

Multiple Versions of the World

A conference celebrating Gregory Bateson's centennial
and his continued influence

"What is the pattern which connects the crab to the lobster and the orchid to the primrose, and all of them to me and me to you?" --Gregory Bateson

Friday, November 19, 2004

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Pre-Conference Reception: Meet Speakers and Sponsors
Outstanding wines provided by Joseph Phelps Vineyards (St Helena, CA);
evening reception for conferees
to meet with Conference speakers and sponsors

Saturday, November 20, 2004

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Day-long conference program
convened at University of California, Berkeley
Lawrence Hall of Science
(www.LawrenceHallofScience.org)

This program supported by generous gifts from the Collective Heritage Institute and the University of California, Berkeley and UCB's Anthropology Department.

Schedule

8:00am

conference bookstore opens in room 140
registration opens

9:00am

welcome from conference co-chair: Gordon Feller
welcome from hosts -- University of California, Berkeley
welcome from New York video tele-conference co-chair: David Levine, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Manhattan

9:15am

a surprise from Gregory Bateson himself

BATESON AT ONE HUNDRED: WHAT IT MEANS – Two Perspectives

**Mary Catherine Bateson, Ph.D.*

President of Institute for Intercultural Studies (New York)

author: “Composing a Life”

author with Gregory Bateson: “Angels Fear: Towards an Epistemology of the Sacred”

**James Ogilvy, Ph.D.*

Co-founder, Global Business Network (California)

author: “Creating Better Futures”, “Many Dimensional Man” and other books.

--followed by Q&A

10:00am

BATESON AT ASILOMAR IN 1979

Special Feature: Carol Wilder’s video tribute to Gregory Bateson, followed by a presentation

**Carol Wilder, Ph.D.*

Assoc. Dean and Chair, Dept. of Communication, New School University (New York)

author: “Rigor and Imagination: Essays from the Legacy of Gregory Bateson”

--followed by Q&A

10: 30am

Coffee break

11:00am

UNDERSTANDING ECOLOGICAL AESTHETICS: BATESON'S CHALLENGE

**Peter Harries-Jones, Ph.D.*

Prof. of Anthropology (Emeritus), York University (Ontario)

author: “A Recursive Vision: Ecological Understanding and Gregory Bateson”

--followed by Q&A

11:25am

GLOBAL CHANGES AND THE METAPATTERNS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR

**Tyler Volk, Ph.D.*

Associate Professor, Biology Dept., New York University (NY)

author: "Metapatterns Across Space, Time, and Mind"

--followed by Q&A

12:15pm

Luncheon

1:15pm

Presentation

STEPS TO A PATTERN OF GOOD AND EVIL: BATESON'S EPISTEMOLOGY OF SPLITTING

**Charles Hampden-Turner*

Senior Research Associate in International and Strategic Management

Judge Institute of Management Studies

University of Cambridge (UK)

--followed by Q&A

2:15pm

THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY

Film's release date: next fall, with a total running time of 1 hour

"Sneak Preview" of a 14 minute segment of Nora Bateson's new film tribute to Gregory Bateson, with production support from the Human Potential Media Foundation

--followed by Q&A

2:40pm

THE BATESONIAN DIFFERENCE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE

**Terrence Deacon, Ph.D.*

Professor, Department of Anthropology and Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute
University of California (Berkeley)

author: "The Symbolic Species: The Coevolution of Language and the Brain"; (1997); and "Homunculus" (2005)

--followed by Q&A

GAZING OVER THE HORIZON: BATESON'S SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOSEMIOTICS

**Jesper Hoffmeyer, Ph.D.*

University of Copenhagen, Department of Biological Chemistry; author, "Signs of Meaning in the Universe" (Denmark)

--followed by Q&A

3:20pm

Coffee break

3:40pm

WHAT BATESON'S WORK MEANS FOR CHANGING SYSTEMS
Break Out into Two Rooms

ROOM ONE – main meeting space

**Nathan Gray*

Co-founder OXFAM America
founder, EarthTrain

Chairman, Gateway Pacific Foundation (Berkeley, California)

**Richard Rathbun*

President of the Board, Foundation for Global Community (Palo Alto, California)

ROOM TWO – room #150 (max. capacity 60 people)

**Lynn Hoffman, Ph.D.*

Adjunct Lecturer, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, St. Joseph College
(Connecticut)

**Wendel A. Ray, Ph.D.*

Director of the Mental Research Institute (Menlo Park, California)
Professor of Marriage & Family Therapy, University of Louisiana

**Robert W. Rieber, Ph.D.*

Editor: "The Individual, Communication, and Society: Essays in Memory of
Gregory Bateson", Cambridge University Press, 1990

4:20pm: Plenary

JOB RETURNS: A MEDITATION INSPIRED BY BATESON'S COPY OF
WILLIAM BLAKE'S "ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE BOOK OF JOB"

**Stephen Nachmanovitch, Ph.D. (Virginia)*

author "Free Play: Improvisation in Life & Art"

--followed by Q&A

4:50pm: Plenary

ONE MAN'S VISION CHANGES THE WORLD: BATESON'S CONTRIBUTIONS
TO HUMANITY

**Kenny Ausubel*

Founder & President, Collective Heritage Institute
Co-Founder, the Bioneers Conference (New Mexico)

--followed by Q&A

**Jerry Brown*

Mayor of Oakland, former Governor of California

--followed by Q&A

**Dr. Jean Houston*

Co-director, Foundation for Mind Research (CA and NY)
Past Pres., Association for Humanistic Psychology

5:30pm

Closing

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