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)
--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.

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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