NEW LIBRARY OPENS

by Zack Rogow

In September 2012 the much-anticipated new home for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Library opened on the second floor of the Institute’s Main Building.

The main reading room of the new library has a procession of tall windows running the entire width of the building, facing south. That abundant light source is one huge contrast with the old space, which was lodged in the windowless center of the Main Building’s third floor.

“We also now have all our collections and all our staff in one space,” says Library Director Lise Dyckman. “That makes it easier for both students and librarians to do their work.”

Along with the new space, the library is using this beginning to try out an innovative way to provide services.

“We’re experimenting with ‘roving reference,’” Dyckman explains. “Rather than being tethered to a desk, reference librarians are now moving through the library, equipped with iPads, working with students.” Dyckman sees this method as being more in line with the Institute’s educational philosophy. “Instead of the reference librarian sitting in a position of authority behind a desk, the librarian and the student now work side-by-side. This creates a working relationship that’s not a one-way transmission of knowledge. Our ability to work one-on-one to promote critical thinking is a strength of CIIS.”

Another huge difference in the new library is the amount of space for students to study, more than double the old location. The library also includes two collaborative work spaces with video-viewing capacity, ideal for counseling students who are working together on projects, another adaptation that is particularly well suited to the Institute’s learning methodology.

The new library was made possible by the most intensive capital campaign in the Institute’s recent history. More than fifty donors contributed to the project. Total gifts surpassed $700,000. “We’re grateful to all the donors who helped make this new library a reality for the benefit of generations of students to come.”

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The new Laurance S. Rockefeller Library at CIIS
In our past issue, I wrote about the mutually supportive relationship between CIIS and San Francisco. Now I will be more specific and report on the stunning changes in our immediate neighborhood, South of Market (SoMa). CIIS is currently surrounded by tall cranes that are contributing to the construction and renovation of office buildings and residential towers. The office buildings will house the convergence of technology companies such as Twitter and Dolby in San Francisco. This convergence is transforming our neighborhood into what the San Francisco Chronicle has dubbed “Silicon Alley.” The towering condominiums and apartments will be for the mixed-income residents who will be employed by these companies.

CIIS is now located in the midst of some of the most innovative and leading-edge organizations on the planet—corporations that pride themselves on the diversity of their employees, community relations, and corporate philanthropy. At CIIS, we will continue to advance our academic programs and counseling centers as well as Public Programs & Performances; and in addition, we will provide professional development and counseling services to our new neighbors.

Now that we have completed the impressive renovation of the Rockefeller Library on the second floor of CIIS, we are planning the renovation of the first floor. This floor will contain a performance space, an art gallery, a café bookstore, and various administrative offices including Admissions, Development, and Public Programs & Performances. With the amazing emergence of the South of Market neighborhood, and with CIIS positioned in the center of this dramatic urban transformation, we hope to get some help from our new friends.

Please let me know if you have ideas about how to engage our new high-tech industry neighbors at this critical phase in the history of San Francisco and CIIS.

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CIIS master’s in counseling psychology graduates taking the Behavioral Board of Sciences (BBS) exams for their Marriage and Family Therapy license consistently place CIIS at the top of the list for pass rates in the State of California. The Institute rates as number one for universities in California having more than twenty students taking the exam, with 96 percent of CIIS students passing the test on their first attempt. CIIS is among the largest single-campus MFT training programs in California, with approximately five hundred and eighty students currently in attendance.

“These excellent results are reason to be proud,” says Steven Tierney, chair of the master’s in counseling psychology programs at CIIS and former president of the San Francisco Health Commission. “The results reflect the quality of our curriculum, faculty, alums, and students.” Tierney believes that the Institute’s consistent success in licensing exams is due to the primary guiding principles on which CIIS builds the foundation.

“The first guiding principle is to train students to be the best clinicians that they can be, concentrating on both theory and clinical practice from the beginning to the end of their programs,” says Tierney.

The master’s in counseling psychology degree at CIIS consists of five concentrations: Community Mental Health, Drama Therapy, Expressive Arts Therapy, Integral Counseling Psychology, and Somatic Psychology. According to Tierney, “Each of these programs spends a great deal of time putting together a curriculum built on a foundation of student learning objectives—what we want the students to know, which includes an awareness at all times of what’s on the BBS exams.” This creates a strong foundation for working effectively with clients, as well as providing a theoretical base that prepares graduates to do well on the BBS exams.

Transformativ personal experience provides the second guiding principle, a value that aligns with the Institute’s integral educational philosophy. “People come to CIIS expecting a powerful personal experience,” says Tierney, “so we build the curriculum and the clinical experience around that.” As a result students become effective advocates for themselves, their careers, and the people they work with. “The students’ evolving self-knowledge enhances their interpersonal relationships, and enables them to help themselves and each other in moving through the rigors of their education, including the BBS exams and their profession,” Tierney adds.

