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Notes from the Field

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I loved the whole thing: people, presentations, venue, and the future/global orientation.. My biggest delight was the connections I made or deepened with people from all over the world. These connections are huge arrows toward our future and will significantly shape the rest of my life. What more could one ask of a conference? Well, I got more!

Never doubt that my left-brain got its exercise at this "Theory" conference, but there was also scrumptious stuff available outside of the cognitive line! This conference was for me an ecstasy of being with so many dazzling minds and open hearts focused on matters of profound concern to me! One might stand in the place of wondering "So will this conference actually have any significant beneficial effect on the world?" I have no doubt.

This is not one of those conferences whose effect fades in a week or two. Many Upper Lefts have been deepened; the Lower Left has been immeasurably enriched by rubbing elbows and minds and hearts. Many Lower Right synergies have started., and in the Upper Right, perhaps I can say that many of what my Seattle Integral friend Scott Arbeit calls "Integral cultural artifacts" have been created, the papers and audios not the least of these. I'm betting many lives were altered as significantly as mine, and the expansive, maturing ripples into every quadrant of our world will indeed "Enact an Integral Future."

This isn't a conference "summary" or rational/cognitive critique, just sharing a few personal snippets of delights and surprises from my "alternative" perspective. I could talk for hours about the conference, and probably will, with my Seattle Integral Community members (two others attended also, as did our Pacific Integral beloveds as presenters: Geoff Fitch, Terri O'Fallon, and Venita Ramirez.)

UNEXPECTED DELIGHTS

A Movement:

Starting with the title of the conference, “Enacting an Integral Future,” there was I believe among many of us a real passion for, commitment to, and self-identification as being part of a worldwide “movement” – a sense which far transcended any merely cognitive interest in the abstract ideas presented. This felt-sense of “movement” – realistic, grounded, not grandiose – was explicit in some of the presentations. (See References.)

Of course, at my age, over 70, I’ve “been there done that” with maybe a dozen “save the world” movements, over the last 47 years. I am not immune nor cynical, however. I see each one I’ve resonated with as increasingly higher-consciousness, more mature. Here I am again!

It’s one thing to sit around home reading Integral-type stuff or even to have some friends or a group to talk with. It’s quite a quantum leap to feel, see, smell, and have lunch with 500 folks, directly experiencing a “context” like this conference, with the clear larger “global” (or dare we say “Kosmic”?) context. Now that I have seen so many “real people” aligned with my visions, and sensed so many more such folks beyond them, my daily activities are infused with more meaning, more enjoyment, and perhaps more urgency.

Groundedness, practicality:

A huge number of the presentations were on grounded, enacted, practical applications of theory, including politics, economics, art, health, business, education, cities, gender relationships, personal psychological growth, climate change, judiciary decisions, sustainable development in the Netherlands, religious diversity, architecture, cinema, coaching, ethics, and more.

One of my delights in that arena was:

My political and economic views never fit in the available categories, least of all in the same category as people who said things I often agreed with. This situation was most discouraging. I went to Kevin Bowman’s presentation on Integral Political-Economic Framework, hoping for some clarity, and I got it! Kevin and others have created a complex “stage-maturity” analysis of politically/economically Conservative, Progressive, and Radical perspectives. I still don’t fit anywhere, LOL, but at least I can now more adequately describe why!

I also loved Cindy Lou Golin’s mini-workshop on utilizing our “resistances” for psychological and spiritual increased self-awareness and even to help overcome procrastination. It was upclose and personal “Integral-consciousness” in action. And a rather exhaustive array of extremely clever (and proven) what we might call “self-outwitting” approaches!

Spirituality:

I did not attend the first Integral Theory Conference so I cannot speak to the differences some folks have mentioned about spirituality’s (too-slight) presence there, but I certainly adored that spirituality was well-represented in both topics and people, explicitly but also implicitly, for example in the vibes: a lotta love was flowing around; the place could be characterized as a love-fest – and not just hugs, but respect, kindness, considerateness, goodwill, care, concern, and so much more.

