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SPRING NEWSLETTER From the Dean's Desk



These are eventful times for all organizations, and HU is no exception. We are so very proud of our staff, executives, Board members, faculty, students, and graduates. I recently glanced back at the first catalog we published in the year 2000. It was very simple and had 45 pages. When I think of the structure that has evolved since then I am amazed. There has been extensive development of our policies, procedures, and our curriculum in those 13 years. Our staff and executive officers, along with our Board members have been instrumental in this wonderful development. The Masters Theses and Dissertations that are published on our website <u>Research Library</u> speak volumes about the uniqueness and high quality of the research

our graduates have accomplished and continue to accomplish.

RETIRING PRESIDENT: Bernard O. Williams, PhD



We begin this Newsletter by honoring our second President, Dr. Bernard O. Williams. This month, Berney elected to retire from his executive position as President. He will remain a strong presence at Holos, particularly as a teacher of the History of Science and as a mentor of our doctoral students. We are so very grateful for Berney's loyal administrative service to this University and his amazing and unique scholarly influence. Thinking of Berney I am reminded of the master violinist, Itzhak Pearlman. Through Perlman's artistry, this outstanding violinist magically brings to life musical masterpieces composed centuries ago. He translates these compositions in ways that go even beyond what the composer may have intended and he helps us experience and integrate a specific musical essence that, without his artistic rendering and

interpretation, would be unheard in our time. Berney's unique ability to synthesize and re-frame the History of Science offers us a similar creative gift. **Below is Berney's letter to the community:**

"Since Holos University's beginning I have been a member of the faculty, and I assumed the additional executive responsibility as President in August of 2008. As President, my sincere motivation has been to help guide the University through the major transitional phase that began in that year. I am very pleased with the progress Holos University has made during my years as President, and I am happy that I have been able to participate in such a fruitful and successful transition.

At this time I choose to retire from my administrative position as President. I feel that the time has come for me to pass the baton, and I do so with great optimism for Holos. My deepest love is as a teacher and mentor, and I plan to continue as a faculty member, teaching my current courses and mentoring students by serving as a member of various graduate committees. In addition, I will continue to use my administrative experience with this University by serving on the staff as a member of the team that accomplishes enrollment of current students, oversees the enrollment records, and serves on the Equivalencies Committee."

I am very pleased that a person such as Jim Gaither has stepped forward to fill the position of President of this University. Jim is a true scholar and a philosopher who will continue to support the scholarly interests of our curriculum and our research.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Jim Gaither, MA, ThD



This April, upon the retirement of Dr. Williams, the joint Boards appointed Jim Gaither to serve as the President Elect of Holos University. Dr Gaither will serve as interim President Elect until this Fall's graduation ceremony at which time he will receive his doctoral hood and be officially inaugurated as the President of HU. Jim is currently a professor at HU, a member of the HU Academic Board, and an adjunct professor for Unity Institute. He earned a Master's Degree in philosophy from the University of Kansas and completed the course work for a Doctorate in philosophy at KU, interrupting his work there in order to answer a call from spirit to complete ministerial studies at Unity Institute. He is an ordained Unity Minister and is "Pastor Emeritus" of the Unity Center of Practical Christianity in New York City, where he was the successor to Eric Butterworth. While at

the Unity Center in New York he served as CEO and initiated community building and visionary projects that greatly enhanced group interaction, volunteerism, and membership support. In addition, he initiated a "Health and Wellness" program to serve the larger community in a variety of ways related to physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being. Jim served for 20 years as an instructor for ministerial and licensed teacher students at Unity School where he taught metaphysics, ethics, and world religions. He has been a regular contributor of poems, articles and columns to Unity Magazine for over 30 years. Jim continues to avidly follow his interests in science, philosophy, history, and the world's spiritual and religious traditions. He was recipient of the 2003 "Charles Fillmore Award for Visionary Leadership" from Unity Worldwide Ministries. He resumed his doctoral studies with HU and in the Spring of 2013 he completed all requirements for his Doctorate.

We feel especially grateful to be able to welcome Jim to the HU Presidency

and its Executive Committee. We are confident that he will provide excellent outreach and leadership for HU in the years to come!



COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED RESEARCH: Dr. Dorothea(Dotty) Atkins and Dr David Eichler

David Eichler, HU professor and Chair of Dorothea Atkins' doctoral committee, have collaborated to published an article on Dotty's doctoral research in the International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, March 2013 www.IJTMB.org.

Dotty graduated from HU in the Fall of 2010 and her dissertation research was on The Effects of Self-Massage for Osteoarthritis of the Knee: a Randomized Control Trial. Dotty also presented this research at the Massage Research Conference in Boston in November, 2012. Dotty feels that this research promises to be helpful to many people with

knee pain, and she is grateful to Holos University for the guidance and support that allowed her to bring her vision to fruition.



PUBLISHED ARTICLE: R. LEAH MOON, HU graduate student

"I wanted to share my latest article link and technique published by EFT Universe. To reach the article click on the link: "Anchor and Wander" Technique: LINK "

"In this article, EFT practitioner R. Leah Moon, who is also a naturopath and pastoral therapist, illustrates how she integrates EFT with the techniques of Active Listening and Mirroring along with a technique she developed called "Anchor and Wander," which was very helpful in honoring and at the same time grounding her client's rambling and ranting approach to "Telling the Story."



PUBLISHED BOOK: DR. ANNE SALISBURY AND GREG MEYERHOFF

Greg Meyerhoff serves on the Board of Directors of the All Faiths Church of Spirituality & Health, Inc. Anne Salisbury serves on the HU Academic Board. Both are instructors for HU, jointly teaching the course **842: Personal Intuition and Energy Management.** They have just published their book, *The Path of Intuition - Your Guidebook for Life's Journey.*

The Forward to the book is written by Founding President Emeritus of HU, Dr. C. Norman Shealy. The book has generous endorsements from a wide variety of scholars and practitioners in the field, among which are: Barbara Rasor, HU intuition instructor; Elmer Green, PhD, founder of Clinical Biofeedback; Patricia Norris, PhD, Past President of the Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback; John Maling, former Research Physicist at Stanford University; and Stanley Kripner, PhD, Past President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology.