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SUMMER 2015 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AS PACIFICA TURNS 40

Dear Cherished Alumni/ae,

Our students and alumni reflect Pacifica's global presence and we will continue to have a lasting impact on the world. Quite a statement! As we think about Pacifica's Mission and our hopes for the Alumni Association, we are reminded about the role each of us has in continuing this legacy by ensuring that all students enjoy the same opportunities.

Pacifica Graduate Institute "turns 40 next year" and the Alumni Association is committed to ensuring a respected and rewarding education of students for many years. In fact, the association has affirmed its commitment – having recently joining forces with current and former students to announce the Walter Odajnyk Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Walter V. Odajnyk, a beloved faculty member from 2002 until his death in 2013. Our association will be forever grateful to Dr. Odajnyk and the numerous others who have made Pacifica a special place.

Just as this summer marks the transition from spring, the Alumni Association of Pacifica has also undergone a transition as we welcome Charles Caldwell, MA Mythology 1998 as our second President. It has been

my privileged to work with Charles (from our humble beginnings as a Steering Committee) and I am confident that he will continue PGIAA's growth and success and will expand our opportunities for solidifying the Association. I hope each of you will join me in welcoming Charles who began his tenure in May. We also express our deepest appreciation to Tom Lyon, our outgoing President, who worked diligently on behalf of our budding Association. It was his vision and leadership that supported our non-profit application and organizational development. Tom will remain on-board as Vice President. Thank you Tom!

Many of you are also making major transitions: continuing at Pacifica for advanced degrees, sending your children to your alma mater, or perhaps making a career change or even pursuing retirement. What we each have in common is that our lives are shaped by shared experiences. Our 2015 Summer Quarterly Newsletter features alumni who are making a difference in the world!

We encourage you to join the Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association as we endeavor to blaze new trails for our Association, our alma mater and the world!

~Dianne

GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Alums,

On the eve of our 40th Anniversary Year of the inception of Pacifica, I was particularly touched by the events at the May Information Day at Pacifica. That day was particularly inspiring and emotionally rewarding. The Pacifica soul-body was nourished by wonderful faculty presentations, and our staff was gracious as they embodied the hospitality that lives at the heart of our core values. All Department teams were truly outstanding in personal and professional ways. And, perhaps, most touching was our Alumni/ae. Their presentations of the transformational experiences they experienced while attending Pacifica was nothing less than profound. Many of us had tears in our eyes as Liz Rodriguez, Abner Flores and Angela DeVita offered their accounts of the work they are doing in their communities and in clinical practices. Their accounts inspired the many prospective students gathered for that first day on campus. Remember your first day?

This Saturday we will be hosting another Information Day with over one hundred prospective students intending to participate. Each is considering Pacifica as the next step in their life's journey. This weekend, William Jones of the Clinical Psych Program, Gail-Jean Padilla of the M.A. in Counseling Psychology and a Ph.D. Candidate, Tom Lyon of the M.A. Counseling

Psych. Program, and Elisa Hallerman of the Somatic Program will be participating on the Alumni Panel and interacting with folks throughout the day, sharing their particular experiences and telling of their work in the world.

At the May Gathering one story in particular was heart felt. A mother who accompanied one of the applicants came up to me at a break and with wide open eyes and a sense of deep belonging combined with heart felt pride and said, "I cannot think of a better place for my daughter to get her graduate degree." I believe her words spoke for most everybody who visited both campuses that weekend. Our community is rooted in academic excellence, a soul centered mission, and above all a collegial learning community centered around the depth of experience alive at the core of our humanity and regard for the poetics of psyche.

The Pacifica mission of tending soul in and of the world is embodied by the good work offered by you, our alums. Like soul-sparks illuminating the path that so many in our lineage have walked, your service sustains the dream that is Pacifica Graduate Institute. Indeed, your many accomplishments and contributions support those who are now in coursework and those who will come to our campuses in the decades to come.