I was zonkered much of the time from the high-vibration subtle energies abounding. And I wasn't the only one to be seen sitting around in public with eyes closed, consciousness expanded out! I only vaguely recall what Terry Patten said at his presentation *Toward the Emergence of Integral Evolutionary Spiritual Culture*, because I was floating in subtle energies outside of my left brain, most of the time there! I believe he was saying things about not being hesitant to get deeply involved with a spiritual teacher; it all sounded very sensible to what little my left brain was taking in! (I didn't find him boring; I dearly love and admire Terry after attending a talk and workshop on his "Second-Person Face of God" work.)

There was plenty of formal and informal talk about spirituality and plenty of opportunities to engage in spiritual practices (the living of it was of course up to each of us, see above!) Examples: Friday and Saturday early morning opportunities for All-Levels Yoga with Kelly Larson, Meditation with Diane Hamilton, and Integral Singing for the Body, Mind, and Spirit with Joel Kreisberg. Sunday early morning included All-Levels Yoga with Kevin Snorf, and Meditation with Diane Hamilton.

Integral WHAAAT??? Singing?? Ah, you had to be there, which I wasn't but I heard tell. A "no prior experience necessary" enjoyable sing-along from a variety of spiritual traditions – and the group startled the heck out of Conference Organizer Sean Esbjorn-Hargens when they brought their singing into the lobby. He confessed later that before he recognized who they were, his first thought was something like "Oh, no! Rowdies have invaded and need to be dealt with!"

The post-conference event – well-attended by presenters and participants – was a 2-hour satsang with Mokshananda, an Integrally-expert spiritual teacher sent forth by Adyashanti (my fave) and Gurumayi Chidvilasananda.

I had never heard Robb Smith talk before, nor have I read anything he's written. As a Big Cheese in Integral Life, Inc. and Integral Institute, Inc. he is supposedly from the business world. But in his talk before (Robert Kegan's Keynote speech) I felt I was listening to a spiritual teacher talk about what a spiritual teacher would talk about!! Interesting twist!

Variety:

If Integral involves inclusiveness, there sure was a lot of that around! I experienced a marvelous and stimulating variety of countries, ethnicities (other than my own WASPness,) ages, and personal styles, among presenters as well as among participants!

I heard non-English, non-American concerns and perspectives often articulated. And of course there could be more, there could always beneficially be more! To mention any examples would be to leave out many, but I can mention that in more than one place we heard from Dr. Elke Fein from Germany and Switzerland, who has also extensively studied Russia; Dr. Emine Kiray represented Integral without Borders and I heard her mention attitudes in Turkey. In the audiences, I particularly remember and admired Giorgio from Peru. There were presenters (in some cases more than one) "from" (variously defined) Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Germany, Scotland, Norway, Hungary, England, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, South Africa, and Australia, to name some of the places. And there could beneficially be more, of course.

I found neither Wilber-worship nor Wilber-bashing. It was "t and i" —pointedly and benevolently – in many talks. One can easily conclude from the program that other approaches, and critics of Wilber, were well-repre-

sented there. For just one example, Frank Visser, whose work I really don't know, was among the presenters who won an award!

Visser was on a panel Key Criticisms of Wilber's Work: What is the Achilles Heel of Integral Theory? (I went to the panel on contemporary Politics instead.) And on the panel of Is Integral a Mass Movement or an Elitist Pursuit? Frank's presentation was The Spirit of Evolution Reconsidered: Relating Ken Wilber's view of Spiritual Evolution to the current Evolution Debates.

Re including others outside of Wilberdom -- there was a "Special Presentation" by futurist and "conscious evolution" teacher Barbara Marx Hubbard along with Terry Patten, Enacting Conscious Evolution Integrally.

