

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Due January 15, 2017

Holos Institute Conference on Ecopsychology

Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Earthrise Retreat Center the Institute of Noetic Sciences, Petaluma, CA

THEME: Re-visioning Psychological Landscapes: nurturing resilience and response-ability.

The 2017 Holos Institute Conference intends to bring together a community of clinicians, healing arts professionals, and others who share concern for the environment to forge a way forward in these challenging times. Together we will create community, explore collaboration, refine ideas, and engender hope and resilience. **We are thrilled that Joanna Macy has graciously accepted to be our keynote speaker, and we invite you to join us!**

In the last conferences that Holos offered, we were deeply impressed with the sincerity of the community and the deep desire to connect with like-minded professionals as we cultivate a unified vision. Given the current political and environmental climate, there is an even more pressing need for each of us to find our voice and a way to make change. We hope that this conference can address this, and offer both inspiration as well as concrete applications to carry into the world.

Our aim is to speak to these key ideas:

- The evolution of psychology from a Cartesian based concept to one that embraces the vast and radical interdependence of all beings, including the natural world.
- The separatist movement that is currently dominating our culture and threatening the health and well-being of all humans, animals, and the planet.
- The role of social justice and diversity in our plight, as well as our relationship to the environment across racial, cultural, and economic differences.
- The exploration of what this new psychology looks like in practice and how it may be called upon to ease the anxiety, distress, and fear that arises in the current world situation.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Presentation Proposals are now being requested!

We welcome proposals that speak to aspects of the conference theme. Presentations do not need to follow traditional academic guidelines, but are expected to be well-informed, grounded and researched topics that come from the heart and from deep, extended clinical practice. We encourage creative thinking and lively presentations that engage the audience. We discourage personal promotion in the presentations, however we will provide a table for presenter's books,

brochures, etc. and presenters will get a generous introduction.

Presentations may be of 4 types:

- 1) 15-19 minute topic presentations (talks with audio/visual components as available)
These are succinct presentations that are similar to what one might see at a TED talk or a Bioneers main presentation. We currently believe that we can fit in 4 to 6 such presentations.
- 2) 45 minute “breakout” experiential workshops
A limited number of these will be offered following our lunch break. We will be using the outdoor spaces at IONs to offer these experiences. These include the labyrinth, the oak grove, the garden, or on some of the walking trails. We are looking for programs that engage the participants and give them a real-time example of a principle of ecopsychology.
- 3) Poster Presentations
These will be on display at designated tables in the main conference room and will be available to participants in a non-interactive way during lunch (unstaffed) and in an interactive way in the hour after lunch (staffed by presenter). These should include handout materials and well-organized posters expressing your theme. Also consider offering 5 - 20 minute talks at your table several times.
- 4) Post-conference workshops
Holos will sponsor a very limited number of post-conference workshops to be held on Sunday, March 19. We will not be renting dedicated space for these but rather the presenter will need to choose a safe outdoor location or provide a space in which to offer the program. These may be 2 to 6 hour long experiential programs in applied ecopsychology. Holos will manage the registration but the presenter will be solely responsible for carrying out the program. These programs will be marketed as optional post-conference programs, for which attendees and/or non-conference attendees may register. These should be clearly applicable directly to clinicians. We currently have 2 programs planned as post-conference workshops focused on psychotherapy in nature and equine assisted therapy.

HOW TO APPLY: (kindly follow these details carefully)

Send your proposals as a PDF via email to jan@holosinstitute.net. The subject line should read “Conference Proposal.” Please include some additional info in the text of the email that introduces yourself and helps us connect to you and understand your intentions.

We encourage you to send a brief email as soon as you are clear of your intentions. Kindly include a short description of your idea and type of proposal.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2017. We will begin reviewing submissions on January 2. You will receive a response by Jan 30.

Proposal Requirements:

- a. Your full name, title and contact info (email, phone, website, etc.)
- b. The type of presentation you are proposing (from options listed above)
- c. A working title
- d. A 100-word description of your presentation
- e. Any audio/visual or other aide that you will require
- f. A 40-word bio for the conference materials
- g. Background info to introduce yourself to us which should include who you are, where else have you presented this, etc. (as PDF or in body of e-mail)

If you are proposing a breakout session workshop (#2) also include:

- a. A list of 1-2 actionable learning objectives (we need this for CEUS)
- b. A syllabus, outline or description of the workshop layout on a 10 minute increments.

If you are proposing a post-conference workshop (#4) also include:

- a. A 250-word description of your workshop
- b. A list of 3-6 actionable learning objectives
- c. A syllabus or rough outline of the workshop in 10 – 30 minute increments
- d. Your resume and list where and when you have offered this program before
- e. Where you will offer this and what accommodations you can make if needed
- g. What fees you typically charge (per person and/or per event) for such a workshop.

If accepted, we will request additional details and work with you to refine your program. Holos will manage registration and communication with workshop participants.

We plan to offer CEUs to MFTs, LCSWs and LPCs for most of these and therefore will need a fair amount of detail to satisfy the CAMFT requirements.

Accepted presenters will receive free conference admission, lunch and will be listed on our website and all PR materials and are welcome to bring promotional materials and books for sale. We regret that we cannot offer honorariums to presenters. However, in addition to the above, people presenting post-conference workshops will receive 80% of all registration fees for their particular program.

Please contact Holos Institute with any questions.

Thank you!