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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.

I am pleased to inform you about a new service available to all CIIS alumni. 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
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.

**New Year’s Celebration in New Mexico**

Glen 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 Bhartiya, renowned musician, teacher, and performer.

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

**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.

**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.

**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
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](http://www.spiritrock.com).

**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](http://nobully.com).

**Merideth Bowen Shamszad** (EXA ’09) is offering an eight-week expressive arts therapy group at the [Living Arts Counseling Center](http://www.livingartscc.com).

**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.sf弹簧board.com](http://www.sf弹簧board.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).