

EWP 9405:
CONTEMPORARY TRANSPERSONAL THEORY:
PARTICIPATORY SPIRITUALITY
Spring 2010 (3 units) – Wednesdays 11:45am-2:45pm (Mission 311) and
Sunday, April 25, 10:00am-5:00pm (TBA)
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Course Description:

In the spirit of dialogue and inquiry, this advanced course in transpersonal theory provides an in-depth study of the participatory turn in contemporary spirituality. After a brief introduction to the state-of-the-art of transpersonal theory, we will explore the impact of participatory thinking on transpersonal and religious studies, transpersonal anthropology, and indigenous studies. The rest of the course will focus on the theory and practice of participatory spirituality. Theoretically, we will discuss the relational, embodied, and inquiry dimensions of participatory spirituality. As for the practice, the course will gradually introduce an approach to participatory spirituality that can be used for both spiritual transformation and spiritual inquiry. Participants will be encouraged to approach the study of spirituality from a participatory, transformative, and embodied perspective.

Summary of Educational Purpose:

The main purpose of this course is to deepen students' knowledge of contemporary transpersonal theory and participatory spirituality. An additional didactic objective is to introduce a participatory approach to spiritual inquiry and practice.

Learning Objectives:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Appreciate the relevance of the participatory turn for transpersonal theory, religious studies, and contemporary spiritual culture.
2. Have a clear understanding of the theory and practice of participatory spirituality.
3. Develop a rigorous, embodied, and participatory approach to spiritual practice and inquiry.

Learning Activities:

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| 1. Cognitive/Didactic (lecture): | 30% |
| 2. Practical/Applied (dialogue): | 30% |
| 3. Experiential (inquiry/practice): | 40% |

Level of Instruction:

MA and Ph.D.

Criteria for Evaluation:

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| 1. Mid-term paper (2-6 pages): | 20% |
| 2. Final Paper (18-25 pages): | 40% |
| 3. Class participation: | 40% |

Prerequisites:

EWP 6752 Transpersonal Psychology, EWP 6205 Embodied Spiritual Inquiry, other introductory course to transpersonal studies, or by consent of instructor.

Grading Options:

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Required Texts:

1. Ferrer, J. N. & J. H. Sherman (Eds.). (2008). *The Participatory Turn: Spirituality, Mysticism, Religious Studies*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. (PT)
2. Lahood, G. (Ed). (2007). *The Participatory Turn, Part 1 and 2. ReVision 29* (3-4). (REV-1; REV-2)
3. Course Reader, available at Copy Central (2336 Market Street, between Castro and Noe Streets. Tel. 415-431-6725).

Recommended Texts:

1. Daniels, M. (2005). *Shadow, Self, Spirit: Essays in Transpersonal Psychology*. Charlottesville, VA: Imprint Academic.
2. Ferrer, J. N. (2002). *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
3. Heron, J. (2006). *Participatory Spirituality: A Farewell to Authoritarian Religion*. Morrisville, NC: Lulu Press.

Assignments:

1. Mid-Term Paper: (2-6 pages)

This assignment can take the form of an outline or proposal for the final paper, a preliminary draft (work in progress) of the final paper, or a short independent response paper to one of the topics discussed during weeks 1-7.

2. Final Paper: (18-25 pages)

A theoretical and/or embodied essay engaging one or several of the subjects discussed in class and the readings, or another topic related to transpersonal studies or participatory spirituality. For other projects, speak with instructor as early in the semester as possible.

Important note: All papers should be double-sided, use 12-point Times New Roman font, and be written according to the APA Manual of Style. Papers not following these specifications may be returned to students without feedback.

Course Schedule and Reading List Contemporary Transpersonal Theory: Participatory Spirituality

PART I. INTRODUCTION

An introduction to the state-of-the-art of transpersonal studies.

1. Jan 20. Introduction: The Transpersonal and You

Overview of the course. Transpersonal theory, the participatory turn, and participatory spirituality. The primacy of inquiry in graduate education. Guidelines for the practice of dialogical inquiry in the course.

- Readings:*
- Boucouvalas, Marcie, “Following the Movement: From Transpersonal Psychology to a Multi-Disciplinary Transpersonal Orientation.”
 - Hartelius, Glenn, Caplan, Mariana & Rardin, Mary Anne, “Transpersonal Psychology: Defining the Past, Divining the Future.”
 - Cunningham, Paul, “The Challenges, Prospects, and Promises of Transpersonal Psychology.”
 - Ferrer, Jorge, “Dialogical Inquiry as Spiritual Practice.”

