

Connections

an ITP community newsletter Fall 2007

ITP SERVES LOCAL COMMUNITY IN NEED

BY MARY DREW

East Palo Alto is only a few miles up Highway 101 from the ITP campus, but in most respects, it is worlds away. In what could be called both an at-risk investment and an investment in those at risk, ITP is making a difference in an impoverished community by offering counseling services to the 12 schools that comprise the Ravenswood School District of East Palo Alto. More than 4,000 students attend kindergarten through eighth grade in the Ravenswood schools. Pervasive poverty, unemployment, lack of adequate health care, gang violence and substance abuse are just a few of the many issues that district students and their families face every day of their lives.

Directed by ITP graduate Stephen Di Cerbo, the counseling program at Ravenswood is now in its fourth year. Regarding the work of the ITP student counselors he oversees, Di Cerbo says, "These kids have challenges that many of us did not have when we were growing up. The Ravenswood district is under a lot of pressure in terms of making academic strides, and if we can free up whatever is interfering with learning, then we are more hopeful about their capacity for learning."

Amy Sharp, a Ph.D. candidate who counseled at Bellhaven, reflects on her two-year stint. "It was tough," Sharp says. "My focus was to be someone consistent in the kids' lives. I listened to them and let them know that they were valued. I really did not try to change anybody's behavior."

Damon Wood, also in the Ph.D. program at ITP and a former Ravenswood student counselor, agrees. "I wanted them to know that I was their ally, not just another adult trying to make them behave in a certain way. I tried to be genuine with them, and although I made it clear that I was



Attendance and behavior have both improved among participants in the Ravenswood Counseling Program. (Note: this boy is not a participant in the counseling program.)

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A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOM POTTERFIELD

Dear Friends,

This time of year has always been special for me. Growing up in the Northeast, autumn usually meant the end of summer's dog days, the start of crisp cool weather, a new school year and the spectacular explosion of fall foliage. Labor Day always felt like New Year's Day to me.

Although the shift into fall is less dramatic here in Palo Alto, I feel greater excitement, anticipation, and gratitude this fall than I have in many years. Our new school year is beginning with a wonderful new class of students -- strong in both number and quality, and six new core faculty members with impressive depth of expertise and deep commitment to transpersonal psychology.

We've reinvigorated our mission, reaffirming ITP's commitment to helping individuals, communities and societies realize their potential for wisdom, health and wholeness. We're kicking off a major scholarship fund drive for students from culturally and economically diverse backgrounds. We've begun establishing connections and collaborations with other outstanding institutions (check out our web site for the latest) and we're deep into an exciting strategic planning process that will chart a bold path forward for the school over the next several years.

None of this progress and impact on the world would be possible without your generous support. Your gifts and/or support of the annual fund, student scholarships, ITP's various resource centers, our annual online auction, and faculty or student research has made a meaningful, tangible difference. Your acts of generosity have enabled ITP to continue to grow, to become a more effective agent of change, and to engage more fully with the needs of our world. Thank you so very much, and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,


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Dear ITP Community:

Once again, it is my pleasure to offer you another edition of Connections – a newsletter designed to keep you informed, connected and up-to-date on the world of ITP. We hope you will share our joys, our sorrows and our successes through this simple vehicle. Please feel free to contact me at tbyars@itp.edu with any corrections, suggestions, or submissions, and please stay connected!

Warmly,

 Tracy Byars
 (MATP '05)



TRACY BYARS

SPOTLIGHT ON DAVID LUKOFF

ITP is pleased to welcome new ITP core faculty member, Dr. David Lukoff. Dr. Lukoff’s reputation as a clinical and research psychologist — in *both* Transpersonal and Humanistic Psychology — precedes him. In transpersonal circles in particular, he is well known for having co-authored the DSM-IV diagnostic category *Religious or Spiritual Problem*, which had national impact and led to the recent opening of the mental health field to serious consideration of spiritual issues in clinical practice. David is now working with a DSM-V Workgroup on Religious and Spiritual Issues.



DAVID LUKOFF

“We are thrilled to welcome David as a member of our core faculty,” says ITP President, Tom Potterfield. “And, he tells us he’s happy to be returning to the classroom.” For the past 20 years, Dr. Lukoff has taught in Saybrook’s distance learning program. “Although I have taught occasional classroom courses over the years at other schools (including at ITP back in 1986),” explains David, “I am very excited about returning to the classroom on a full time basis. Particularly for clinical training, there is no substitute for hands-on mentoring and supervision.”