Playfulness, Brilliance, and Other Delights:

One unexpected delight for me was simply the brilliance of the minds, in a variety of embodiment packages! To mention only a few of the people I fell in love with: I am now a fan of Lauren Tenney, Question-asker Extraordinaire, who kept the Meta-theory panel on their toes with questions incisive, clear, relevant, grounded, fundamental. Bonnitta Roy's awesome mind left me with my jaw hanging open. The paper of her talk (which I didn't attend) is one of the most exciting things I have ever read! Hearing Marilyn Hamilton talk about her Meshworks endeavors was like watching a gymnastics display of mental precision, control, and agility. Terri O'Fallon's presentation of her morphing of the Wilber-Combs Lattice was kinda like fireworks with the "grand finale" display – the conclusion of her talk – leaving one dissolved in Oooohs and Aaaahs.

I went to the Meta-theory panel presentation; to my surprise and delight it was not at all dry (anything Tom Murray is involved in will have a playful vibe, I've concluded.) I fell in love with everyone there! Some awesome minds/hearts both presenting and in the audience!!! The presenters started out by specifying a "role" for each one: Grounder, Questioner, Hot-Potato Handler, etc. That was fun and played out well!

The conference participants were astoundingly high-quality (especially in the spiritual and emotional lines) folks – starting with a good public example with some tears, set by Sean Esbjorn-Hargens at the opening ceremonies, I saw healthy emotionality being felt, and expressed all over (and how many academicians have multiple ear-piercings, another delightful surprise!)

About Robert Kegan's Keynote talk: OK, so it didn't include all that it might have, intellectually, but he was, it seemed to me, aiming somewhere else: The "felt sense" of the stage he was talking about. He gave us bits of a "mosaic," little vignettes of that stage in action as people in the world. It was quite effective, IMO. Of course, I didn't have my critical mind turned on during that particular talk, as I was floating in those subtle energies mentioned earlier, but I didn't go away dissatisfied.... Didn't have many expectations to start with, that helps!

My favorite among the 30-odd "poster presentations" was Carter Vincent Smith. It seems he has researched a long timeline of development in the human species, and was arguing that our consciousness-development is exponential, not linear. Thus, he says, the second and third Tier "Cosmic grooves" being laid down now will fill up with people occupying them – are filling up – far faster than Ken Wilber predicts or expects – something I have long believed. I was thrilled to hear an argument for my "impression." This perspective generates some comfort and optimism not available from looking at the world right now and positing another thousand years for the CoG of the world population to reach Second Tier!!

Going into the conference, what I most anticipated was meeting in person over half a dozen folks I have known, some of them very well, for several years, in our online community Zaadz-then gaia.com-now anew-gaia.ning.com. Those anticipations were fulfilled with warmth, support, and some surprises at the differences between online presence and 3-D space impressions. Some of those folks were presenters: Pelle Billing, Michael Garfield, and Bruce Alderman, for example. It's great mind-bending fun to hang out with people you have just met but already respect, care deeply about, and have a shared history with!

At Terri O'Fallon's presentation I was lucky enough to discover that one of the folks giving her praise and offers of assistance/input for her research (which she so cordially had invited) was Brian Robertson, whose Holacracy system/approach for organizations and businesses I am studying. We both enjoyed my chance to thank him and the other developers for their contribution to so many lives; I turned a local residential community onto Holacracy and they are using it enthusiastically.

DELIGHTFUL VIGNETTES

I loved seeing so many presenters walking around, so accessible, and in the audiences of others' presentations. There was a whole lotta humility abounding in those halls of academe. One cool example was Allan Combs sitting in the audience for Terri O'Fallon's "Collapsing the Wilber-Combs Lattice" presentation (which won the "best Theory paper" award) and stepping up to the audience mike, in his turn, to make a comment and suggestion.

After her major presentation, Barbara Marx Hubbard accepted an invitation from a young man, Armando Davila, to "do a [subtle energy] transmission" at a small ad hoc group he was organizing within the ACE-It process being offered by the "gingergroup" at the convention. With about a dozen folks he assembled, the question he began exploring through this facilitated group process was something like "How to use the body as a multi-dimensional interface." Through discussion it shifted into "How to use our entire energy system on all levels as a reality vehicle."

