

PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

WALTER ODAJNYK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Walter Odajnyk Scholarship fund was established in 2015 for students in the Mythological Studies program. In attempting to help his students find daily application for mythological studies, Dr. Odajnyk taught students that archai are phenomenalized in current events and that a grounding in mythological studies is invaluable for understanding all systems of culture building. He is famously remembered for imagining a future with mythologists as part of evening news teams because he felt it was important to study mythological themes in current events from a depth psychological perspective. Doing so, he taught, exposes the mythic lens with which all humans view the world and helps us unpack personal and cultural projections that get in the way of our sense of world events. The Walter Odajnyk Scholarship aims to help Mythological Studies students further this wisdom.

Pacifica Graduate Institute's beloved Dr. V. Walter Odajnyk was an integral member of Pacifica Graduate Institute's core faculty from 2002 until his death in 2013. The Walter Odajnyk Memorial Scholarship Program has been set up by current and former students and is administered by the Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA), a 501(c)(3) organization. It is offered to new and returning students in the **Pacifica Graduate Mythological Studies Program** and is a non-renewable scholarship.

Odajnyk scholarships are awarded annually for an essay highlighting the relevance of myth in the world today. Applicants must write the essay as a letter to a public official or as a press release for a media outlet, showing how a mythological perspective can inform or help resolve a current domestic or international situation. The essay is meant to show how mythologists help us see that the fantasies of individuals that depth psychologists study are those that "appear in the wider community's perception of itself and its surrounding world," (Odajnyk "Naropa Dakini") and drive current events. Odajnyk taught that every zeitgeist is better understood, viewed mythologically.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a Mythological Studies student at Pacifica Graduate Institute.
- Applicant must be planning to attend full-time in coursework or dissertation phase.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or AB540 eligible.

Submission Criteria and Deadline – January 6, 2017:

Essay and application materials should be emailed to Lenora Flores in Alumni Relations at Lflores@pacific.edu by January 6, 2017. They can also be mailed to Lenora Flores, Alumni Relations, Pacifica Graduate Institute, 249 Lambert Road, CA 93013. Please note that mailed essay and application materials should be received by January 2, 2017.

The PGIAA website has more information on the Walter O. Scholarship at <http://www.pgiaa.org/walterodajnyk>.