2. Jan 27. Transpersonal Theory Today

Grounding our inquiry in our personal experience: What do the terms “transpersonal,” “participatory,” and “spirituality” mean to you? Somatic grounding and unconditional acceptance of hermeneutic pre-understandings related to the course’s inquiry. Contemporary transpersonal theorists and theoretical perspectives. Significance of transpersonal psychology for modern consciousness studies. Transpersonal theory and archetypal astrology.

- Readings:*
- Daniels, Michael, “Approaching Transpersonal Psychology,” “Whither Transpersonal Psychology?”
 - Washburn, Michael, “Transpersonal Dialogue: A New Direction.” (Excerpt)
 - Lancaster, “The Significance of Transpersonal Psychology;” “In Defense of the Transcendent.”
 - Goddard, Gerry, “Counterpoints in Transpersonal Theory: Toward an Astro-Logical Resolution.”

PART II. THE PARTICIPATORY TURN

An exploration of the “participatory turn” in transpersonal theory, religious studies, the anthropology of consciousness, and indigenous studies.

3. Feb 3. The Participatory Turn in Transpersonal Studies

Meanings of the term “participation.” Historical introduction to the “participatory turn” in transpersonal studies. Ferrer’s participatory reconstruction of transpersonal theory. Critical perspectives.

- Readings:**
- Reason, Peter, Tarnas, Richard, et al., “A Participatory Conversation about How the Universe, Our Lives, and Science Are Participatory.”
 - Lahood, G. “The Participatory Turn and the Transpersonal Movement: A Brief Introduction.” (REV-1).
 - Tarnas, Richard, “A New Birth in Freedom.” (Only if you have not read *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory*)
 - Jaenke, Karen, “The Participatory Turn.” (Only if you have not read *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory*)
 - Wilber, Ken, “Participatory Samsara: The Green-Meme Approach to the Mystery of the Divine.”

4. Feb 10. The Participatory Turn in Religious Studies

From transpersonal theory to religious studies. The participatory turn and the cultural-linguist paradigm in the study of religion. Modes of participation: archaic, romantic, and enactive. Participatory spirituality and religious traditions. The participatory turn as spiritual democratization.

- Readings:**
- Ferrer, Jorge & Sherman, Jacob, “Introduction: The Participatory Turn in Spirituality, Mysticism, and Religious Studies.” (PT)
 - Irwin, Lee, “Esoteric Paradigms and Participatory Spirituality in the Teachings of Mikhaël Aïvanhov.” (PT)
 - Lancaster, Brian L., “Engaging with the Mind of God: The Participatory Path of Jewish Mysticism.” (PT)
 - Chittick, William C., “Ibn al-‘Arabi on Participating in the Mystery.” (PT)
 - Gleig, Ann & Nicholas G. Boeving, “Spiritual Democracy: Beyond Consciousness and Culture.”

5. Feb 17. Perennialism, Participatory Pluralism, and Cosmological Hybridization

Neo-perennialism and transpersonal studies. A participatory approach to religious diversity. Monopolarity, polarity, and multiplicity in participatory spirituality. Cosmological hybridization: Conceptual and visionary. Participatory spirituality and moral perennialism.

- Readings:**
- Ferrer, J., “Trouble in Paradise: The Perennial Philosophy Revisited.” (Only if you have not read *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory*)
 - Ferrer, J., “Spiritual Knowing as Participatory Enaction: An Answer to the Question of Religious Pluralism.” (PT)
 - Conner, Randy P., “Roads, Voyagers, and Rafts: A Meditation on Participation.” (REV-1)
 - Heron, John, “Letter to the Editor: John Heron on Randy Conner’s Critique.” (REV-2).
 - Lahood, G., “Paradise Bound: A Perennial Tradition or an Unseen Process of Cosmological Hybridization?”
 - Kripal, Jeffrey, “In the Spirit of Hermes: Reflections on the Work of Jorge N. Ferrer.”

6. Feb 24. Transpersonal Anthropology, Indigenous Consciousness, and Participatory Visions

The participatory turn in transpersonal anthropology. Participatory spirituality, shamanism, and indigenous traditions. Shamanic discourse. Participatory envisioning as spiritual practice.