Hubbard did this energy transmission humbly and graciously and then ate her box lunch with the dozen folks there. And then she did another energy "transmission."

That gathering of far-out folks, even by the standards of a far-out conference, was so profoundly meaningful and generated such a felt-sense of "the freedom of shared weirdness" and bonding, the group is continuing contact online toward some presently unknown synergy.

Diane Musho Hamilton was not someone whose work I knew firsthand, even though her name is all over the place, but now I know something: she's "for real." Here's the story I have retold enthusiastically many times already: I arrived too late to get a seat at her Saturday morning meditation group. There were couches and chairs outside the room. I thought "Well, the energy will be here, too; I don't need to hear what she says." Several other late-comers joined me in participating there outside.

My meditation experience was awesome. First my heart opened to such love I wept; then a sense of a strong energy field of interconnections among us all; then the utterness of Awareness. I had a tough time returning to the here and now, so I sat there quite awhile as people left the room. Eventually Diane was standing in front of me, talking with someone, so I let her know I wanted to talk with her. When that person left, she sat on the couch and we chatted very personally as I told her my experience. What a lovely exchange! I so admire her now!

On Sunday after the conference I sat in the hotel lobby starting around 5 PM, just to see who might stop to chat with me. I ended up nonstop in about ten fabulously delightful and meaningful conversations with individuals and small groups who wandered by and sat down, some of whom I had never met before. Included were Bonnitta Roy and John Schmidt.

The whole marathon was capped by a two-hour often two-way spiritual counseling session with one of the young presenters, Andrew Venezia, who had sat by me on the couch at the Diane Hamilton morning meditation! I finally got up from my chair, smiling and happy, at 12:30 midnight!! Talk about the joys of “hanging out” at this conference!!

ON THE THEME OF INTEGRAL LEADERSHIP

And also in the “spirituality” category, I attended two presentations on Presence-Centered Leadership which were exciting, and rather far from dry abstract intellectual ideational exercises! The group presentation by Alain Gauthier, Terri O’Fallon and John Schmidt (Joan Henley was absent) introduced me to the concept, and Jonathan Reams’ far-ranging talk about the transpersonal aspects of presence-centered leadership added more wonderfulness. Those discussions left me chomping at the bit to learn more about the research and development of new “embodied forms of leadership the world needs and is calling for.” I’m going to spend a lot of time down that particular rabbit hole!!

As I understand it, “presence-centered leadership” involves leaders who (and these are my words) are Center-of-Gravity’d at highly mature stages and are of sufficient spiritual development that they can, among other functions, “hold space/create a field” for higher potentials to emerge.

Here are some phrases from my notes at the group presentation, just to whet your appetite: Our own definitions of “presence” were requested. Leadership functions: evocation of potential, support for efforts, and overview/coordination. Facing the unknown, sensing what wants to emerge. Enabling a collective to act with intelligence. Calling forth new forms of Leadership. Moving fluidly between abstract maps and head-heart-hara embodiment. A new world is being pointed to. Presence-centered Leadership involves being “out of control” in the old sense of “control.” Presence embodied by one or more people elicits presence’s embodiment by others. Embrace the imperfection. Come with a plan from heart and head, and use intuition and gut in the moment. Present to one’s own world, present to the Whole. Scharmer and Almaas’s work contributing to this development. Presence at all levels, beyond all maps. Trans- and immanent, One and Many. Collective “we” leadership. Leaders influence via 4 quadrants into the 4 quadrants of their collective.

I suspect that one facet of Leadership is first spotting something which appears in the moment to need doing for the welfare of those involved, or to need doing to move the action forward appropriately for the purpose at hand – and then responding by taking responsibility and acting. “Just do it.” I saw a lot of participants, presenters, and volunteers leading this way, in little incidents through the Conference days.

INVITATIONS FOR FURTHER ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

Here are a few of the many which appeared:

The Global Transforming Ensemble (focused on Presence-Centered Leadership) handed out an invitation to participate in their online 20-minute survey GTE/ISC #3 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/85LRC5X>. Contact: alaingauthier@coreleadership.com about the related Leadership Commons.