With deep appreciation for all we bring to make the world a better place for all being,

~ Steve

LETTER FROM PGIAA BOARD PRESIDENT ELECT: CHARLES CALDWELL



Greetings Dear Alumni/ae,

Today is summer solstice when the sun shines longest and the year reaches its apex. It reminds me of some lines from a lovely poem by E.E. Cummings entitled *I Thank You God*:

*i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes*

We are all so fortunate to be on this amazing journey! Even when we encounter the trials and tribulations of daily life or the many injustices around the globe, the world calls out to us to remain grateful...grateful for all the blessings we have and share together.

One area in which I find it easy to be filled with gratitude is the Pacifica Family. When I think of the members of my cohort, all the alums I've met, and all the Faculty who shared their wisdom with me, I feel filled with appreciation and a desire to give back to our community. Personally, one of the ways I have done that is by being involved with the Alumni Association and I would like to invite you to become involved as well. The Board of the Alumni Association is hard at work setting up our committees, plans, and activities and we would like to invite you to join us. We hope you will become a member and join in on the fun!

I also have another source of inspiration and gratitude and that is our beloved Dianne Travis-Teague, the Director of Alumni Relations, who has done so much to get our Association up and running over the past few years. Dianne's tireless devotion to the alumni of Pacifica is breathtaking! For the many of you who know Dianne, I hope you will join with me as I celebrate the dedication and compassion of our dear friend.

In service,
Charles Caldwell



WHITEHEAD CONFERENCE

Patricia Taylor

Excitement, pride and tender reunion characterized the collaboration of three Pacifica Alumni at the *Seizing an Alternative Toward an Ecological Civilization* held June 4 – 7 at Pomona College in Claremont, California. The conference was inspired by the thoughts and work of American theologian, philosopher, and environmentalist John Cobb, Jr. He is regarded as the preeminent scholar in the field of process philosophy and process theology. Cobb has argued that humanity's most urgent task is to preserve the world on which it lives and depends, an idea which his primary influence—philosopher and mathematician Alfred North Whitehead—described as “world loyalty”

In the Higher Education-Compassion Track of the conference Betsy Perluss (Depth Psychology Ph.D.), Patricia Taylor (Depth Psychology, Ph.D.) and Paul Nelson (Mythological Studies, Ph.D.) shared passions, ideas and expertise with six other speakers: Carolyn Brown from the Fetzer Institute, Frank Rogers, the Muriel Bernice Roberts Professor of Spiritual Formation and Narrative Pedagogy and the co-director of the Center for Engaged Compassion at the Claremont School of Theology, Laurie Schroeder, the Department Chair of Advanced Studies in Ed. & Human Development at the University of LaVerne, two graduates of Patricia Taylor's special education program, Susan Snyder and Molly Cox-Esquibel and Amy Demyan, Associate Professor of Psychology and Program Chair of the MFT Program at the University of LaVerne.

The theme of the seven presentations was *Compassion in Higher Education*. The focus was on how supporting and teaching compassion influences connec-

tions with the natural world and its ecology. Whether researching *self-compassion* (Demyan), creating university experiences of compassionate and mindfulness practices (Schroeder) or teaching themes of compassion in special education settings (Snyder/Cox) the themes presented wove a pattern of connectedness to nature's survival.

Brown shared the ways in which the Fetzer Institute is honoring and supporting projects that explore compassion and its harmonies with all of life and Rogers lead a discussion of his book, *Compassionate Practices*. Rogers write that he hopes, through this book, he can offer a way to restore us to our compassionate essence and nurture authentic relational connection. In essence, he hopes it teaches us how to be genuinely compassionate.

The Pacifica avocation of *anima mundi* held the intentions of the conference by leading discussions on the Four Shields connection to compassion (Perluss), storytelling in Business courses using Joseph Campbell's, Heroes Journey as an experience in compassionate listening (Nelson) and the exploration of *Word Stories* (Taylor). Taylor spoke of getting to the roots of compassion by using Michael Meade's idea that words are really "condensed stories".