The third guiding principle is concerned with closing the loop of theory and clinical experience. Faculty and CIIS-trained supervisors in the field collaborate in tying what happens in the student’s practicum back to their theoretical foundation. “We work hard to make sure that our students not only hang onto the lessons learned in their academic experience, but are also able to effectively integrate those lessons into their practicum within the community,” Tierney explains.

Tierney believes that efforts to integrate theory and clinical practice in the practicum are paying off not only in pass rate numbers, but also in the ways that CIIS students and graduates implement and practice their skills in the community. Community Mental Health alum John Prochnow exemplifies this dynamic. Prochnow wanted to work with homeless veterans. At the time there was no practicum that provided for this, so Tierney supported him and worked with the placement office to create a practicum with Swords to Ploughshares, a nonprofit organization in San Francisco that works with veterans. Prochnow created an effective mental health service program for them that still exists today at the agency that he continues to work for.

Reverend Alvin Bernstine, another Community Mental Health alum, saw a significant need in his Oakland community for a substance abuse program that really worked. Using his life and pastoral experience in combination with what he’d learned in his classes and through his practicum, Bernstine created a new program that continues to operate effectively in his community. The Clinic Without Walls is another example of the Institute’s successful implementation of engaged theory and practice. A Community Mental Health project, it operates in three of San Francisco’s public housing communities: Valencia Gardens, Rich Sorro Commons, and Nihonmachi Terrace, providing services at the community.

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After twenty years as a prominent member of the faculty in Women’s Spirituality and in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness (PCC), Professor Charlene Spretnak has announced her decision to retire.

“Her teaching and scholarship have enriched the lives of countless CIIS students, faculty, and staff,” says Academic Vice President Judie Wexler. “We’re grateful for her extraordinary service, which included helping to develop both the PCC program and the semi-distance option in the Women’s Spirituality program. Charlene Spretnak is a valued colleague whose dedication and spirit will be missed.”


The Association for Study of Women and Mythology selected Professor Spretnak as the 2012 recipient of its Demeter Award in recognition of her decades of visionary scholarship as a founding mother of feminist spirituality, ecofeminism, and the Green Party. In 2006, she was named by the United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as one of the One Hundred Eco-Heroes of All Time.

A strong and committed mentor, Charlene Spretnak has made substantial contributions to CIIS students. Nancy Ivey (WS ’06) comments on Professor’s Spretnak’s advising of her dissertation: “Her wise and graceful summation centered the various threads I was weaving into a coherent and transformative project. Then the wind was at my back and I could proceed through the rest of the work. I feel ineffable gratitude to Charlene for perceiving my intentions and speaking them into being.”

In her retirement, Spretnak plans to enjoy life as a full-time writer and activist.

CIIS sold its Minna Street Center in spring 2012. Over the past ten years the building’s use evolved from housing three classrooms, the Innerlight Bookstore, the Spiritual Emergence Network (SeN), and the Bachelor of Arts Completion program; to becoming the hub of offices directed toward development and outreach.

The sale of the Minna Street Center became possible when a large tenant occupying the majority of the fifth floor of the Main Building on Mission Street grew out of their space and needed to move out. That vacancy provided enough room to move all the CIIS advancement offices to that location. By removing the dropped ceiling on the fifth floor of the building at 1453 Mission Street, the Institute exposed skylights and ceilings more than twenty-five feet tall at their highest point. These skylights were original to the building, once providing light to the sewing floor of the swimsuit company that built the building as a factory in 1912. The fifth floor of the Main Building now houses academic offices, three popular classrooms, and a variety of administrative units, including Public Programs & Performances, the Alumni and Travel Office, Development, and The Arts at CIIS.

“The new space on the fifth floor has turned out to be light and airy, a very desirable place to work, built like many of the creative workspaces that are becoming the hallmark of our area of town,” says Jonathan Mills (EWP ’09), CIIS director of facilities and operations. “It also gives us a chance to reintegrate into the daily community at our Main Building the important advancement functions of the Institute.

With the opening of the new library as the first phase of the university’s master plan for renovations and the move from the Minna Center, we can begin to see the exciting potential that the revitalized Mission Building holds for the Institute.”
Alka Arora became the chair of the CIIS program in Women’s Spirituality in fall 2011. She comes from a new generation of feminists, the “third wave” that is continuing the work of the women who founded the program.

“One thing I’m looking at as chair is how we build on the strengths of our foremothers’ tradition, and also be responsive to what is important for women today,” Arora says. An initiative she plans to pursue is to develop closer collaborative relationships with nonprofit organizations that deal with women’s issues. “We’d like to bring representatives of different organizations to speak to students about what sorts of skills they’re looking for,” Arora elaborates. “We also want to examine how we’re fostering students’ professional development so that we’re encouraging them to bring what they’re learning to the broader society.” Arora also wants to support students to grow as leaders. “The world is readier than it’s ever been before to honor the wisdom and spirituality of women leaders and healers,” she notes, “and our students should be actively involved in these conversations on a national and international level.”

Changes in society are bringing new issues to the program that enrich the academic discourse. “One of the new questions I hear now is how we think about gender fluidity,” Arora remarks. “We’re also focused more on including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues into the discussion of women’s spirituality,” she adds. “Some are also asking if there is a space for men in a women’s spirituality movement. The divine feminine is not just important to women.”