Brian Robertson, HolacracyOne, invited me to pass along feedback to him from the local residential community using Holacracy at my suggestion, and anywhere else I might be aware of it being used. I'm sure that's a general standing invitation to anyone. [Www.holacracy.org](http://www.holacracy.org)

Marilyn Hamilton at her Meshworks presentation specifically invited people to contribute their experience and wisdom to the Integral City project. [Www.integralcity.com](http://www.integralcity.com) She handed out a paper listing the chapter and subtopic titles of her book, *Integral City: Evolutionary Intelligences for the Human Hive*, describing those 12 intelligences and their components, and inviting people to tell her where they see those intelligences in practice at the conference – and anywhere in their lives. meshwork@integralcity.com

Terri O'Fallon very graciously yet very emphatically invited folks to contribute in whatever way they felt moved, to her research and to her thinking; she emphasized that the knowledge is (my words) an ongoing and “we” endeavor. terri@pacificintegral.com

In front of Michael Garfield's multi-media artistic poster presentation I had an intensely enthusiastic exchange about Integral-type films with Mark Allan Kaplan and I promised to send him my own long list of film candidates, to help with his research. He seemed to want such input in general, so I'm sharing about it here. <http://www.markallankaplan.com/>

OTHER IMPRESSIONS

I didn't attend any of the 15 Pre-conference workshops, but the topics were awesome and tempting!! I would have especially loved to attend the one by Dylan Newcomb, as I have been through Levels I and II of his Uzazu (formerly The 16 Ways) trainings. The breath-movement system he has researched and evolved with his wife Kyung-sun Baek is extraordinarily holistic and “beyond Integral” in my experience.

REACHING FOR SOME SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE CONFERENCE

My biggest complaint about the conference was not that “major” folks were scheduled at the same times as “minor” folks, but that four times a day I had to choose among six or more places to go, most of which were of profound interest to me. I am glad there were so many, because I can get the papers and mp3's, but on the other hand fewer choices would have been less frazzling. Something to end the agony of having to choose, how Integral an attitude is that?! (Actually my intuition's choices were all right on!)

That agony is mitigated by the availability of the conference papers and mp3's, but the papers, at least, don't seem to be available to non-attendees, as per this notice: **THE FOLLOWING PAPERS ARE FOR PRIVATE USE ONLY TO SUPPORT CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AND ARE NOT TO BE CIRCULATED, QUOTED, OR POSTED WITHOUT AUTHOR PERMISSION.**

So the next conference is 2012. See ya there!

REFERENCES TO PRESENTERS MENTIONED ABOVE

NOTES: Listed in order of mention.

I have not listed all the presentations and panels each person was on, or the list would be much longer. The activities and accomplishments of most of these folks are far more numerous and fascinating (full of rabbit holes one can fall into) than can be listed here!

General conference website info:

<http://integraltheoryconference.org/home>

<http://www.facebook.com/ITC2010>

<http://www.experienceintegral.org/resources/itc-2010/>

Geoff Fitch, founder/faculty/consultant/coach; **Terri O'Fallon**, Ph.D., principal; **Venita Ramirez**, M.A., program facilitator/designer/director, all at Pacific Integral. Enacting Containers for Integral Transformative Development (and on various panels) <http://pacificintegral.com>

Kevin J. Bowman, Ph.D., Augsburg College, The Integral Political-Economic Framework and Application to the Financial Crisis <http://integrallife.com/contributors/kevin-bowman>

Cindy Lou Golin, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty in ILP and Shadow Work at JFK University, Life Coach, Piece de resistance: Utilizing Your Resistance as an Ally in Your Practice and Life cindylougolin@yahoo.com

Terry Patten, M.A., Bay Area Integral, Toward the Emergence of Integral Evolutionary Spiritual Culture <http://integralheart.com> and several panels