Taylor stated, "The idea that we were invited to share our work in the world of Whiteheadian scholars and practioners was both an honor and an affirmation of the Pacifica VAS that held us as we learned together and that is still ever present as we move through the world.



SPOTLIGHT: "TENDING THE SOUL"- Harry Grammer, Founder of New Earth

"As the Founder and Director of Programs, Harry Grammer brings his leadership and visionary spirit, along with an extensive background in teaching poetry and self-expression to incarcerated and at-risk youth."

Sometimes information about a person crosses our desk and we are buoyed by inspiration that such a wondrous individual lives. Harry Grammer, founder of **New Earth** and alumnus of Pacifica Graduate Institute, works with youth in the juvenile justice system and is opening a charter school this fall for youth emerging from that system. Oh, and he's also completing a Ph.D in Depth Psychology with an emphasis in Community Psychology, Liberation Psychology, and Eco-Psychology on the side!

Last week Mr. Grammer kindly took the time to respond to an email interview with Dianne Travis-Teague, Director of Alumni Relations for PGI. His answers, his life, his work, will astound and inspire you – read on!

(Alumni Association questions in Italics, Mr. Grammer's answers follow.)

Who is Harry Grammer?

Harry Grammer is a poet/musician and founded New Earth in 2002. Since then he has been an integral part of growing the organization.

For ten years, Harry has been the head instructor for all New Earth programming that is offered to over 2,500 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth per year in Los Angeles County. In addition to developing and teaching core curriculum and designing new programs, Harry also trains and manages New Earth teaching staff.

83% of New Earth kids stay out of the juvenile probation system!

Harry has a stellar track record-with an 83% success rate in keeping the kids he works with out of the juvenile probation system once they are released.

Winner of Los Angeles Social Venture Partner's 2013 Fast Pitch Competition and recipient of the 2012 Josephine "Scout" Fuller Award from Psychologists for Social Responsibility

Tell us about New Earth

New Earth provides mentor-based arts, educational, and vocational programs that empower juvenile justice system involved youth ages 13-22 to transform their lives, move toward positive, healthier life choices, and realize their full potential as contributing members of our community. New Earth is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.

In the summer of 2015 New Earth is opening the first youth center in Los Angeles dedicated to youth leaving juvenile detention facilities. The New Earth Arts and Leadership center will house innovative job programs, a charter high school, and arts programs including a recording studio.

Why New Earth?

We are committed to helping challenged youth create a new world for their lives.

How/Why did you get in this line of work?

I spent five years of my youth on juvenile probation, and I understand the challenges that probation youth face.

I played five sports, lettered in four, and I was considered a star athlete. I was one of the top athletes in the state in both football and track. That was my good side.

My other side was not nearly as productive. That was the side that wanted to explore and discover what I had been missing. I wanted to find brotherhood because I did not have brothers growing up. As those friends and I got older, we filled that void together, and we did what a lot of city kids do; we started hanging out. This type of hanging out was not just drinking soda pop, **we became a full-fledged gang running the streets and causing trouble.**

By the time I was 16 years old, I was a probation youth. How I survived that time, I really don't know.

While I was on probation I had some really close calls, the kind that wound up with me being on the wrong end of a gun at very close range. I'll never know if it was luck, or bad aim, or some kind of miracle that allowed me to stay alive. There is no reasonable explanation for how I cheated death so many times. What made even less sense is that all the close calls I encountered were not enough to convince me to stop running with my friends. It took a different kind of trouble for me to find my way out. One month after my eighteenth birthday, my options began to change: my girlfriend hit me with the news that she was pregnant, and I was going to be a father.

Where I once chose between sports and gangs, I now had to choose between fatherhood and football. During the last year of high school, the University of Hawaii offered me a football scholarship. I was a kid myself with no money and no job. I had to make a choice. I could start with a clean slate on an island that looked like paradise, where I would be educated and taken care of, or I could stay put with no prospects of leaving the neighborhood, no money, no education, and continue spending time with my friends — which could leave me dead before my baby was old enough to walk.