David enjoys both teaching and guiding student research projects. He has taught graduate psychology courses on transpersonal psychology and psychotherapy, foundations of clinical thought, psychopathology, and case study methods. “I’ve chaired around 30 dissertations and have promoted the use of case study methods by students at Saybrook.”

David has been involved in transpersonal psychology for over 35 years and has been a licensed psychologist for 24 years. Throughout his professional career, he has been active in both transpersonal and humanistic psychology, serving on the editorial boards of *Journal of Humanistic Psychology* for eight years, *Humanistic Psychologist* for six years, and *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* for 17 years. He has also served on the board of the Association for Transpersonal Psychology for ten years and as co-president for six years.

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David is a long-time member of APA Division 32 and has made several presentations at APA Meetings. He was elected a fellow of APA three years ago after being nominated by Division 32. ITP’s Academic Vice President, Paul Roy, comments, “There is no doubt that David’s experience and participation will be a great advantage as ITP seeks APA accreditation.” David himself adds, “ITP is taking on a worthy challenge in creating a transpersonal APA-accredited psychology program, and I am looking forward to being part of this effort.”

In addition to extensive clinical experience, David has presented at dozens of conferences and lectured internationally on spirituality in mental health and mental disorders. He is widely published in a variety of transpersonal and humanistic journals, including two chapters in the *Textbook of Transpersonal Psychiatry and Psychology*, and one in *Spiritually-Oriented Psychotherapies* published by the APA Press. An article he co-authored on religious and spiritual problems published in the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* won the Exemplary Paper award from the Templeton Foundation. David has a recently published article in the *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* on Aikido and psychotherapy. He has a black belt in Aikido and has practiced for 17 years. You’ll find him training in our dojo on Monday nights.

David’s background is so comprehensive; we cannot do it justice in this small space. Please join us in welcoming — and in getting to know — Dr. David Lukoff.

ITP HONORS SUN CIRCLE DONORS AT ELEGANT EVENT

Members of the new Sun Circle of donors, who contribute \$1,000 or more annually, were honored at the first annual Sun Circle dinner on September 28th. The event was held at the Garden Court Hotel in downtown Palo Alto. Board chair Marilyn Manning opened the evening with a toast and president Tom Potterfield spoke in a heartfelt manner of the mission of ITP and of his deep appreciation for the support that ITP receives.

Core faculty member Arthur Hastings spoke of the impact, value, and importance of giving to ITP:

“As a faculty member who has been at ITP since the beginning, I want to express to you my appreciation for the support that so many of you have contributed to the school. Some contributions are made for specific purposes, such as research, events, scholarships, and projects, and these help focus our activities. These grants have supported my research and that of other faculty. They have established the Center for the Divine Feminine, awarded scholarships, and filled faculty positions.

“Other contributions [to the Annual Fund] are for general operations. Sometimes, you may feel that general operations are not as classy as focused projects, but let me tell you that general operations funds send faculty and

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students to national and international conferences for presentations, enable us to hold transpersonal convocations that bring hundreds of professionals to the ITP campus, support scholarships, and pay for our stunningly excellent library (which, if libraries were rated, would have a black belt) and up-to-date technology for students, faculty, and staff. The general operations funds host our website and enable several kinds of research and publications that strengthen the reputation of ITP.

“To give you an example, last month at the American Psychological Association conference (the largest and most

prestigious psychological organization in the U.S. and the world), ten students and six faculty members were presenters of research and scholarly work. In a judged competition, one of our students received the APA's Sydney M. Jourard award for her dissertation research. This is the tenth successive year that one of our students has been so honored.

“I want to express my appreciation and say THANK YOU for your encouragement and support, and your belief that our work in the world is important.”

Marilyn and Tom honored each of the Sun Circle donors in attendance, addressing them personally and publicly thanking them for their support.

Toby Symington, Sun Circle member and Executive Director of the Lloyd Symington Foundation, described the event as “...A lovely evening. Everything was done with such thoughtfulness, care and good taste. I feel privileged to be part of the warm and generous ITP community.”



Board Chair Marilyn Manning leads a toast to our Sun Circle Donors.



