

Pacifica Graduate Institute and Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association Recipients of Wendy Davee Award for Service and Chancellor's Award for Excellence Named

HONORS AND RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN at the annual Pacifica Graduate Institute's Alumni Association meeting, January 16th to 18th, at the Ladera campus at 801 Ladera Lane. Part of *Coming Home*, a three-day weekend of educational festivities wrapped around their Annual Meeting, the Chancellor's Reception on January 16th will center on recognizing two alumni, Dr. Jill Griffin with the Wendy Davee Award for Service and Dr. Mark Whitehurst (CASA Magazine's Publisher) with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

While the weekend events are geared toward alumni, several are also free and open to the public.

Dr. Griffin is the recipient of the Second Annual Wendy Davee Award for Service, which honors alumni/ae who exemplify Wendy's dedication and spirit of soul tending through service in the community.

Founder of Squash Blossom Leadership in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dr. Griffin's lifelong love of the natural world and its impact on both physical and psychological health led her to write her dissertation on *Animals and Soul: Animals in Native American Mythologies and the Individuation Process*.

Dr. Griffin has worked with adolescent girls in northern New Mexico for more than eight years, first as a juvenile justice board contractor in Taos, then as the founder of Squash Blossom Leadership. The mission of Squash Blossom Leadership centers around cultivating leadership in the community, "from the inside out."

Apart from her work with Squash Blossom Leadership, Dr. Griffin also volunteers her time to the PGI Alumni Association, serving as Regional Coordinator for the New Mexico Pacifica Alumni. Her group has created a Salon series, and they meet and discuss their Pacifica studies, work, and research together regularly.

Dr. Mark Whitehurst is the recipient of the Association's first Chancellor's Award for Excellence, created to acknowledge and provide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence.

A community advocate, Dr. Whitehurst began his Santa Barbara experience by volunteering at the Joseph Campbell archive in 1992. Dr. Whitehurst is a lifelong

lover of the arts and a decades-long, steadfast supporter of the Santa Barbara arts community. Dr. Whitehurst wrote his dissertation on the *Archetypal Power of Music: The Improvisational Cadenza as a Model for Pedagogy* and completed his doctorate in 2010.

With a career in community publishing, Dr. Whitehurst began publishing *CASA Magazine* in 1993. The magazine has received numerous awards and was named Citizen of the Year by Downtown Santa Barbara in 2007, for playing an active role initiating the 1st Thursday Cultural Night.

He serves on the board of Downtown Santa Barbara and has been President and Treasurer for the 1400-member nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of the business, cultural, community, and environmental vitality of downtown Santa Barbara.

Dr. Whitehurst has been an instructor for Adult Education along with his partner Kerry Methner, co-teaching a psychology class called "Turning Points in Thought from Film" for 12 years.

During *Coming Home*, there will also be a Writers & Media Day with: "So you want to Publish!" and "Writer's Block and Me!" (co-sponsored by the Pacifica Bookstore) workshops; a Writer's Boot Camp, Alumni Authors Book Faire, and the 2014 Lecture Series featuring Dr. Dennis Patrick Slattery, Dr. Stephen Aizenstat, and others.

On Saturday, *Finding the Gold Within* will have its Santa Barbara Premiere film screening. A feature length film, it follows six young African American men from Akron, Ohio, through their first two years of college. The Premiere will be followed by a reception honoring filmmaker Karina Epperlein and the six young men behind the film.

The weekend concludes on Sunday with a celebration in conjunction with the Santa Barbara MLK Committee honoring Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. led by Alumna Dr. Jennifer Selig who will discuss: *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Celebrating the Dream*. She will be followed by a Community Panel and Q&A. The Panel will include city officials Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider, First District Supervisor Salud Carbajal, and others.

For info, visit www.cominghometopacific.com or call 679.6163.



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COMING HOME Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH: Writers & Media Day 5-6:30pm - Alumni Authors Book Faire (Open to the Community)

Workshops/Breakout Sessions: Call for Posters (an opportunity for alums to share their work)

The Chancellor's Reception: (Presentations of the Wendy Davee Award for Service & the Chancellor's Award for Community Service)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

PGIAA Business Session: Alumni/ae Networking

10am & all day - Art Exhibition ~ Mythic Threads, Art, Healing & Magic in Bali with Pam Bjork (Open to the Community).

2015 Lecture Series: with Dr. Dennis Patrick Slattery, Dr. Stephen Aizenstat, and more.

Campus Tours of Lambert & Ladera
OPUS Archive Tours

7:30pm: Santa Barbara Film Premiere: Finding the Gold Within (Open to the Community)
Reception Honoring the Film Writer - RSVP at 679-6163.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH:

9am - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Celebrating the Dream with Dr. Jennifer Selig, Community Panel and Q & A follows. (Open to the Community) - RSVP at 679-6163. Reception following.

Pacifica Graduate Institute is a WASC accredited graduate school with two campuses offering masters and doctoral degrees in psychology, the humanities, and mythological studies. For info, visit www.pacific.edu

The cost to attend the entire weekend ranges from \$209 to \$499. Portions of the weekend's activities are free and open to the public, including the Book Faire; art exhibition, Film Screening; and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Celebrating the Dream Lecture and Panel Discussion.



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