I defied my parent's wishes and decided to take a partial scholarship at a local university. My parents were highly upset and asked me to leave their home three months before the start of school. My bags were packed and I have never returned to live with my parents again. **My son was born nine months later. I worked two jobs in college to support him.**

I made it through those years nearly unscratched. My girlfriend and I became husband and wife, had a daughter, and we both worked in Fortune 500 companies. We bought a home, and **many would say we were living the American Dream.** However, our relationship struggled, and at 25 years old we divorced with two children.

After the divorce, my life soon a new turn. I began to ask myself more about the meaning of life. Up to this point, I felt I had been living the life I thought I was supposed to live — not one that I chose to live. Slowly I began pulling away from the societal norms and expectations. **I retreated into my studio apartment for weeks, living on disability checks** I received for a foot surgery I had had. The foot surgery was the excuse that I gave my employer so that I did not have to return to my corporate job. I wanted to discover what I was truly passionate about and make a living from that.

Within the first year of my divorce and shortly after I recovered from foot surgery, my father had a heart attack while he and my mother were visiting Munich. He spent two weeks in a coma, and we were not sure that he would live. The moment he awakened from his coma he called me and asked me to fly to the hospital. **I flew to Germany to see my father and I believe that was when my life began to change.** I had never thought about leaving the United States before and had no interest in going outside of my comfort zone. Life surprised me by inviting me to go beyond my boundaries.

When I arrived in Germany it was foreign to all my senses. I did not speak the language, and I had not known anything about public transportation. After spending a couple of weeks with my father, I spent three weeks travelling with a friend I had met in Los Angeles a few months prior, who lived in Munich. She and I rode trains through the German countryside and spent time in some of the most beautiful forests and pastures. We drove to Italy and visited Milan, Florence, Pisa, and Rome.

This former juvenile probationer had never seen places so natural and beautiful before. My eyes were opened and my soul was receiving a cleansing.

Three weeks later, I found it hard to return to my home in the city. I retreated back into my apartment where I read more about the desires of my soul. I could not go back to the corporate world, and **eventually I lost my apartment and moved into a tent on the beach.**

From there, nature spoke to me about creating a New Earth.

In the vision for New Earth I saw the work I do today.

I began with a volunteer poetry workshop in one youth detention center, and today we have programs in 14 youth detention centers in Los Angeles. We serve 400 youth per week and 1500 youth per year.

In 2013 we officially launched our post-release division. We offer a work program, arts programming, case management, and counseling for youth released from detention.

What is most rewarding about New Earth; what makes it all worthwhile?

The kids make it worthwhile. What wakes me up in the morning and motivates me to get out of my bed is to work with these young people that I get to work with. Every day I am floored by the potential that they carry and by the wonder in their eyes. They're bright-eyed, bushy-tailed kids who are soaking up it all up and asking for more.

Kids are graduating high school left and right inside these facilities. They're not throw away kids, they're not vagrant kids who have no capacity to learn and to grow. They're not criminals. They're not animals. Even if they have tattoos up and down their necks, or they look scary, at the end of the day they're children, and who knows where they can be 10 years from now.

Right now they're learning what it is to be human and be alive, to be on the planet and live life. They have purpose, and they're finding what that purpose is. They're discovering what makes them tick,

what they are really passionate about. They're 16 or 17-year-old kids — they haven't lived on the planet even two decades! They're like any other teenagers that are confused about what they want to do in life.

What are the most critical problems faced by New Earth?

There are 30,000 young people on probation or locked up in L.A. County, more than any other metropolitan area in the world. Los Angeles has an 86% recidivism rate, which means 86% of young people that get locked up in L.A. will get locked up again. We are up against a system that doesn't flinch at locking up children. This country has a mass incarceration problem. We are in the business of eradicating that.