- Readings:*
- Lahood, Gregg, “One Hundred Years of Sacred Science: Participation and Hybridity in Transpersonal Anthropology.” (REV-1)
 - Kremer, J., “The Dark Night of the Scholar.”
 - Fauteck Makes Marks, Luan, “Great Mysteries: Native North American Religions and Participatory Visions.” (REV-1)
 - Bastien, Betty, “The Cultural Practice of Participatory Transpersonal Visions: An Indigenous Perspective.”

PART III. PARTICIPATORY SPIRITUALITY: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

Relational, embodied, and inquiry dimensions of participatory spirituality. From theory to practice. Steps towards a participatory peer-to-peer spiritual culture.

7. March 3. Participatory Spirituality I: The Relational Dimension

The relational nature of participatory spirituality. Implications of the peer-to-peer paradigm for spiritual practice. A participatory approach to integral practice. Charismatic inquiry in the realm of the between. Introduction to the practice of interactive embodied meditation.

- Readings:*
- Heron, John, “A Participatory Spiritual Culture;” “The Life Divine and Innovative Spirituality; “Relational Spirituality.”
 - Bauwens, Michel, “The Next Buddha Will Be a Collective: Spiritual Expression in the Peer-to-Peer Era.” (REV-2)
 - Ferrer, Jorge, “Integral Transformative Practice: A Participatory Perspective.”
 - Heron, John & Lahood, Gregg, “Charismatic Inquiry in Concert: Action Research in the Realm of the Between.”

8. March 10. Participatory Spirituality II: The Embodied Dimension

The embodied nature of participatory spirituality. Embodied versus disembodied spirituality. The centrality of embodiment in Christian mysticism. Materiality, immanence, and the sensuous Earth. Experiential practice: Interactive embodied meditation.

- Readings:*
- Ferrer, Jorge, “What Does It Mean to Live a Fully Embodied Spiritual Life?”
 - Donnelly, Dorothy H., “The Sexual Mystic: Embodied Spirituality.”
 - Lanzetta, Beverly, “Wound of Love: Feminine Theosis and Embodied Mysticism in Teresa de Avila.” (PT)
 - Barnhart, Bruno, “One Spirit, One Body: Jesus’ Participatory Revolution.” (PT)
 - Abram, David, “Earth in Eclipse.” (REV-2)

 **MID-TERM ASSIGNMENT DUE!**

9. March 17. Participatory Spirituality III: The Inquiry Dimension

The inquiry dimension of participatory spirituality. Inquiry versus indoctrination. Spiritual projection and the authority within. Innovation in spiritual inquiry. A case study in participatory spiritual inquiry. Co-creating novel spiritual practices. Experiential practice: Interactive embodied meditation.

- Readings:**
- Heron, John, “Participatory Fruits of Spiritual Inquiry.” (REV-1)
 - Heron, John, “The Authoritarian Blight,” “Spiritual Projection and Authority,” “Personhood and Spiritual Inquiry.”
 - Osterhold, Helge O., Elizabeth Husserl, & David Nicol, “Rekindling the Fire of Transformative Education: A Participatory Case Study.”
 - Rothberg, Donald, “Connecting Inner and Outer Transformation: Toward an Expanded Model of Buddhist Practice.” (PT)

March 24. No class, Spring Break! ☺

PART IV. PARTICIPATORY SPIRITUALITY: DEEPENING OUR PRACTICE

According to the evolution of the group inquiry, the last module of the course can take the form of a co-operative participatory spiritual inquiry, a practicum in participatory spirituality, or a hybrid between participatory inquiry and practice.

10-13. March 31-April 21. Participatory Spiritual Inquiry I-IV

The four seasons of the integral creative cycle: Implications for participatory spiritual practice and inquiry. Convergent versus divergent inquiries. Further elements of participatory spiritual practice. Collaborative decision-making process about our next practical steps.

- Readings:**
- Ferrer, Jorge, Romero, Marina & Albareda, Ramon, “Integral Transformative Education: A Participatory Proposal.”
 - Handouts TBA (readings aligned with the inquiry process may be added by instructor and participants)

14-15. April 25. Participatory Spiritual Inquiry V/Conclusion

(DAY-LONG RETREAT)

Integrative practices. Collaborative assessment of our inquiry process and/or last circle of sharing. Closing ritual.