Sun Circle member Dick Bogard (MATP '81) with Nina Jassy and new Board member Loic Jassy (PhD '85)



Sun Circle member French Harris (MAT'S '87) and wife Margo. French was honored for his 20 years of service to ITP.



Sun Circle member Toby Symington gets a hug from Board chair Marilyn Manning (PhD '83)

ANNUAL REPORT

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007

ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

(by head count)

	2006/07	2005/06
Residential PhD	207	203
Residential MA	100	86
Global PhD	83	82
Global Cert/MA	90	88
Total	480	459

Over the last five years (2003-2007), the median *time to degree* in ITP's Residential Ph.D. program was 6.5 years, beating the national median of 7.2 years.

Source: ITP's Office of Institutional Research

FUNDRAISING SNAPSHOT

Grand Total Gifts and Pledges
(including both unrestricted and restricted gifts)

2006/07	2005/06
\$274,113	\$193,400

Total number of donors: 128
(75 Alumni donors – 4.1% of alumni)

Percent Board who give: 100%

Average Board Gift: \$444

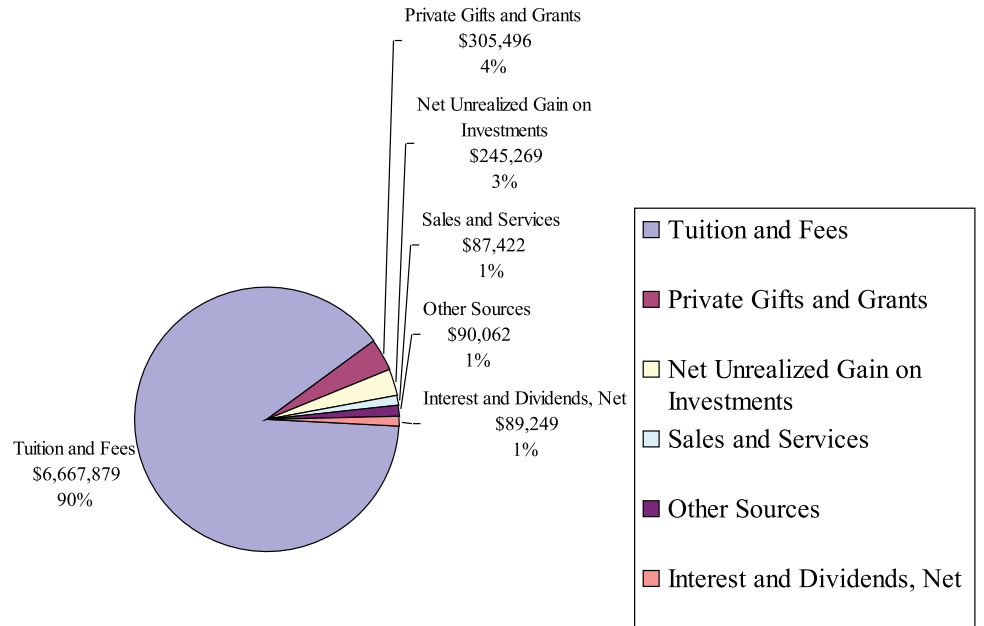
Total Scholarship Funds Raised:
\$25,749

Total Scholarship Funds Allocated:
\$116,801

2nd Annual Online Auction: \$11,000
(Total went to incoming student scholarships)

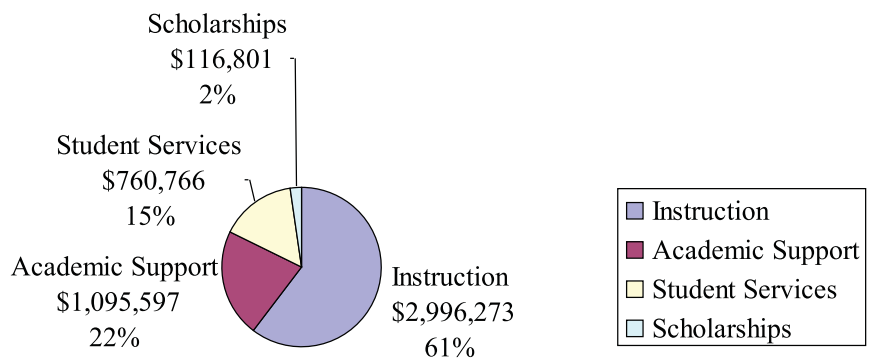
Center for the Divine Feminine Scholarships: \$25,000
(went to five ITP students and two outside scholars to support their work in the area of the Divine Feminine)

ITP Income by Source Year Ending 6/30/2007



ITP is continuing to build its fundraising capabilities to reduce dependence on tuition and increase student scholarships. This year, tuition and fees accounted for 90% of income, versus 92% last year.