If we're sitting here a year from now celebrating what a great year it's been for you, what would be your "dream" achievement?

We are boldly initiating the New Earth Arts and Leadership center this summer. A year from now I would like to know that it is running smoothly and is making an impact on juvenile justice in Los Angeles. That is my one-year "dream achievement".

How do you keep a healthy work/life balance?

Spend time with my wife and children, meditate, write poetry, travel, and make music.

ABOUT PACIFICA AND YOU

What brought you to Pacifica?

The desire to look at the issues in my work from a depth psychological and phenomenological perspective.

How has your Pacifica degree served you professionally in your occupation or your vocation?

Pacifica has been a launch pad for my work. Although I was deep in my work prior to Pacifica, the studies and relationships I made have redesigned my approach. Mary Watkins has been a tremendous mentor for New Earth and I. I am eternally thankful for her support.

How has your degree served you personally?

I am looking forward to receiving my doctorate degree. I feel that will help to move this work in ways I haven't in the past.

"Every day I am floored by the potential that they carry and by the wonder in their eyes."

~Harry Grammer



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A Look Inside

What can OPUS Archives do for you? It's a fair question. From our perspective, we provide a wide range of primary source material for your research: published and unpublished manuscripts, lecture notes, audio recordings, correspondence, field notes, photographs, even personal artifacts. All from some of the leading figures in the field of depth psychology including Joseph Campbell, Marija Gimbutas, Jane Hollister Wheelwright, Joseph Wheelwright, James Hillman, Marion Woodman, Christine Downing, Katie Sanford and Adolf Guggenbühl-Craig.

You might begin knowing what you want to research. Or, you might seek inspiration. Today, I went down into the archives seeking inspiration for this article and found this lovely item in the Joseph Campbell holdings:

Forgive the cliché, but to me it's emblematic of the fact that research should be "whatever floats your boat." Now that sounds flippant, but I certainly don't mean it that way. By float, I mean buoys your spirit, excites you, makes you more curious! The lovely craft is made of coiled newsprint – words – the means by which we communicate and share ideas. The sail, the power for the vessel, is an advert for the *Your Own Mythbody to Live By* series by Campbell and Chungliang Al Huang. That's how we fuel scholarship, by sharing our findings. In turn, the communication of our ideas is meant to light a new spark in others – and so scholarship continues. Finally, the flag at the top of the mast proudly proclaims a subject heading from Campbell's research.

There was no indication in the archives of who had made the item. Additionally, to use a reproduction of it in this article, I had to secure permission from the Joseph Campbell Foundation. So, I contacted Robert Walter, Executive Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and Campbell's literary executor, and asked him for any information he had about the item and for permission to use a photograph of it.

Mr. Walter promptly responded and explained that the object was a souvenir that had been made for Campbell. It's constructed from Esalen Institute copy advertising an annual (in

this case the 1984) workshop offered by Campbell and Chungliang "Al" Huang. The workshops were started in 1978 and corresponded with the week in which Campbell celebrated his 26 March birthday. Campbell and Huang continued offering the workshops until Campbell's death in 1987. Since then, Mr. Walter has facilitated the annual workshop; presently under the title "Mythological Toolbox."

But here's where I need to admit to an error on my part. You see, I had just assumed that the item was a boat. But Mr. Walter disagreed saying, "I believe, both from reading the copy from the workshop itself and from a recollection of Joe's remarks when he showed this little memento, that the cylinder was meant to suggest both a flute and sword—specifically the sword brought up from the bottom of the lake in Arthurian lore." Thankfully, I did more research before I presented what turned out to be a "leaky" metaphor (sailed ignorantly off into the sunset?)...But now the item is even richer in its associations and I'm eager to follow this new thematic wind shift, so back to the archives I'll go.