Another feature of the program that Arora hopes to continue is diversity. She credits the previous chair, Arisika Razak, with making important strides in this area. “Feminism has always been a lot more multicultural than its historical face,” Arora points out, “but now we’re especially careful to think about how we might build alliances among women with different backgrounds and needs.”

She feels that the program is also continuing to grow in areas where it has always shown strength. “One question that has been important in my own development and that I see in many of our students is, how do I reconcile the spiritual gems that I relate to in my own tradition with that tradition’s problematic social structures? How do I find a spiritual path that affirms me as a woman and offers me dignity and empowerment?”

Arora has faced this question along her own journey. “My family is Hindu,” she recalls. “I’m a first-generation Indian American. At a young age I was introduced to meditation and spiritual development. I resonated with that quite strongly, but at the same time, I found myself bumping up against gender roles and patriarchy in the culture. I started to see similar contradictions in Western culture and spirituality as well.”

To explore these questions and others, Arora did a PhD in women’s studies at the University of Washington. Her dissertation research was on the spiritual activism of young feminists in the Seattle area. “Women’s studies in much of secular academia hasn’t paid enough attention to women’s spiritual lives,” Arora explains. “When I interviewed these women activists, one of the things that consistently came up was their spiritual purpose. Their connection to the divine or to their own inner selves helped them maintain the ability to advocate for others.”

While she was finishing her PhD, Arora directed the women’s center at the University of California, Santa Barbara from 2008 to 2010. “Near the end of my doctoral program,” Arora says, “I was feeling a little disillusioned with academia. I wanted more connection. I chose a position at UCSB that involved applied feminist advocacy work. It was a great leadership growth experience, but I really missed the intellectual stimulation and teaching in a university. Being at CIIS allows me to be in academia, but in a way that honors the spiritual impulse and is not removed from people’s lives.”
Arts Curator Deirdre Visser has programmed an ambitious series of exhibitions and art events for late 2012 and spring 2013, bringing together striking works from several media.

“We commissioned a new work by the artist Patter Hellstrom that now spans forty-eight feet of the hallway on the third floor of the Main Building,” Visser describes. “To work on this scale, Hellstrom used brooms, old-fashioned wallpaper brushes, and house paint. Her work references many different schools of art, from abstract expressionism to Chinese brush painting.”

Hellstrom’s mural is entitled *Grief Path*. “In the last four years, the artist has lost several people close to her, including her father and brother-in-law and a student she worked closely with,” Visser explains. “The artwork is a mapping of the psychological, cognitive, and emotional dimensions of grief through time.”

Visser has also been working to bring the Institute’s permanent art collection more into the public eye. This fall, The Arts at CIIS is featuring an exhibition of artwork, part of which was donated to the Institute by Frederic Spiegelberg, who was the first president of the American Academy of Asian Studies, the predecessor of CIIS. The work features stunning prints and drawings, some of which were personally inscribed by the artists to “Frederic and Rosalie” (Spiegelberg and his wife). The artists include the Austrian printmaker Ernst Wagner, Indian painter Jamini Roy, and Bay Area artists John Anderson, Frank Lobdell, and Walter Kuhlman. These works are on view in the fourth floor hallway and other locations in the Main Building.

The other part of the Institute’s permanent art collection on display this academic year is the CHROMA photography collection. CIIS is in the midst of a publication and exhibition project that will last several years to showcase the work of artists of color who use photography. The CIIS permanent collection in this area features work by photographers such as Ali Dadgar, Maria Adela Diaz, June Yong Lee, Megan Morgan, Oscar Palacio, Bayeté Ross Smith, Wendel White, and Suné Woods. Those works are currently on display on the second floor of the Main Building. A sound sculpture by Bayeté Ross Smith is also on display in the entryway of the Main Building, engaging passersby to explore the Institute and its offerings, both artistic and academic.

CIIS is one of only a few institutions in the country that has a commitment to promoting pluralism in lens-based media by foregrounding the work of artists of color working in photography. Another prominent one is En Foco in New York City. “In February and March 2013 we’re hosting a selection from En Foco’s permanent collection,” Visser announces. “Their collection reflects the work of artists both nationally and internationally.”

Spring 2013 will also feature artist-in-residence Taraneh Hemami. “Hemami is working on a fascinating project,” Visser says. “She’s making visible the stories that grew out of the Iranian student activist movement in the years before the Islamic Revolution. That revolution actually rendered invisible many other voices from the student activist movement of the time.” The work that Hemami generates will include collaborations with students in the Anthropology and Social Change program, and will later be shown at Southern Exposure, an alternative arts space in the Mission District.

The Arts at CIIS will again cosponsor MEENA Experimental, a film series at ATA (Artists Television Access) in the Mission, initiated by CIIS faculty member Targol Mesbah. This annual series offers new video work from the Middle East and North Africa in late winter and early spring.