ITP Program Services Expenses Year Ending 6/30/2007



This year, 76.1% of ITP's income went to Instruction and Academic Support (program expenses - an improvement over last year's 75%). The benchmark for nonprofits is that at least 70% of income goes to program expenses.

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2007 with Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2007			2006	
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:					
Tuition and Fees	\$6,667,879			\$6,667,879	\$5,939,338
Private Gifts and Grants	47,652	256,694	1,150	305,496	168,025
Net Unrealized Gain on Investments	216,841	28,428		245,269	105,82
Sales and Services	86,245	1,177		87,422	107,652
Other Sources	82,647	7,415		90,062	8,994
Interest and Dividends, Net	74,775	14,474	-	89,249	58,358
Total Revenue and Support	7,176,039	308,188	1,150	7,485,377	6,388,192
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	174,169	(174,169)	-	-	-
Total Revenue, Support and Net Assets released from Restrictions	7,350,208	134,019	1,150	7,485,377	6,388,192
EXPENSES:					
Program Services:					
Instruction	2,996,273	-		2,996,273	2,690,472
Academic Support	1,095,597	-		1,095,597	1,113,181
Student Services	760,766	-		760,766	735,625
Scholarships	116,801	-		116,801	88,222
Total Program Services	4,969,437	-	-	4,969,437	4,627,500
Supporting Services:					
Management and General	942,045	-		942,045	986,665
Fundraising	252,792	-		252,792	239,288
Marketing	365,553	-		365,553	313,946
Total Supporting Services	1,560,390	-	-	1,560,390	1,539,899
Total Expenses	6,529,827	-	-	6,529,827	6,167,399
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	820,381	134,019	1,150	955,550	220,793
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,388,606	401,845	-	2,809,871	2,589,078
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$3,208,987	\$535,864	\$1,150	\$3,765,421	\$2,809,871

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“There is an almost sensual longing for communion with others who have a larger vision. The immense fulfillment of the friendships between those engaged in furthering the evolution of consciousness has a quality almost impossible to describe.”

— PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN



MELINDA TORDA

The Alumni Association is pleased to welcome **Melinda Torda** as Alumni Relations Coordinator. This position represents the first paid staff

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LETTER FROM CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Fellow ITP Alumni,

Through this extended ITP community we strive to support each other in bringing transpersonal perspectives and values into the world in meaningful ways. A great many of you have expressed your desire for support in bringing your transpersonal approach into the world. As ITP alumni ourselves, we know first hand the need for - and the value of - such support. To begin to answer this need, we are working with the ITP Career Resource Center (CRC) to expand its pilot mentoring program to integrate Alumni as mentors to CRC mentees. As an alumn of ITP, you can take full advantage of CRC resources - either as a mentor OR as a mentee.

We're also working with the Library and the CRC on a fun holiday event (December 1st) for Alumni and students entitled, "Responding to Your Calling: Life Beyond the Degree." In this workshop you will be introduced to various tools and an exercise that can help you connect or reconnect with your skills and talents. A practical skills session will offer advice and handouts on building your practice, including business card and website tips, and registering with directories.

We hope this will begin a continual enhancement of support for bringing our gifts and our transpersonal education to a world in great need.

Warm best wishes,

Lisa J. Ferguson Arthur
Alumni Association Co-President

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Alumni Association Co-President



LISA J. FERGUSON ARTHUR & VALENTINE MCKAY-RIDDELL

FEATURED ALUMNUS: DAVID BISHOP

“As a young boy, I used to spend summers with my grandparents who lived on Pioneer Street, in Seneca, Kansas. I always loved that street name, but only later in life did I realize that it resonated deeply with the “pioneer” in me.