 **FINAL PAPER DUE!**

Course Reader Contents

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2. Hartelius, G., Caplan, M., & Rardin, M. A. (2007). Transpersonal Psychology: Defining the Past, Divining the Future. *The Humanistic Psychologist* 35 (2), 1-26.
3. Cunningham P. (2007). The Challenges, Prospects, and Promises of Transpersonal Psychology. *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies* 26, 41-55.
4. Ferrer, J. N. (2003). Dialogical Inquiry as Spiritual Practice. *Tikkun* 18(1), 29-32.
5. Daniels, M. (2005). Approaching Transpersonal Psychology. Whither Transpersonal Psychology? In *Shadow, Self, Spirit: Essays in Transpersonal Psychology* (pp. 11-38; 263-78). Charlottesville, VA: Imprint Academic.
6. Washburn, M. (2003). Transpersonal Dialogue: A New Direction. *The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* 35(1), 1-4.
7. Lancaster, B. L. (2004). The Significance of Transpersonal Psychology. In Defense of the Transcendent. In *Approaches to Consciousness: The Marriage of Science and Mysticism* (pp. 10-19; 268-79). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
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9. Reason, P., Tarnas, R. et al. (2001). A Participatory Conversation about How the Universe, Our Lives, and Science Are Participatory. *ReVision* 23(4), 6-17.
10. Tarnas, R. (2001). A New Birth in Freedom: A (P)review of Jorge Ferrer's *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality*. *The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* 33(1), 64-71.
11. Jaenke, K. (2004). The Participatory Turn. Review of Jorge Ferrer, *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality*. *ReVision* 26(4), 8-14.
12. Wilber, K. (2002). Participatory Samsara: The Green-Meme Approach to the Mystery of the Divine. http://wilber.shambhala.com/html/books/boomeritis/sidebar_f/index.cfm/
13. Gleig, A. & N. G. Boeving (2009a). Spiritual Democracy: Beyond Consciousness and Culture. A Review Essay of *The Participatory Turn: Spirituality, Mysticism, Religious Studies*. *Tikkun: Politics, Spirituality, Culture* (May/June), 64-68.
14. Ferrer, J. N. (2002). Trouble in Paradise: The Perennial Philosophy Revisited. In *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality* (pp. 71-111). Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
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16. Kripal, J. (2003). In the Spirit of Hermes: Reflections on the Work of Jorge N. Ferrer. *Tikkun: A Bimonthly Jewish Critique of Politics, Culture & Society* 18(2), 67-70.
17. Kremer, J. (1994). The Dark Night of the Scholar. In *Looking for Dame Yggdrasil* (pp. 9-36). Red Bluff, CA: Falkenflug Press.
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19. Heron, J. (2006). A Participatory Spiritual Culture. The Life Divine and Innovative Spirituality. Relational Spirituality. In *Participatory Spirituality: A Farewell to Authoritarian Religion* (pp. 1-9). Morrisville, NC: Lulu Press.
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21. Heron, J. & Lahood, G. (2007). Charismatic Inquiry in Concert: Action Research in the Realm of the Between. In P. Reason & H. Bradbury (Eds.), *The Sage Handbook of Action Research: Participative Inquiry and Practice* (pp. 439-449). (2nd ed.). London: SAGE.
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23. Donnelly, D. H. (1982). The Sexual Mystic: Embodied Spirituality. In M. E. Giles (Ed.), *The Feminist Mystic and Other Essays on Women and Spirituality* (pp. 120-141). New York: Crossroad.
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Research Bibliography: Contemporary Transpersonal Theory and Practice

I. Journals

The following journals either have an explicit transpersonal focus or regularly publish transpersonally-oriented articles:

Anthropology of Consciousness
ATP Newsletter (Association for Transpersonal Psychology)
Australian Journal of Transpersonal Studies (ceased publication)
Integralis: Journal of Integral Consciousness (on-line)
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Journal of Humanistic Psychology
Journal of Near-Death Studies
Journal of Transpersonal Psychology
Journal of Transpersonal Research (on-line)
Integral Review (on-line)
International Journal of Transpersonal Studies
Kosmos: An Integral Approach to Global Awakening
Lila: Journal of Cosmic Play. Shamanism, Visionary Art, and the Transpersonal (on-line)

