

ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL AND CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES, INC.
42ND ANNUAL ASPECTS OF CONSCIOUSNESS CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: JUNE 7 - JUNE 11, 2017, SHERATON, CHAPEL HILL, NC
SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (VISIT ASCSICONFERENCE.ORG)

WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2017

4 pm - 7 pm

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

5:30 pm - 7 pm

RECEPTION IN SHERATON LOUNGE

7 pm - 8:45 pm

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE - Lee Lawrence

**KEYNOTE: Gary Schwartz - Validating the Collaborating Spirits Hypothesis:
 Convincing Evidence from Converging Experiments**

How do we scientifically document whether specific spirits are actively collaborating in ongoing afterlife research? This is especially important in current research on communication with spirits where a distinguished team of deceased scientists in spirit form seems to be playing a central role in the design and testing of the scientific development of spirit communication technology. Gary E Schwartz, PhD, will explain how convincing evidence is converging from five types of research.

8:45 pm - 9 pm

BREAK

9 pm - 10:15 pm

Richard Shulman - Sacred Music:

Experience mystical states of consciousness with the vehicle of music

THURSDAY, June 8, 2017

9 am - 10:30

KEYNOTE: Lee Lawrence - Science of the Soul

Lee Lawrence is known as “The Man Who Reads Souls.” His ability to read the stored memories in people’s soul fields – a skill he has explored for twenty five years ever since his near-death experience – has revealed a wealth of information and insight into the anatomy and physiology of the human psyche. Lee demonstrates the reality of the energetic soul field with public demonstrations during his talk... come and see for yourself the evidence of this non-intrusive, replicable process.

10:30 - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am - Noon
*Choice of
 presentation*

**Dr. Theresa Yuschok - The Science of
 Joy: Tending to the Soul’s Garden**

We are born with a capacity for joy, like a seed. How do we tend to our soul’s garden? What do we do when fertilizer happens? Psychiatrist Theresa Yuschok will weave together an inspiring workshop with poetry, positive psychology research, and exercises.

**Cindy Griffith-Bennett - The Mystic’s
 Journey to Enlightenment**

A Mystic is one who has achieved spiritual maturity and union with the Divine. Some mystics gave instructions to their seekers so they too could reach this high level of spiritual growth. When you compare and contrast their directions, you gain a powerful, non-denominational approach to spiritual maturity and, ultimately, oneness with the Divine. Join Cindy as you hop on the highway to spiritual maturity!

noon - 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

THURSDAY, June 8, 2017 (continued)

1:30 pm - 3 pm

KEYNOTE: Dale Graff - Dreaming the Future - Signals from Beyond Space and Time

Various types of spontaneous precognitive dreams are illustrated. Experiencing precognitive dreams intentionally through experimental and practice methods are reviewed. Dreaming about future news photographs and other future picture methods are summarized. Implications for consciousness and spiritual awareness, and speculations on time and retrocausation are considered.

3 pm - 3:15 pm

BREAK

3:15 - 4:45 pm

Byron Belitsos - Your Evolving Soul: The Cosmic Spirituality of the Urantia Revelation

Your Evolving Soul provides an introduction to the cosmology, theology, and philosophy of the Urantia teaching, and reveals its many affinities with contemporary integral theory and modern theology.

Carol Vengroff - The Museum of Consciousness: What is it?

Carol will introduce the audience to the Museum of Consciousness project and her inspirational journey that began with a life-altering near-death experience at the age of 12. Attendees will find out why the Museum of Consciousness is exciting the imaginations of leaders in art, design, science, spirituality, health, business and other sectors around the world.

4:45 - 6:15 pm

DINNER

6:15 - 7:45 pm

KEYNOTE: Kevin Todeschi - Edgar Cayce on Dreams: Your Pathway to Personal Guidance and Intuition

Everyone dreams but few individuals are aware of the fact that their dreams often provide accurate and detailed counsel into every area of one's life. Not only physical, mental, and spiritual guidance but also accurate personal guidance related to relationships, work, health, finances – even one's personal future!

7:45 pm - 8 pm

BREAK

8 pm - 9:15 pm

Nitin Adsul - Gifts of Meditation in Filmmakers Life!

During this presentation, he will provide real events in his life as he transitioned from a nine to five computer job to a filmmaker. How Kundalini re-shaped life choices, and how my personality was influenced to find the real meaning and to live it literally.

Robert Roskind - Spirituality of the Hopi Indians

Robert has visited the Havasupai in their ancient village on the floor of the Grand Canyon. Listen in as they reason with elders of the Hopi, one of the most spiritual and culturally-intact tribes, whose sacred Ceremonial Cycle holds all human wisdom. Visit the "Valley of the Vapors," where many tribes once gathered in peace. Join them as they host One Love concerts and events in the U.S. - spreading a message of love and forgiveness, following in the footsteps of The Peacemaker of the ancient Iroquois Confederacy. Welcome home to the Beauty Path!