As of this writing, we're in a particularly exciting place in terms of developing greater ease of access to the archives. We now have a full-time Archivist, Jennifer Maxon, MLIS, who is aided by Archives Assistant, Robert Moeller, MLIS, and Scanning Technician, Gabrielle Milanich. Together, the three of them are working in our newly-opened, state-of-the-art Legacy Digital Lab. Their goal is to scan and digitalize our holdings, many of which are to be available online.

The scanning and entering of the appropriate metadata for each archival item is, as you can imagine, a significant undertaking. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in this process. As PGI alumni, you are particularly well suited to assist us in this endeavor as you know the subject matter and terminology relative to many of the archival documents.

Would you consider committing to volunteering in the archives regularly for a period of time? We are looking for alumni who are able to assist on a weekly basis; day or days and hours to be agreed upon. Imagine being able to handle original source material! What better way to become acquainted with the collections and their myriad research possibilities! If you allow your boat time to float in the archival waters, you just might find, as James Hillman so eloquently stated, "The calling may have been more like gentle pushings in the stream in which you drifted unknowingly to a particular spot on the bank. Looking back, you sense that fate had a hand in it."

I, for one, can vouch to having such an experience.

Barbara Vilander, MA, PhD
OPUS Administrator

PROJECT GRATITUDE



Francesca Ferrentelli

Sometimes all the science of happiness, positive psychology is the study of what makes people happy. While traditional psychology focuses on psychological problems and their treatment, positive psychology explores how individuals can leave happier, more fulfilled lives. Building on the work of Abraham Maslow and William James, founders of positive psychology (Jahoda, Csikszentmihalyi, Seligman, Diener) began researching what makes certain people happier, and how others can also embrace happiness. There are seven attributes that happier people seem to have: one or more close relationships, a sense of caring, exercise, being in flow, spiritual engagement and meaning, discovering their strengths and weaknesses, and having a positive mind-set—expressing optimism, mindfulness and gratitude.

The benefits of gratitude have gotten a lot of press lately, and it's not surprising. It generally helps people change their perspective and feel better. When you count your blessings express gratitude for them, you're laying the groundwork for better overall happiness. Gratitude just changes your mood.

This is a 30 day Gratitude Project for Pacifica students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Join me and a daily expression of gratitude. Each day your ass to count your blessings and announce—out loud—your daily expression of gratitude. Can express her gratitude to someone you know, just someone you don't even know, or on social media. We will begin July 1, 2015. Join me in our Gratitude Project, and making the world a happier place!

For additional information, contact Francesca via e-mail at: drcheska@gmail.com



GRADUATION: A RITE OF PASSAGE



view full gallery @ www.PGIAA.org



WALTER ODAJNYK SCHOLARSHIP

Pacifica Graduate Institute announces the formation of a scholarship fund set up by current and former students to honor the memory of Dr. V. Walter Odajnyk, a beloved faculty member from 2002 until his death in 2013. His students adored Dr. Odajnyk's bedrock integrity, keen intelligence, and depth of feeling, as well as his passion for politics, Zen meditation, Egyptian mythology, and fairytales. His capacities as an analyst, teacher, and writer were felt in his presence and willingness to adapt his teachings to suit the needs of his students, moment by moment. www.pgiaa.org/walterodajnyk



Pacifica's MA Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life

**We Would Like to tell you about Pacifica's MA Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life:
a unique masters program for thriving in the twentyfirst century!**

(Chair: Dr Susan Rowland)

We offer a hybrid (online with one 4 day residential each quarter) master program designed for the challenges of the twentyfirst century in making people *creative, more responsive to changing paradigms and technology, more authentic, grounded, psychologically healthy, insightful, intuitive and effective*. Our age is infamous for record mental health problems, accelerating anxiety, an atomized social system and de-stabilizing technological change. Only a community with exceptional *creativity skills* can thrive in such conditions. Pacifica's MA Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life was specifically devised to overcome these challenges.