MAPS: Newsletter of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies
 Network Review: Journal of the Scientific and Medical Network (U.K.)
 Noetic Sciences Review
 Phoenix: Journal of Transpersonal Anthropology (ceased publication)
 ReVision: A Journal of Consciousness & Transformation
 The Humanistic Psychologist
 Transpersonal Psychology Review (U.K.)
 Transpersonal Review (ceased publication)

II. Books and Anthologies

The following list is a selection of transpersonal works published after 1996:

- Bache, C. (2000). *Dark Night, Early Dawn: Steps to a Deep Ecology of Mind*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Bache, C. (2008). *The Living Classroom: Teaching and Collective Consciousness*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Boorstein, S. (Ed.). (1998). *Transpersonal Psychotherapy*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Braud, W. & R. Anderson (1998). *Transpersonal Research Methods for the Social Sciences*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Campbell, R. (1999). *Transpersonal Psychology: An Integral Encounter with Self-Awareness*. USA: Xilibris Corporation.
- Canda, E. R. & Y. Smith, E. D. (2001). *Transpersonal Perspectives on Spirituality and Social Work*. New York: Routledge.
- Caplan, M. (2009). *Eyes Wide Open: Cultivating Discernment on the Spiritual Path*. Boulder, CO: Sounds True.
- Chips, A. (2006). *Clinical Hypnotherapy: A Transpersonal Approach* (2nd ed.). Transpersonal Publishing.
- Clarkson, P. (2005). *The Transpersonal Relationship in Psychotherapy*. New York: Wiley.
- Cortright, B. (1997). *Psychotherapy and Spirit: Theory and Practice of Transpersonal Psychotherapy*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Combs, A. (2002). *The Radiance of Being: Understanding the Grand Integral Vision; Living the Integral Life*. (2nd ed.). St. Paul, MN: Paragon House.
- Daniels, M. (2005). *Shadow, Self, Spirit: Essays in Transpersonal Psychology*. Charlottesville, VA: Imprint Academic.
- Ferrer, J. N. (2002). *Revisioning Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Firman, J. & A. Gila (1997). *The Primal Wound: A Transpersonal View of Trauma, Addiction, and Growth*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Gackenbach, J. (Ed.). (2006). *Psychology and the Internet: Intrapersonal, Interpersonal, and Transpersonal Implications* (2nd ed.). San Diego, CA: Academic Press.
- Grof, S. (1998). *The Cosmic Game: Explorations of the Frontiers of Human Consciousness*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Grof, S. (2000). *Psychology of the Future: Lessons from Modern Consciousness Research*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Hart, T., Nelson, P., & K. Puhakka (Eds.). (2000). *Transpersonal Knowing: Exploring the Horizon of Consciousness*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

- Heron, J. (1998). *Sacred Science: Person-Centred Inquiry into the Spiritual and the Subtle*. Ross-on-Wye, UK: PCCS Books.
- Minelli, M. J. & Schroll, M. A. (2003). *The Art of Living: Discovering the Transcendent and the Transpersonal in Our Lives*. Stipes.
- Moss, D. (Ed.). (1999). *Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology: A Historical and Biographical Sourcebook*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
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- Shorrock, A. (2008). *The Transpersonal in Psychology, Psychotherapy, and Counseling*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Valle, R. S. (Ed.). (1997). *Phenomenological Inquiry in Psychology: Existential and Transpersonal Dimensions*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
- Visser, F. (2003). *Ken Wilber: Thought as Passion*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Washburn, M. (2003). *Embodied Spirituality in a Sacred World*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Wellings, N. & E. W. McCormick (Eds.). (2003). *Transpersonal Psychotherapy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Welwood, J. (2000). *Toward a Psychology of Awakening: Buddhism, Psychotherapy, and the Path of Personal and Spiritual Transformation*. Boston: Shambhala.
- Wilber, K. (2000). *Integral Psychology: Consciousness, Spirit, Psychology, Therapy*. Boston: Shambhala.
- Wilber, K. (2000). *A Theory of Everything: An Integral Vision for Business, Politics, Science, Spirituality*. Boston: Shambhala.
- Wilber, K. (2003). *The Eye of the Spirit: An Integral Vision for a World Gone Slightly Mad*. (3rd ed.). Boston: Shambhala.

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