“I’m excited about this year’s offerings,” Visser says. “We’ve got new work and old, experimental and figurative—I think anyone who loves art will enjoy this year’s events.”
Public Programs & Performances is following its breakthrough year with an even more vibrant selection of musical acts from many regions of the globe for its 2012–13 season. Just months after the San Francisco Chronicle declared Public Programs & Performances “...a major Bay Area music presenter focusing on international artists,” the organization has announced a concert season to top its previous offerings.

“We search far and wide for the best performers from around the world,” says Karim Baer, Public Programs & Performances director. “I think our audiences now trust that they will see a great show at every one of our events.”

Sweet Honey In The Rock® returns to the Bay Area on December 8 for Celebrating the Holydays, featuring music of many faiths of the globe. The Fort Worth Star Telegram declares, “This ensemble is the gold standard.”

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

Paul Herman and Vern Haddick

CIIS is creating a new scholarship named for Paul Herman and Vern Haddick, founding faculty members of the Integral Counseling Psychology program. The scholarship will go to one continuing student each year in the master’s in counseling psychology programs who demonstrates an interest in working with the LGBT community. Students will be eligible in their second or third year.

Paul Herman studied with CIIS cofounder Haridas Chaudhuri, who chaired Herman’s dissertation committee. When CIIS began in 1968, Herman became the teaching assistant in Chaudhuri’s classes at the Institute.

“Paul had the vision of creating a professionally recognized program that would train therapists, incorporating knowledge and insights from both the East and the West,” recalls Haddick. “All his life Paul has been interested in a multicultural view, rather than an ethnocentric view. At the time there was no model for a professional psychology program that combined the outlook of Western science with Eastern thought in a serious academic setting. So Paul researched and designed a new curriculum.”

The program that Herman started in 1972, Integral Counseling Psychology (ICP), has been the Institute’s largest since then, with a current enrollment of more than 300 students. From the beginning, ICP had more applicants than could be accepted. Haddick remembers, “It was really exciting to be present when a change was taking place in certain circles of American education.”

Vern Haddick was one of the initial faculty members of ICP and taught in the program for several decades. He also founded the library at CIIS, volunteering to begin the collection before there was a paid position there.

Herman and Haddick have been a couple for more than forty years, and their role in establishing an LGBT presence in the early days of CIIS has also been vital to the Institute’s development.

“I’m excited,” says Haddick, “and I’m sure Paul is too, that the original hopes and vision for ICP have been actualized, and that Paul’s creation has been of use to students over the past forty years; and has stimulated similar developments at other educational institutions.”

To make a donation to the Paul Herman and Vern Haddick Scholarship Fund, please contact Dean of Alumni Richard Buggs at rbuggs@ciis.edu or 415.575.6116.

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The California Wellness Foundation has given CIIS a three-year grant totaling $180,000 for the Community Mental Health Program. This grant renews the California Wellness Foundation Scholarship program, which was initiated in 2009 with a three-year grant of $210,000. The grant will provide scholarships to students from under-represented ethnic and racial communities who are pursuing careers in community-based mental health. The first grant supported a total of thirty-seven students of color in the Community Mental Health program. This grant renewal will support an additional twelve students of color in each of the three grant years.

Created in 1992 as a private independent foundation, The California Wellness Foundation’s mission is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education, and disease prevention.

“The California Wellness Foundation has as a key goal,” says Professor Steven Tierney, chair of the CIIS Community Mental Health program, “to address the particular health needs of traditionally underserved populations.” At CIIS we share this goal and a commitment to training mental health professionals who can deliver the highest quality services to these populations.”
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From June 19 to 21, 2012, CIIS Public Programs & Performances held a summer institute on the topic of “Expanding the Circle: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies.”

The previous two years CIIS had hosted a successful national conference on this same theme, attracting hundreds of participants each time. This year’s event was on a smaller scale, but participants praised the new format, where many workshops lasted all day.

“We had more in-depth conversations this year,” says Susan Stryker, professor and director of the Institute of LGBT Studies at University of Arizona, and a presenter at this year’s event. “What I appreciated is the mix of people taking the workshop, everyone from experts in the field to administrators who want to educate themselves. There was a lot of wisdom in the room.”

Kay Murnan of Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Missouri, found the workshops useful: “There was such an open dialogue in every group. This was a perfect fit for what we need. I didn’t skip a single session. I was just 100 percent in there, and I can’t wait to use what I’ve learned in a variety of ways.”

Kelly Kelly, a student at San Francisco City College, volunteered at the summer institute to be able to attend the workshops. She was particularly enthusiastic about the workshop led by Reverend Jamie Washington on “The ‘Fundamentals’ of Engaging the Intersections of Christianity and LGBTQ Experiences in the Classroom and Beyond.” “It was an amazing workshop,” she enthuses. “I’m trans-identified, but for the first time I came out of the closet in a queer setting about being Christian-identified. Talking about that in a safe space was liberating for me.”