With a framework of depth psychology, Engaged Humanities fosters *creativity* in a uniquely effective way by drawing upon those aspects of the human psyche neglected by the constructs of post-industrial western modernity. The twentyfirst century needs far more than the highly rationalized and mechanistic thinking perfected in the industries and sciences of the twentieth.

It also needs the imagination, capacity for the new, intuitive insight into other cultures and what is not yet

fully known, the ability to dream and especially the ability to engage in deep and free flowing creative collaboration. Expanding creativity is the core of the Engaged Humanities MA, meaning the talent for making anew, for re-thinking traditional structures, for deep listening to what is said and unsaid, for generating images for the not yet known or conceived for the ability to work so intensely with others that shared visioning and collaborative worlds are made and re-made.

Our unique program therefore has three foundations: the humanities as engaged in making culture; depth psychology treating the psyche or soul as an intensely creative organ, and creative practice as a way of developing being human and engaging with the world. For all who want to realize their creative potential, the *MA Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life* seeks those of you who want to join a creative program not so much of the world; but for it!

Susan Rowland, Program Chair (picture above of a mandala created by collaborative practice on the program)

ON THE MOVE



Mitch Torina Appointed Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

The Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Mitch Torina as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources effective on July 1, 2015. He previously served Assistant Superintendent of Student Services



Kay Todd, Ph.D. (Mythological Studies with Emphasis in Depth Psychology, 2004)

There are many gifts I have received from my time at Pacifica. One of the many is that Pacifica has offered me multiple lenses in which to view the world. As a nonprofit leader I utilize the theories of Jung, archetypes and the collective unconscious, with mythology/story to merge organizations, and to bring new life and vision to volunteers and staff. I use story/mythology and archetypes to bring the mission of the organization to life for the public and to brand the organization. All of us have stories even organizations.

Because of my experience at Pacifica, I now focus what I've learned as a grief navigator, walking along side of those who experience loss. I work with them to recreate a new life and story. But more than that we work to find "post-traumatic growth." To try to understand and envision a new self and future, where the person finds some positive ways to grow from loss and enhance their life.

The lens of mythology and depth psychology is invaluable to me personally, through my own journey with grief. Pacifica has brought a richness to my life professionally and personally that opens a door to help answer life's unanswerable questions.

Congratulations PGIAA New Officers and Committee Members!

The results are in! Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA) proudly announces the new Board of Directors who will serve during 2015-2016.

Let's make this year one of the best and brightest!

President - Charles Caldwell, MA Mythology 2005

Vice President - Thomas Lyon, MA Counseling 1998

Secretary* - Beth Boardman, PhD Mythology 2012

Treasurer - Kay Todd, PhD Depth 2004

Sergeant-At-Arms - John Michael O'Neal, MA Counseling 2000

Members:

Jo Todd, PhD Depth 2006 - Regional Coordination-Chair

Patricia Taylor, PhD Depth 2007 - Human Services, Chair

Holly Reusing, PhD Depth 2015

William James Jones, MA/Doctoral Candidate

Suzanne Cremen Davidson (Term Expires September 2015)

*Beth Boardman also serves as Alumni Services, Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS



Yale Conference • July 9-12th, 2015

When we first came to Pacifica Graduate Institute, many alumni found a language-home here: a place where we could talk about the intersection of depth psychology, myth, story, soul, and body more comfortably and freely than perhaps we had imagined. Perhaps we looked and listened and said to ourselves, These people speak my language!

The Alumni Association is happy to report that over a dozen alumni (and some current students), and several faculty, are heading to Yale University to present their research at the Fourth Annual International Association for Analytical Psychology and International Association for Jungian Studies joint conference in July!

Our alumni will appear next to such luminaries as Michael Conforti, Jerome Bernstein, Murray Stein, Christopher Hauke, Craig Stephenson, and others from around the world.

For more information on speakers & topics, visit <http://www.pgiaa.org>

SUMMER & FALL WORKSHOPS

Pacifica Graduate Institute announces summer workshops, seminars and teleconferences. Programs will take place at both the Ladera Lane and Lambert Road campuses in Santa Barbara.