Choice of presentation

9:15 - 9:30 pm

BREAK

9:30 pm

FILM SCREENING: KUNDALINI - AN AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILM BY Nitin Adsul

There is a force that everyone is entitled to, that can bring the fulfillment his or her lives desire. That evolutionary force is Kundalini. Beyond science, beyond religion; Kundalini is the SOURCE of the FORCE.

FRIDAY, June 9, 2017

9 am - 10:30 am

KEYNOTE: Kevin Todeschi - - How Core Concepts from the Edgar Cayce Material can Change Your Life!

As student and teacher of the Edgar Cayce material for more than 40 years, Kevin Todeschi, the Executive Director and CEO of the Cayce work and Atlantic University is uniquely qualified to give you insights into how the Cayce material (and Cayce's organization) can help with profound personal change.

10:30 - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am - Noon

Choice of presentation

Ann Albers - Touching Heaven: Accessing Expanded States of Consciousness

Ann guides you to easily & naturally access angels and expanded realities. She'll end with a "gaze" – a demonstration of surrender to a pure loving consciousness that often catalyzes expanded states, visionary experiences, and at times, spontaneous healing.

Brian Foster - The Levels of Heaven

In The Levels of Heaven, different spheres are reviewed and how one ascends from one level to the next; how cities in heaven are organized; how we never stop learning; how we shall find our family members; and how your mind is the most powerful tool you possess – that thought is action in heaven.

Noon - 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 pm - 3 pm

KEYNOTE: Alex Doman - You Don't Have to Die to Have a Near Death Experience

On July 19, 2012 Alexander had a profound near death experience while driving home from work with the added benefit of not being physically near death. He will discuss his instantaneous transformation of every facet of his life from that moment forward and his exploration of mind altering experiences. Along the way, he will show how we really can connect the dots of our everyday experiences to show that everything really does happen for a reason. Miracles that go beyond our knowledge of physical reality really do happen. As we open up to higher dimensions of reality, the impossible becomes not just possible but real.

3 pm - 3:15 pm

BREAK

3:15 - 4:45 pm

Choice of presentation

Suzanne and Robert Mays - Near-Death Experience Phenomena Identify the Neural Correlates of the Mind-Brain Interface

The phenomenology of near-death experiences (NDEs) strongly suggests the existence of a separate, autonomous mind or psyche. In an NDE, the mind appears to exist and operate independent of the physical brain and body. If the mind entity is real, there should be ample evidence of its presence in brain processes during ordinary waking consciousness.

Rev. Tom Leach - The Cosmic 2x4: A Cautionary Tale

Discussion of my life before my NDE experience, what happened when I died and the after effects and integration process. An interactive workshop exploring the meaning of the message that Tom was sent back with.

4:45 - 6:15 pm

DINNER BREAK

6:15 - 7:45 pm

KEYNOTE: Dr. Bruce Greyson - The Science and Spirit of Near-Death Experiences

He will discuss what we have learned about near-death experiences through 40 years of scientific research, and aspects of NDEs may remain outside the realm of scientific research.

FRIDAY, June 9, 2017 (continued)

7:45 pm - 8 pm

BREAK

8 pm - 9:15 pm

Ginette Nachman- Psychic Stigma

Many individuals who have psychic experiences are reluctant to share them due to fears that they will be thought less of or misunderstood. The aim of this presentation is to shed light on psychic stigma and its various manifestations from the impact on individuals who have psychic experiences to the scientists who study this area of human functioning and how this research is viewed. The various underlying contributors to psychic stigma will be explored with the goal of finding ways to move beyond stigmatization.

9:15 - 9:30 pm

BREAK

9:30 pm

CONFERENCE FESTIVITIES

SATURDAY, June 10, 2017

9 am - 10:30 am

KEYNOTE: Dr. Will Keepin - Belonging to God: Spirituality, Science & a Universal Path of Divine Love

BELONGING TO GOD is a vast exploration of divine love in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism—as seen through the scriptures and the writings of leading mystics from these traditions—that presents a glorious universal path of love that is illuminated equally by modern science and ancient wisdom. As Keepin explains, “The transformative path of divine love is the greatness of each of these traditions, and it is their entire purpose in the first place: to transform the human being into a living instrument of divine love and will.” Weaving together incisive religious inquiry and ancient wisdom with modern scientific breakthroughs, Keepin offers a way forward for anyone who yearns for an inclusive spirituality that can encompass both deep intellectual insight and devotional abandon of the heart. It is also invaluable for spiritual seekers who yearn to discover how their particular faith intersects with other religions at the deepest level.