Rocco “Chip” Capraro, associate dean for academic and student affairs at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Upstate New York, came back to Expanding the Circle to gather new ideas. “I attended last year, which was fantastic,” he says. “I’m knowledgeable in the field, but I felt I wanted to revisit curriculum issues. The all-day format allowed for sustained discussion.”

Ronald Scott, associate vice president for institutional diversity at Miami University of Ohio, also found value in the workshops: “I appreciated the exploration of issues from all points of view,” he sums up. “I came away with ideas about how to build bridges between groups. We grew to understand what the divisions are, why they’re there, and how to overcome them.”

Dustin Smith, special events coordinator for CIIS Public Programs & Performances, feels the success of the 2012 institute will pave the way for future efforts: “This year’s program allowed CIIS to continue its national leadership in advancing LGBTQ issues across the academic spectrum, from the administration to the classroom to the campus quad. Ongoing support provided by our partnering organizations and the Small Change Foundation enabled us to organize a great faculty roster of distinguished colleagues from across the country. We’re hopeful that the success of our Expanding the Circle programs will lead to deeper academic engagement and curriculum offerings at CIIS as well.”
Brenda Sanders
Joins Board of Trustees

Marine biologist Brenda Sanders, PhD, has been elected to the CIIS board of trustees. Sanders, a former professor of biological sciences, is an environmental consultant who studies how organisms react to changes in their environment by changing the way they function at the molecular level.

“As an academic scientist,” Sanders says, “I was a scientific materialist comfortable with the notion that the physical world is all there is. That was until a spontaneous spiritual awakening and direct experience of unity consciousness fundamentally altered my understanding of reality. When I started researching who was approaching spirituality from a rational basis, I found out about CIIS.”

Sanders brings to the board of trustees her excitement about the potential for CIIS to play a part in an exciting new area of research at the interface of science and theology that explores how practices such as meditation, mindfulness, and yoga change your brain to reduce stress and anxiety, and even slow the aging process. “Not so many years ago, we believed that the human brain reached its peak potential in our twenties,” Sanders elaborates. “Now we know that the brain is exquisitely sensitive to our thoughts and our behavior and continues to change and adapt throughout our lifetimes in ways that alter our values and the way we perceive reality. Recent research has demonstrated that we can change brain structure, and as a consequence, brain function, through practices such as meditation in as little as twenty minutes a day for six weeks.”

NEW LIBRARY OPENS

(Continued from page 1) in 2004. The Robert McDermott Reading Area is named in honor of CIIS President Emeritus and Professor Robert McDermott, who served as president from 1990 to 1999.

The new library also includes special collections of books on specific topics, including the Baumann Foundation Collection, which focuses on consciousness; the Haridas and Bina Chaudhuri Collection, which centers on Indic philosophy from the ancients to Sri Aurobindo; and the Ricki Pollycove Collection, which concentrates on integrative health.

“We’ll also have a display case in the new library where we can exhibit some of the gems,” says Dyckman. The library’s rarest items include the personal library of Alan Watts; the papers of Haridas Chaudhuri; and a complete collection of the ninety-seven-volume Chinese Buddhist Canon, printed in the 1930s.

CIIS Grads Earn Top Pass Rates for MFT License

(Continued from page 3) level right where people live. Clients don’t have to go out to find services—the services are in their building. This structure offers student interns a chance to work in a practicum at the grass roots level in a non-traditional mental health service environment that’s being created, designed, and tested with supervision and support at CIIS.

“The high pass rates for CIIS graduates consistently validate the effectiveness of the master’s in counseling psychology programs,” Tierney concludes. “CIIS continues to train effective clinicians, to offer a personal and transformative experience, and to integrate clinical and theoretical knowledge for the benefit of our students and the communities they serve.”

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The fourth annual Founders Symposium on Integral Consciousness was held at CIIS on May 4, 2012. The all-day conference featured speakers on a variety of topics that ranged from global peace to the problem of evil in integral philosophy. The annual conference is held in celebration of the Institute’s cofounders, Haridas and Bina Chaudhuri.

President Joseph L. Subbiondo opened the Symposium by making a strong case for the idea that CIIS was started with the issue of global peace as a major focus. Subbiondo reminded the audience that the forerunner of CIIS, the American Academy of Asian Studies, was created in 1951 by businessman Louis Gainsborough in the wake of World War II, and at a time when the United States was fighting in Korea: “Gainsborough founded the Academy because he was convinced that in order to have peace in the world, the East and the West needed to understand and appreciate each other. In the 1950s, the notion of peace-building education was both a forward-thinking concept as well as a courageous act.”

To achieve peace, Subbiondo went on to recommend two goals: personal transformation and social transformation. He cited several examples of how CIIS is working today to realize those goals, including the recently established Clinic Without Walls, which provides counseling onsite to residents of public housing, and the interreligious dialogue that CIIS promotes through its academic programs and through its Public Programs & Performances division.

Other keynote speakers included Robert McDermott, former CIIS president and current professor and chair of Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness. McDermott spoke on the topic “From the Bhagavad Gita to CIIS, by Way of Sri Aurobindo and Haridas Chaudhuri.” In his talk, McDermott traced the roots of integral yoga from the earliest texts of Hinduism through its more recent exponents, concluding that, “Consciousness is the agency of the transformation of the material.”