Programs include:

- Dream Tending: A Practical Approach to Dreamwork with Stephen Aizenstat
- Ecotherapy: Nature Reconnection as a Powerful, Transformational Healing Practice, with Linda Buzzell
- Sacred Encounters: Yoga, Meditation and Depth Psychology, a weekend conference with multiple presenters
- Coming Home to the Body: The Legacy of Marion Woodman, collaboration between Pacifica Graduate Institute and the Marion Woodman Foundation

Writers' workshops includes:

- Storytelling and Archetypal Activism, with Craig Chalquist
- Inside Story: Building Powerful Narrative from the Inside Out, with Dara Marks and Deb Norton
- Your Story Accelerator: Bring Your Story to Life and Put Your Ideas into Action, with Thyonne Gordon
- Hunting and Gathering: Seeking the Shards of our Patterned Plot with Dennis Patrick Slattery

For additional information, visit: <http://www.pacifica.edu/current-public>

PGIAA: COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

- **Membership Page** for PGIAA Website (work in process with initial draft to be sent for review shortly)
- **An Evening with** (Matt Bennett, Thomas Elsner or another Pacifica Faculty Member for the Santa Barbara Community)
- **My Pacifica: Alumni/ae Reflections on the Pacifica Experience**
 - We are currently seeking update for our My Pacifica: Alumni Reflections page of the website - If you have not recently visited our PGIAA's webpage, please do so and note that these
 - Shared experiences now rotate on our homepage and are linked to the My Pacifica page. Click here to visit - <http://www.pgiaa.org>
 - We would certainly like to highlight your experience and urge you to consider submitting for the page!
- **Seattle Gathering - An Evening with Cally Huttar** (a no host event that will offer area alums an opportunity to hear Cally's Poetry and chat). Date to be announced.
- **Yale University Conference** (PGI-PGIAA Reception on Friday, July 10th) - Nicole Miller (*New York Regional Coordinator et al will host*)
- **PGIAA Coffee Collections** (planned opening date November 2015, will be hosted conversations on the Ladera (possibly Lambert Campus on Wednesdays and/or Fridays)... information gatherings to chat about our collections (i.e., Myth, Depth, DJA, Counseling, Humanities and more -hosted by our Regional Coordinator and volunteer alums who simply want to chat!) Stay tuned for additional information!
- **Educational Symposium 2015** collaboration with other local colleges and universities - Tentative Dates September 18-19-20, 2015.
- **Pacifica Alumni Talk!** (based on the "Ted Talk" format), we will embark on new territory with a Gala Launch later this year). Stay tune for more information. Contact Alumni Relations to volunteer support for this event! The name is tentative and we welcome suggestions.
- **Coming Home 2016** - Tentative Dates are January 15-16-17, 2016. (Date approval pending)
- **2016 Film Festival** (tentatively scheduled for September 2016)

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- ☐ Regional Coordination – **jo@thehealingalliance.com** (Jo Todd)
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OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS:

Who We Are

The Pacifica Graduate Institute Office of Alumni Relations serves all Pacifica alumni/ae as a partner with the Institute and the Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA). Working in tandem with PGIAA, this Office develops, coordinates and promotes programs for our alumni to keep them connected and involved with Pacifica Graduate Institute and one another.

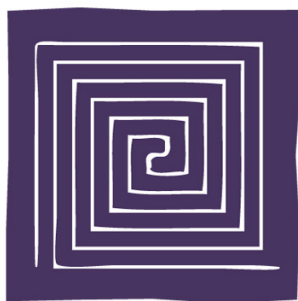
Our Mission

- to foster community and strengthen the relationship among Pacifica, alumni/ae, students, friends and supporters;
- to preserve and promote the Institute's traditions, purposes, growth and development;
- to keep alive the spirit of respect and gratitude for our Pacifica experience.

The Office of Alumni Relations is located at our Ladera Lane Campus.

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