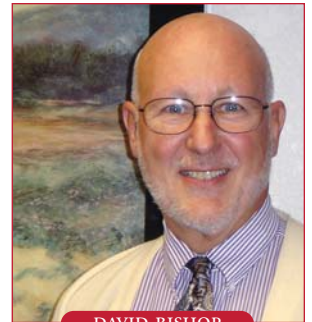
Attending ITP in the early 1980's as a Jesuit priest was one such pioneering adventure. I continue to this day to be grateful for my fellow ITP pioneers: a cohort of outstanding faculty and exceptional classmates. Those years were the beginning of another wonderful adventure.

After a year of giving seminars and retreats in Africa, I moved to Tucson, Arizona, where I have lived for nineteen years. I have since left the priesthood and the Catholic Church, and live with my partner and spiritual companion, Kathy, and teach courses in philosophy and religion at Pima College and the University of Phoenix, all through a transpersonal lens, of course!

My reading and writing interests have been in the areas of epistemologies of ordinary and non-ordinary states of consciousness, holistic health, astrology, and film. During my second Saturn return, at age 59, I had quintuple bypass heart surgery which began another wonderful segment of my life.

Today, I live simply, exercise regularly (4-6 mile walk a day and swim whenever I can), meditate daily (1-2 hours a day), and take retreat and vacation breaks several times a year. I am humbly grateful to be living in a place I love and doing my soul's work/play of teaching mystical philosophy in many different forms and venues. It is true to say that I carry my transpersonal education in my renewed heart everywhere my pioneering spirit takes me.”

DAVID BISHOP (MATP '83, ABDTP '85)



DAVID BISHOP

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Alumnus **Stephen Di Cerbo**, (MACP, '04) was awarded the first annual ITP Community Engagement Award at our graduation ceremony last June. Stephen is director of the Counseling Program in the Ravenswood School District in East Palo Alto (see story on page 1). He has been responsible for growing the program to assist nearly 450 children and families in this greatly underserved community. ITP has been a key collaborator with Ravenswood by supplying the majority of the district's student interns.

Alumna **Arielle Warner** (Ph.D., '06) returned home to Israel last year and is now replicating her dissertation research with a group of 80 Israeli and Palestinian women. Her doctoral study showed that breast cancer patients who participated in a mind-body-spirit stress-reduction program experienced significant improvements in quality of life, well-being, positive states of mind, and perceived stress. Arielle is also founding a center to support cancer patients and their families that offers psychosocial and spiritual support and guidance.

Alumnus **Mark Yoslow** (Ph.D., '07) joined professors Robert Frager and Shani Robins, and Ph.D. students Steven Schmitz and Regina Hess at the 9th International Conference of the European Association of Transpersonal Psychology (EUROTAS). Mark introduced the results of his study of transgenerational Holocaust trauma in the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, based on his dissertation, "The Pride and Price of Remembrance."

We are sad to report that alumna, **Dawn Yolande Heyward** (Cert, 1997) passed away last October, after a courageous nine year battle with Parkinson's Disease and a one year battle with cancer of the liver. She lived in New Zealand with her husband of 53 years, Ross Heyward. Says Ross, "Dawn would want me to convey to all associated with ITP her sincere appreciation of their friendship, and of the help she had received through the Alumni Association."



Kate Wolf-Pizor presents Steve Di Cerbo with the first annual ITP Community Engagement Award.

ALUMNI GATHER TO "DIP INTO THE WELL"

Alumni are gathering all over the Bay Area and beyond to connect with others who share transpersonal values, to visit with old friends, and to meet new ones. The setting is intimate, ITP-style, with an informal sharing circle that allows everyone the opportunity to talk about what is most important in their lives today and to reminisce about their ITP experience.

Alumna Jeanine Wiater (MACP, 2006) hosted thirteen in her San Francisco home on Sunday July 15th. "It was easy and lots of fun," comments Jeanine. "It's important to me to stay connected to other ITP alums and to ITP." Attendees made new friends, shared their stories past and present, and "dipped into the well" of ITP shared values and spirit.

Alumna Bonnie Greenwell (Ph.D. 1988) recently hosted a gathering in Ashland, Oregon on Sunday October 21st for ITP grads and former faculty or staff who live in Southern Oregon.

If you're interested in hosting an alumni gathering, please contact alumni@itp.edu.

And don't miss this great career workshop for Students and Alumni: "Responding to Your Calling: Life Beyond the Degree." December 1, 2007, 2 - 5pm, at ITP - Samadhi Classroom.