Hilary Anderson, former professor, dean, and a founding board member of CIIS, spoke on “CIIS—School of Destiny.” Anderson, who declared “I was in the first stage of the rocket,” recalled studying with CIIS founder Haridas Chaudhuri, in a class of only ten or fifteen students in the early days of the American Academy of Asian Studies. Anderson stressed that CIIS has always done well by steering its own course, resisting offers to be absorbed by larger institutions. “We always have to build in the idea of integrity,” Anderson maintained, “because that’s our significance.”

Professor Jim Ryan took on the challenging theme of “Reconciling the Irreconcilable: Facing the Problems of ‘Integral’ Theory and Practice,” an effort to understand evil in the framework of nondualism. Ryan advocated a holistic perspective while warning against a refusal to see complexity: “Unity and diversity are two sides of the same coin,” he said. “If you get blissed out on oneness, you’ve missed the boat.”

This year’s symposium for the first time featured a session on “Mystical Teachings and Contemplative Practices in Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” featuring Ellen Arife Hammerle, Charles Burack, and Thomas Cattoi, and moderated by Brendan Collins.

The symposium also featured two events related to films, including a screening of Brian Swimme’s movie Journey of the Universe, and a discussion of CIIS alum Alan Baiss’s film-in-progress, Conscious. Baiss also produced the films Integral Consciousness, and Conversations with Bina, the latter based on interviews with CIIS cofounder Bina Chaudhuri. Baiss’s new film features conversations with a number of figures with strong ties to CIIS, including Michael Murphy, Brian Swimme, Sean Kelly, Brant Cortright, and Fariba Bogzaran. For more information about Conscious, please visit www.integralinspirations.com.

Symposium on Integral Consciousness Showcases CIIS Research

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To read talks from past CIIS symposia, please see these publications, some of which are available online:

2011 Symposium papers:
Integral Review, Volume 8, No. 1:
http://integral-review.org/current_issue/index.asp

2010 Symposium papers:
Integral Review, Volume 7, No. 1:
http://integral-review.org/back_issues/backissue13_Vol7No1_CIIS/index.asp

2009 Symposium papers:
ReVision, Volume 31, No. 1:
Available at CIIS bookstore or online via subscription for the general public. Faculty, staff, and current students can access free online copies of ReVision. Go to CIIS Library website (http://library.ciis.edu/), Click on the “CIIS Journals” link and follow the link to CIIS Journals. Click on the “R” section for ReVision.
Luis Aroche is part of the first group of Moscone Scholars to attend CIIS. The Institute began the Moscone Scholars program to provide scholarships to public employees of the City of San Francisco who wish to finish their BA degrees. The scholarships are named in honor of George R. Moscone (1929–1978), who served as mayor of San Francisco and as majority leader of the California State Senate. Moscone was assassinated at the same time as Harvey Milk.

“The Moscone Scholarships are a wonderful way to honor and remember a mayor and legislator who made an enormous impact in his too-short life,” says CIIS President Joseph L. Subbiondo.

Luis Aroche seems like a very appropriate candidate for this program. He is the first alternative sentencing planner to be hired by a district attorney in California, part of a new statewide plan to keep low-risk offenders from being incarcerated with high-risk state prisoners.

“It’s my job to screen cases that go before the San Francisco district attorney’s office,” Aroche explains, “to see if there are ways that alternative sentencing can work in certain cases.” The program is only used for inmates whose offenses fit the “the three nons”—non-sex-offenders, nonviolent, and non-serious crimes.

“San Francisco has the highest rate of recidivism among inmates of any county in California,” Aroche

The spiritual emphasis at CIIS also appeals to Aroche. “I’m a santero, a priest in the African-based Santería religion,” he says. “I also like the fundamental values of the founders of CIIS.”

“My job sometimes makes the world feel as if it’s all concrete and bars,” Aroche observes. “I hope that studying at CIIS will give me a different perspective, one I can take back to my work place.”

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ALUMNI PROFILE:
Fania E. Davis

“I grew up in Alabama at the time of the civil rights movement,” recalls Fania Davis. “People called my neighborhood Dynamite Hill because there were so many bombings of houses that black families were moving into.”

Davis remembers one bombing all too vividly: “The single most important event in my development was that two of my childhood friends were killed when a black church was bombed in Birmingham.”

Those early events shaped Davis’s life in many ways. “The experience in Birmingham sent me on the path of a warrior for justice.” She got involved in political movements for many causes, including civil rights, anti-war, feminism, anti-apartheid, and economic justice.

“I became a lawyer partly to be a more effective political advocate, and partly when my sister, Angela Davis, went on trial for her life,” Fania Davis recounts. But the more she became a warrior for justice, the more Fania Davis felt she had to recover some equilibrium to sustain her commitments: “The anger and bellicose stance you’re required to have to be a good trial lawyer was throwing me out of balance. I was ready to do something completely different.”

