012

RSVP for all events at <http://alumni.ciis.edu/events>
\$15 donation benefits the **Alumni Scholarship Fund**
All lectures/workshops held at **CIIS Main Building, 1453 Mission Street, San Francisco**



Marguerite Rigoglioso (WSE '01, HUM '08)
Awakening to the Cosmic Womb: Reclaiming Earth and Universe as Virgin Mothers

Thursday, February 23, 7:00PM–9:30PM, Room 308



Kirby Surprise (CLN '07)
How Synchronicity Works: The Influence of Perception on Coincidence and Chance, Change, and Freeing your Mind

Thursday, March 1, 6:30PM–9:00PM, Room 308



Sarah Noyes (TLD '08) and **Danae Horn**
Networking Strategies that Ensure Success

Thursday, March 15, 6:30PM–9:00PM, Room 308



Workshop: Saturday, March 17, 2012, 11:00AM–4:00PM, Room 425 (4th floor board room)
Additional \$65 fee applies for workshop



Amanda Elo'esh Johnsen (EXA '09)
Using Guided Imagery to Tap into Your Infinite Potential

Thursday, March 29, 6:30PM–9:00PM, Room 306

NEW YORK CITY CIIS EVENT!!



Elena Hull (EXA '04) and **Allison Talis**
From Darkness to Light: A theoretical and experiential workshop for therapists and healing professionals working with adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse

Saturday, March 31, 10:00AM–4:00PM \$75

Limited scholarships available for CIIS graduates

OneSpirit Learning Alliance
247 West 36th Street, 6th floor
New York NY 10018
212.931.6840

To RSVP or for information go to <http://alumni.ciis.edu/events>



Dan Ellenberg (COU '89)
The Transformative Power of Authentic Openness

Friday, April 20, 6:30PM–9:00PM, Room 311

SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI EVENT

Robert J. Barnhart in Conversation with **Frank Echenhoffer**
Film Screening: The Medicine: Science & Psychedelics
Friday, April 6, 7:00PM–9:00PM
CIIS Main Building, Namaste Hall

CLASS NOTES



George Taylor (ICP '91) recently gave a training for at the Community Institute for Psychotherapy in San Rafael on "Couples, Alcohol, and Recovery." The Marin chapter of California Marriage and Family Therapists published his article on the same topic: <http://www.georgetaylormft.com/recovery-article-1.html>

Patty Dobrowski (PDT '95) has a new book, *Drawing Solutions: How Visual Goal-Setting Will Change Your Life*. For more information go to: <http://upyourcreativegenius.com>.

Christina Olague (BAC '05) was appointed by Mayor Ed Lee to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to represent District 5. She is currently the senior housing action collaborative coordinator at the Senior Action Network (SAN), an umbrella coalition of more than 150 member organizations representing more than 30,000 seniors and persons with disabilities.



Michael Sheehy (ACS '02 and '07) presented a paper on "A Buddhist Hermeneutic of Time: Tibetan Recalculations of the Buddhist Councils and Zhenzong Literary History in India" at the 2011 American Academy of Religions conference in San Francisco. He is currently the head of research at the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center (TBRC.org), a digital library of Tibetan literature. In the spring, he is moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where TBRC is forming an affiliation with Harvard University.



Hugh Grocock (ICP '07) is building his practice as a licensed psychotherapist in Hayes Valley in San Francisco, while continuing his career as a real estate agent with Zephyr Real Estate.

Ed Kaitz (ACS '08) received tenure in the philosophy department of Northern Idaho College at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 2010.



Robert Mullen (BIS '07, ACS '08) is working on his PhD on the life and work of Michael Murphy, and has published articles in the *Mithras Reader, Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, and *ReVisions*.

Mary Louise Stone (ACS '09) presented a paper on "Sacred Female Authority Among Inkas: Hurin Moeiti" on the Native Traditions in America panel at the 2011 American Academy of Religions Conference in San Francisco. Her book chapter titled "An Andean Paradigm of Mothering" was published in *An Anthropology of Mothering*.

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