Alumni gather in San Francisco last July. L-R: Katrina Rahn, Cathy Cahur, Louis Riddell, Robert LeCussan, Valentine McKay-Riddell, Jeanine Wiater (hostess), Trudy Optiz, Ann Langley, Donald Arquilla, Tracy Byars and Natasha Walter-Fisk.

BITS AND BITES:

Alumni, don't miss out on CAREER RESOURCE CENTER services:

- NEW Mentor/Mentee program – now expanded to include Alumni as either mentors or mentees!
- Resume/curriculum vita evaluation and consultation. Resources for career development including useful websites, books, and job-search materials DVDs and printed materials from on-campus workshops
- Monthly newsletter.

For more information, check out the CRC link on Docutek (itp.docutek.com). Call 650-493-4430 x292, or email CRC@itp.edu.

Join the Alumni Association (FREE) and gain access to ITP's new Community Web. This password-protected website is our community-wide communications hub. Special features of interest to alumni include:

Alumni Lounge: An open forum for alumni only. This is a place to connect with other alumni to network, update your classmates and friends on what's going on in your life, or start up a discussion on a topic of interest.

Classifieds feature sections such as For Sale, Housing, and a Services section, which is a dedicated space where you may offer your services to the entire ITP Community.

Once you've joined the Alumni Association, a username and password will be emailed to you with instructions on how to login to this exciting online ITP community. For more information and assistance, email communityweb@itp.edu.

A note from the ITP Librarians:

"The ITP Library is pleased to welcome ITP Alumni Association members as library patrons. Library privileges for Alumni Association members include check-out and hold requests on books and audio/video materials. We will be happy to provide reference help and interlibrary loan services, as time permits. We can provide alumni with access to electronic databases from the library's Computer Lab on campus only. We cannot offer remote access as we are limited by contractual and license agreements with our database vendors."

ITP SERVES LOCAL COMMUNITY IN NEED

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on the same side of the table with them, I did try to point out why some of their choices might not have been the best decisions.”

Wood cites deep-seated trauma as one of the core issues affecting students during his work at Cesar Chavez Middle School. “I started my practicum just after there was a double homicide involving a 13-year-old and a 17-year-old in East Palo Alto. The 13-year-old went to my school,” he says. “So in addition to counseling, I went around to elementary schools within the district and talked to the kids about how to be safe, how to figure out who they can trust.”

Language barriers are one of many challenges the ITP student counselors face in working with the children of Ravenswood, their families, and their caregivers. Pat Campbell, who supervises all of the ITP counselors, describes the ethnicity of the district’s population as, “primarily Latino, then African American, and finally, Pacific Islanders.” Although a couple of the schools now provide Spanish translators, basic communication is often difficult among counselors, students, and their families.

Despite the challenging socio-economic issues facing Ravenswood families the positive impact of the counseling collaboration between ITP and the school district is being felt. Ruth Woods, Special Assignments Principal for Ravenswood, remarks, “We are seeing better school attendance with the students receiving counseling. These kids are much more cooperative now, and they have developed a strong understanding of themselves and their surroundings. With the addition and expansion of the family counseling aspect, there has also been less emotional upheaval within their homes.”

IN MEMORY OF RABBI DAVID ZELLER

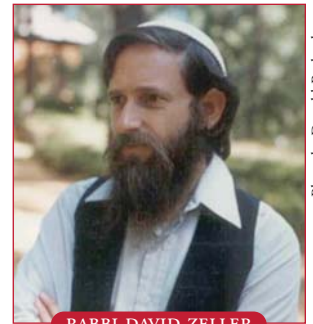
Alumni from the early years of ITP were sad to learn last spring of ITP pioneer Rabbi David Zeller’s passing. He died of a rare blood disease on May 25, 2007, in Israel. Rabbi Zeller was an associate director and professor at ITP from 1975 to the early 1980s.

Bob Frager reminisces: “David was a great gift to ITP. He was there from the beginning, working as full time associate director in 1975. He took no salary that first year, because there was virtually no money beyond expenses and instructors’ salaries. David agreed to work full time for nothing the first year in expectation that our enrollment would double and we could pay him a regular salary the second year, which we did. David supported himself by giving talks and workshops and making available his first music tape, all by donation.