10:30 - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am - Noon

Choice of presentation

Bob Trowbridge - Consciousness: The Fluidity of Being, Dreaming & Waking

In this workshop we will talk about two broad areas of feedback to be found in our dreams and waking life experiences. Our dreams are a rich source for a legion of identities, personalities, and characters. These represent an incredibly diverse reservoir of qualities, characteristics, and abilities that exist within us and, I would argue, are accessible to us.

Rev. Steve Barrell - Scry Me a River: Crystal Gazing & the Psychomanteum

“Scrying”, the divinatory art of gazing into a reflective surface with intention to obtain specific answers or information, has recently been adapted, as the Psychomanteum, for spirit communication with discarnate loved ones. A brief history of crystal gazing precedes a discussion of Dr. Raymond Moody’s and others’ research, and includes the showing of a portion of Dr. Moody’s documentary, “Through the Tunnel”.

Noon - 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

SATURDAY, June 10, 2017 (continued)

1:30 pm - 3 pm

KEYNOTE: Marjorie Woollacott - Infinite Awareness: The Awakening of a Scientific Mind

At the beginning of her professional career, neuroscientist, Marjorie Woollacott had no doubt that the brain was solely a physical entity and was controlled by chemical reactions and electrical impulses. The first time she meditated, however, she had a glimpse of another possibility—an undeniable experience of unlikely and uncharted energy. In this talk, Woollacott presents evidence from both meditators and scientists regarding the—astonishing!—possibilities of human consciousness. Through her integration of data from objective science and subjective spirituality, Woollacott breaks open the issue of human consciousness and investigates the existence of the non-physical and infinitely powerful human mind.

3:15 - 3:30 pm

BREAK

3:30 - 4:45 pm

Dr. Alan Hugenot - The Weighing of the Heart

Explanation of how NDE verifies the ancient Egyptian Myth of the Weighing of the Heart, and explores how this mythic legend still exists in Christianity, but how Reincarnation and the NDE were methodically removed from the Faith, yet remains in most world religions.

Dr. Larry Burk - Medical Intuition: Is it real and does it work?

Modern fascination with medical intuition, the ability to make a diagnosis without history, physical examination or laboratory studies, can be traced back to Edgar Cayce. However, despite an abundance of encouraging anecdotes that continue to accumulate to the present day, the scant scientific research to date is inconclusive. In this presentation, clinical case reports based on work with numerous medical intuitives will be reviewed along with the available scientific literature.

Choice of presentation

4:45 pm - 5 pm

BREAK

5:00 - 7:30 pm

BANQUET & KEYNOTE: Dr. Mary Neal - To Heaven and Back

God and His angelic messengers are present and active in our world today and this involvement and intervention is both ordinary in its frequency and extraordinary in its occurrence. Despite leading what I would consider a very ordinary life, I have had the privilege of being touched by God in visible and very tangible ways.

7:30 - 7:45 pm

BREAK

7:45 pm - 9 pm

TO BE ANNOUNCED

9 pm - 'til

CONVENTION FESTIVITIES - MUSIC & SOCIALIZING

SUNDAY, June 11, 2017

9 am - 10:15 am

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presentation*

Sandy Briggs & Roy Mills - Bridging Heaven and Earth

This will be a joint presentation with authors Sandy Briggs and Roy Mills. Together, their testimonies give a rare but unique evidence of the survival of consciousness before and after life on earth.

David Bennett - A Journey to Coaching and Healing from the NDE Perspective

After integrating and working with the after-effects of an NDE, I use a method of coaching and healing that allows me to help clients modify the concept of their self toward positive and loving intentions. We are connected to a unified universe of potentiality, so I help explore a sense of Being, finding new doorways to inner peace and joy through exploring expanded awareness of client's potentials.

10:15 - 10:30 am

BREAK

10:30 - 11:45 am

*Choice of
presentation*

Rhonda Eklund-Schwartz - Living with Spirits and a Scientist

Rhonda Schwartz will talk about her unique relationship with spirit and how others might go about reaching out to their loved ones on the other side. She will discuss the Spirit Team and some of the mediums that she and her husband Dr. Gary Schwartz work with and the key roles they play in their research. Also, experiments currently being conducted in the laboratory will be shown, and Rhonda will explain how she interfaces with the Spirit Team during the running of those sessions.

Rev. Cynthia Brix - Spiritual Aspects of Social Consciousness Transforma- tion: Gender and Planetary Healing

Gender injustice is a collective spiritual crisis that afflicts all of humanity. Skillful work to bring masculine and feminine together in transformative group process provides a powerful leverage point for awakening the power of love and compassion in communities. Cynthia shares inspiring stories of spiritual transformation witnessed over 25 years of gender healing between women and men across multiple cultures—demonstrating that gender healing in community opens the hidden gateways to reclaiming the sacred union of the masculine and feminine divine.

11:45 am - Noon

BREAK

Noon - 12:30 pm

CLOSING

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SHERATON, CHAPEL HILL STAFF FOR HELPING TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. THANK YOU!