She heard her yoga teacher discussing CIIS, and Davis remembers telling herself, They believe in learning with the whole person, the heart, the mind, and the body. This might work. Davis applied to a PhD program at CIIS in Integral Studies with an emphasis on Traditional Knowledge. As part of the program, she traveled to West Africa and South Africa, where she apprenticed herself to healers in several traditions.

Not long after she finished her dissertation in 2003, Davis went to a conference where she learned about restorative justice. “Instead of responding to harm with more harm,” Davis explains, “restorative justice seeks to heal the relationships that were damaged.” In further elucidating the concept in a recent article in Tikkun magazine, Davis cites the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.’s historic definition of justice as “love correcting that which revolts against love.”

One widely known example of restorative justice took place in South Africa after apartheid, when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission heard testimony from both victims and perpetrators of human rights violations, granting amnesty in a select number of cases.

“Restorative justice is a philosophical framework, a set of principles that invites a paradigm shift in the way we think about and do justice, and in the way we respond to wrongdoing.” Davis points out that the State of California pays approximately $250,000 a year to incarcerate a youth in a state facility, but that those prisons have a 90% recidivism rate. “Our system replicates and reproduces harm,” Davis reasons. “Restorative justice seeks to interrupt this terrible and tragic cycle to create justice that heals.”

Davis cites the recent example of a student in an Oakland public high school who had his head on his desk. When his teacher repeatedly insisted he sit up straight, he called her a bitch. The teacher threatened to suspend the student. A facilitator from RJOY was called in to try to resolve the situation.

“It turned out there was a backstory,” Davis describes. “The student’s mother hadn’t been home for days, and he’d been taking care of a younger sibling, worried, not sleeping. The restorative justice facilitator brought together all the parties involved—the teacher, the student, the student’s mother.” The student agreed to do chores for the teacher to atone for the name-calling, the teacher promised to ask for information before disciplining in the future, and the mother got connected to drug rehabilitation services. Several months later, the student is doing much better.

Recently Fania Davis was elected to the CIIS board of trustees. “I’m grateful to be named to the board,” Davis says. “It feels synchronistic. I’m also excited about the possibilities for collaborations between RJOY and CIIS,” she continues, “particularly for CIIS students.”

“Restorative justice seeks to create justice that heals.”
John Prendergast (ICP ’80, CLN ’86) has been an adjunct professor in the ICP program for over two decades and also supervises trainees and interns. He is senior editor of two anthologies and cofounded the Conference on Nondual Wisdom and Psychotherapy: www.listening-fromsilence.com. He is also the editor-in-chief of Undivided: The Online Journal of Nonduality and Psychology: www.undividedjournal.com.

Seth Farber (COU ’84) has published the book The Spiritual Gift of Madness: The Failure of Psychiatry and the Rise of the Mad Pride Movement. This historical and philosophical account of the mental patients’ liberation movement is presented with a transpersonal paradigm of madness and social change. Farber integrates insights that he hopes will revolutionize the way professionals and scholars in psychology understand “psychopathology”—and spiritual transformation. www.sethfarber.com

Thomas Armstrong (EWP ’87) has written his fourteenth book, The Power of Neurodiversity: Unleashing the Advantages of Your Differently Wired Brain (DaCapo/Perseus). He is presenting on this topic in Boston and the Philippines. His current projects include a novel and a book for special educators.

Greg Bogart (ICP ’88) is a faculty member in the programs in Integral Counseling Psychology and East-West Psychology at CIIS and has recently published a new book entitled Planets in Therapy. www.gregbogart.com

Cristina Olsen (PAR ’92) has published Nature in the Lives of Saints Brigit, Patrick and Columba. Originally completed as her dissertation, it was recently acquired by an international academic publisher. She works in private practice as a coach and consultant. www.cristinaolsen.com

Tina Fields (EWP 01) has written a paper titled “We Ain’t Got No Wildlife Here: Transformative Effects of a Contemplative Assignment in Ecoliteracy.” Naropa University chose the paper as one of three Green Papers to meet President Obama’s 2012 campus challenge and features the paper on their website.

Cynthia Morrow (ICP ’95, EXA CER ’95) co-leads Mojave Wilderness Vision Fast: Awakening the Inner Fire trips in California. The eleven-day ceremony involves four days of preparation, four days and nights of fasting alone in a wilderness place, and three days of incorporation. For information on the next trip: cynthia@earthways.info.

Sandra Beyerle (CLN ’97) is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice in San Francisco and San Mateo. Her specialization is Jungian psychotherapy and she supervises psychological assistants as well as medical students at UC San Francisco. She is currently in training with the Rudolph Steiner Mystery School.

Michael Grofe (SCA ’98) specializes in Maya hieroglyphic writing and archeoastronomy. His research explores how applied theoretical astronomy is interwoven with mythological narratives through Maya hieroglyphic inscription. He leads field courses with the Maya Exploration Center and teaches anthropology at American River College, Sacramento City College, and Santa Rosa Junior College.