David had a beautiful, clear, pure voice. He had a wonderful repertoire of spiritual songs from around the world, and he was never without his guitar. I particularly remember his leading us in “Tis a Gift to be Simple,” an old Shaker hymn. We began all our community meetings and events with David leading us in song. He was invaluable in helping to keep spirit alive at ITP in our early years. All of us who had the privilege of being with him during this time remember him with great fondness and mourn his passing.”

An internationally known singer, teacher, and counselor, David was a pioneer in modern Jewish spirituality, meditation, and transpersonal psychology. He founded the Network of Conscious Judaism for the purpose of integrating and disseminating Jewish teachings and practices in psychology, mysticism, and meditation, and he led weekend retreats in Jewish meditation. In Jerusalem, he directed the Shevet: Center for Jewish Spirituality and Meditation. He taught in religious and alternative health programs and conferences around the world and also maintained a private counseling and consulting practice. Having produced several teaching tapes on Jewish mysticism and meditation, he was working on a book of his stories and teachings before his death. As a resident of Israel, “heart-space” between East and West, David wove together the heart and mind, inner and outer, the spiritual and material, the theoretical and experiential, and the orthodox and pluralistic into a colorful and creative fabric.

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of David Zeller. A gift to ITP for the Zeller Memorial Scholarship Fund will honor his memory while supporting PhD students at the dissertation stage whose work is related to transpersonal perspectives on peace and conflict issues. Checks may be sent payable to ITP at 1069 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Please indicate on the check, or in an accompanying note, that your gift is in memory of Rabbi David Zeller.



RABBI DAVID ZELLER

Photo by Donald Rothenberg

CLASSNOTES

1980s

Karen Herrick (CERT ‘89) took her ITP degree in Addictions and Transpersonal Psychology. She has been running the Center for Children of Alcoholics in Red Bank, New Jersey for over 20 years. She works mostly with adults in the areas of addictions, sexual abuse, depression, anxiety, dissociation, spiritual emergencies, spiritual experiences, etc. She has submitted her thesis and been recommended for graduation for her PhD with a specialization in Spiritual Psychology with Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio as of September, 2007. In her workshops, she is and will be providing for other therapists the difference between spiritual experiences and mental illness and a place for them to discuss their spiritual experiences and those of their clients. She also runs spirituality groups for clients. In October, 2006, her first book was published entitled, “You’re Not Finished Yet.”

1990s

Marilyn Lerch (MATP ‘92) will have her second collection of poetry published in early 2008. The title is “Witness & Resist”, published by Morgaine House, Montreal, Quebec. She is in her second year as President of the Writers’ Federation of New Brunswick (Canada) and continues her work on peace and justice issues.

Diana Linn (MACP '95) has a private therapy practice in Belmont. She is a member of the core faculty at ITP and serves as Clinical Director for System of Care at EMQ Children & Family Services.

David Von Kohorn, (MACP '95) is in private practice in Redwood City. His areas of interest and specialization are: child therapy, trauma work, domestic violence and sex addiction. He works with individuals, children and couples. David received his Certification in Sex Addiction Therapy (CSAT) from his work with Pat Carnes and is currently also on staff at the Addictions Recovery Center in San Jose where he facilitates groups for men, women and couples struggling to overcome issues related to sex addiction. In addition, David is a Certified Hypnotherapist and works with individuals on mind-body related issues, preparation for medical procedures, pain management, anxiety, etc. David lives in Menlo Park with his wife, Lisa, and their 5-year-old daughter, Zoë.

Erin Palmer (CERT '97, MATS '97) moved to Chiangmai, Thailand in January of 2006. She is the English teacher at a private kindergarten and also works with older children and adults. "It would seem on the face of things that teaching English would be just a way to gather income while living abroad. However, I've found in it the opportunity to sit with people in pain, in confusion, in the wonder of learning and becoming. I've also partnered with a woman from the UK with a background in theatre and together we're facilitating confidence building, teambuilding and leadership seminars for university students and NGO staffs utilizing the tenets of multiple intelligences. Our work is a combination of movement and activities of creative expression — great fun and totally nourishing! The next project is incorporating myths and storytelling into a seminar for women's empowerment."

Bruce Bibee (CERT '87, MATP '98) is living in Anchorage, Alaska and is developing an after-school program for teens that is 'integral' and serves as both an anti-gang program, an after-care program, and a 'normal' after-school program. "We've seated a board of directors, identified funding sources, sponsors, etc. We've also got a commercial real estate guy securing us a building. The hope is we'll be up and running by this fall."

Stefan Malecek (CERT '96, MATP '98) completed his Ph.D. in Psychology from Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center in September, 2006 with a dissertation entitled "Dissociation in Recovering Addicts: A Multiple Case Study." He presented his research at the 23rd Annual international Society for the Study of Dissociation Conference in Los Angeles, November 9-11, 2006. He is also working on a book on recovery and addiction.

2000s

Magdalena Lee (PhD '00) and her husband have been running the Sino-American Institute for Transpersonal Studies for about 20 years with the purpose of bridging the gap between East and West. She originally went to China to work at a psychiatric hospital for about a year. During that time she set up a program to train counselors and psychotherapists. The program has been very successful and has been expanded to four counseling centers. SAITS has hosted four International Conferences on Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy. The most recent conference was held September 24-26, 2007. "I wish the people in this transpersonal circle can come to China to help. My students and I are planning to start a Transpersonal School in 5 years. I know it will be done."

Robin Seeley (PhD '00) and Denise Hutter (PhD '99) opened their private practice in the beautiful Rogue Valley, Oregon in late 2003, serving clients throughout Southern Oregon. They have offices in Medford and Ashland and together with another psychologist their practice offers a full range of psychological services and treatment. They have developed a specialty in the treatment of trauma using EMDR and other modalities of therapy and Denise will be a certified EMDRIA provider this year. Robin is utilizing transpersonal as well as mindfulness-based stress reduction approaches to serve clients with medical challenges and disabilities. They welcome contacts with the ITP community and can be reached at 541-601-2968.

Keith Wohlberg (MATP '01) returned to ITP to enter the Life Coaching Program with Dr. Rosie Kuhn from October 2003-September 2004. He completed the course requirements in December 2005 and has been developing his coaching practice since. He now splits his time between his coaching practice and working as a Physical Therapy Assistant. His hope and goal is to develop the coaching practice into a full time occupation and live by the ocean.

Brianna Ferreira (MACP '02) is currently a fourth year bilingual (Spanish/English) MFT intern at the Bill Wilson Center and the Centre for Living with Dying. She runs grief groups for children and adults, works in the school outreach program and in the outpatient clinic. She completed the Hakomi Professional Skills Training last year, and is looking forward to taking the Hakomi Trauma Training this year. Brianna states that her focus on her spiritual practice is "front and center in my life, which enables me to do the work I do." She loves music and singing, and is currently learning how to play Celtic music.

Helen Selenati (MACP '02) is currently beginning a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills training group starting in Redwood City. DBT is a broad-based cognitive-behavior treatment program developed specifically for Borderline Personality Disorder and is also effective for treatment of substance abuse issues and mood, anxiety & eating disorders.

Please send your ClassNotes news to alumni@itp.edu. Feel free to include photos and let us know if we can post them via email newsletters, hard-copy newsletters, and/or the website!



Alumni gather in Santa Cruz last April. L-R: Lisa J Ferguson Arthur, Kate Kaufman, Louanne Ellison-Cole (hostess), Carmen Redmond and Robert Camillo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF EVENTS, INCLUDING DETAILS AND HOW TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT WWW.ITP.EDU AND CLICK ON "MAIN EVENTS CALENDAR."

ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK AND TALENT SHOW

Friday, November 9, 6 - 9 pm.

Location: ITP (All classrooms)

CAREER EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

"Responding to Your Calling: Life Beyond the Degree"

December 1, 2007, 2 - 5pm

Location: ITP - Samadhi Classroom

GLOBAL SEMINAR

"Transpersonal Education and World Wisdom Psychologies: Advancement, Application, and Embodiment"

January 21-27, 2008

Location: Presentation Center, Los Gatos, CA

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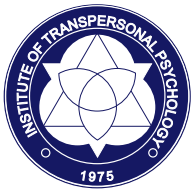
"Transformation through Forgiveness: Living with the Spirit of Ubuntu" with Fred Luskin and Linda Biehl (of the Amy Biehl Foundation)

February 29, 2008, Time TBA

Location: ITP - Great Sophia Classroom



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