Marianne Murray (ISD ’01) divides her time between the U.S. and the U.K. She is on the faculty at the Academy for the Love of Learning in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she co-leads the core program: Leading by Being. In the U.K. and Europe, she facilitates holotropic breathwork, and is exploring the integration of this and other experiential methodologies within educational and mental health contexts.

Milan Vodicka (ISD ’02) presented his paper “Integral Paradigm of Complexity—The Role of Institutions” at the International Conference in Smolene, Slovakia, in spring 2012. The conference was sponsored by Slovak Academy of Sciences under the auspices of the president of the Slovak Republic. Vodicka’s dissertation on Organizational Transformation in Business is published on Amazon Kindle.

Mari P. Ziolkowski (WS ’03) has recently published a new book called Fierce Shakti/Fierce Love, based on her dissertation work at CIIS. She has been staff and adjunct faculty at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology since 2005.

Sean Esbjörn-Hargens (PCC ’05) is the founding CEO of MetaIntegral. He is an expert on integral theory and its application, playing a significant role in creating the field of integral theory. He is a leading “scholar-practitioner” in integral studies and has published many articles on applying the integral model to a wide range of topics, including education, ecology, sustainable development, the science and religion debate, and consciousness studies.
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Sara Lederer (PSY ‘07), associate professor at Antioch University in Los Angeles, developed the trauma specialization for the psychology department. She also teaches at Argosy University, Loyola Marymount, and Ryokan College in Los Angeles. In her private practice with Plotkin and Associates, she specializes in anxiety and mood disorders.

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Jill Benioff (PSY ‘07) is a clinical psychologist who offers Vedic astrology consultations to individuals, couples and children. She also offers astrocartography, targeting geographic connections in a person’s astrological chart to highlight locations where they can thrive. She studied Vedic astrology with teachers in the U.S., Europe, and India.

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Darcy Lyon (EXA ’08) has a private practice in San Francisco where she integrates Eastern and Western psychological principles. She also teaches at Yoga Tree. She has been hired by Federal Emergency Management Agency to create a puppet show for traumatized children, developed a yoga program for an eating disorder clinic, and developed a six-month intensive that blends yoga and psychology. Her book of poetry, The Wisdom of Desire, was published. She has taught workshops on the role of the libidinal stream at Green Gulch Zen Center; and at retreat centers in Maui, Mexico, and Amsterdam.

Amir Sabzevary (ACS ‘08) is a professor of philosophy and the humanities at Laney College in Oakland. His dissertation was published by Lambert Academic Publishing: Choiceless Awareness: Psychological Freedom in the Philosophy of Krishnamurti.

Beja Alisheva (EXA ’09), previously called Becki Tinsley, is a queer-identified visual artist, writer, yoga teacher, and community organizer, working as an intensive case manager in the Tenderloin in San Francisco. She blogs and leads dialogues with the White Noise Collective, and organizes with HAVOQ (Horizontal Alliance of Very Organized Queers).

Joanna Duong (BAC ’98, ACS ’00, HUM ’09) has travelled back to Cambodia many times since arriving in San Francisco in 1974. She operated the popular San Francisco restaurant Angkor Wat from 1979 to 2005, and has recently published A Cambodian Cookbook, a collection of traditional and modern recipes.

Oren Kroll-Zeldin (SCA ’10) received the 2012 Haas/Koshland Memorial Award from the Jewish Community Federation for his work focusing on Jewish-Palestinian alliance-building movements. He will use the award to conduct fieldwork in Jerusalem for his CIIS doctoral dissertation. He teaches high school students at Midrasha in Berkeley.

Erin Kuntze (PSY ’10) recently opened a psychotherapy office in Los Angeles. She also conducts an interpersonal psychotherapy group. She regularly gives presentations on the impact of stigma on the lives of sex workers based on her dissertation, Exotic Dancers and the Therapeutic Encounter.

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Neil Schierholz (PSY ’11) provides character analytic orgone therapy in private practice in San Francisco. In addition, he offers intense process groups for intact work teams (executive/senior management teams, boards of directors, etc.), as well as individual leadership therapy and personality conflict management in organizations. He plans to expand his practice to Southern California later this year.

Alvin Bernstine (CMH ’12) partnered with CIIS faculty member Denise Boston to offer “Rites of Passage” at his church in Richmond, California, where members of the congregation provide mentoring and financial support. The program is community-based, intergenerational, and a great model of how groups can work together to support youth. —Richard Buggs

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An alumni networking event and art show was held in Brooklyn, New York, on June 29, 2012. Devotion Gallery owner Brian Jackson (EWP ’99) hosted the event with original art by Kesha Young (SCA ’01) on display.

On Sunday, May 20, 2012, CIIS conferred degrees on graduates who finished their program in the past year. The degrees granted included BA, MA, MFA, PhD, and PsyD.

CIIS also awarded honorary doctorates to Angela Alioto, former president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and longtime social justice advocate; and Lee G. Bolman, holder of the Marion H. Bloch/Missouri Chair in Leadership at the Bloch School of Management at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, and coauthor of Leading with Soul.