Sean Esbjorn-Hargens, Ph.D., Associate Professor, John F. Kennedy University and Founding Chair, Department of Integral Theory, JFKU, presentations and panels too numerous to mention! http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Esbjorn-Hargens <http://www.facebook.com/people/Sean-Esbjorn-Hargens/647995709>

Kelly Larson, Ph.D. Candidate, Transformative Studies Program, California Institute of Integral Studies, Integral Yoga leader, is a highly trained and innovative Yoga and meditation teacher and consultant. Her Poster Presentation was Pervasive Intelligence Through an Integral Lens. One of her several websites is <http://breatheintobalance.com>

Diane Musho Hamilton is a gifted facilitator, mediator, and spiritual teacher. She is a core founder (along with **Marc Gafni** (who was a conference presenter in several places,) **Sally Kempton**, and **Sofia Diaz**, together with **Kelly Sosan Bearer**) of iEvolve: Global Practice Community, and a co-director of Integral Life Spiritual Center. She is a fully ordained Zen priest and teacher, given dharma transmission by her Zen master, **Genpo Roshi**. Pre-Conference Workshop with Dr. **Marc Gafni**, iEvolve, and **Sean Esbjorn-Hargens**, Ph.D., JFKU, Three Faces of Spirit: The Practices of Bliss, Love, and Awe (A Day of Integral Spirituality.) She was also on the following panels: Integral Masculinity: Are **David Deida's** and **Warren Farrell's** Visions of Masculinity "Integral?" and Integral Women's Panel: Creating a Full-Spectrum Ecology for Women's Development and Integral Spirituality: What is The Role of the "Integral" Spiritual Teacher? www.dianemushohamilton.com and www.iEvolve.org

Joel Kreisberg, D.C., M.A., Founder and Executive Director, Teleosis. Integral Singing leader. His Pre-Conference Workshop was Healing, Transformation, and Integral Ecology: Goethe, Bach, and the Unity of Nature. <http://www.iahp.com/Joel--Kreisberg/>

Kevin Snorf, Integral Yoga leader, is a Certified Integral Coach who teaches Warrior Yoga and Quantum Jujitsu at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His wide-ranging skills and interests are described at www.kevinsnorf.com

Mokshananda (Joe Sousa), MFT, Integral Spiritual Center, Post-Conference Workshop: Integral Satsang: Knowing the Five Elements within Awareness. <http://www.freewatersangha.org/>

Special Presentation: **Robb Smith**, CEO Integral Life, CEO Integral Institute, In Over My Head <http://robbsmith.typepad.com/> <http://integrallife.com/member/robb-smith/blog> http://www.robbsmith.name/robb_smith/2007/05/integral_instit.html

Keynote Presentation: **Robert Kegan**, Ph.D., Harvard University, Is there Life after Self-Authorship? - Thoughts on the 'Self-Transforming' Mind http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Kegan

Elke Fein, Ph.D., Universities of Freiburg/Germany and Basel/Switzerland, Adult Development Theory and the Politics of History: An Integral Approach to Studying the Transformation of Political Cultures www.elke-fein.de <http://www.facebook.com/people/Elke-Fein/1835615718>

Emine Kiray, Ph.D., Integral without Borders, was on the panel Integral Politics in the Age of Obama <http://kosmicaddress.com/> <http://multiplex.integralinstitute.org/Public/cs/blogs/default.aspx?GroupID=22> <http://www.kenwilber.com/blog/show/413>

Frank Visser, Ph.D., Independent Scholar. The Spirit of Evolution Reconsidered: Relating Ken Wilber's View of Spiritual Evolution to the current Evolution Debates <http://www.integralworld.net/> <http://wilber-watch.blogspot.com/> <http://www.integralworld.net/visser19.html>

Panel Presentation: Key Criticisms of Wilber's Work: What is the Achilles Heel of Integral Theory? **Frank Visser**, Ph.D., Independent Scholar; **Jeff Meyerhoff**, M.A., L.S.W., Independent Scholar; **Bonnitta Roy**, Associate Editor, Integral Review; **Zachary Stein**, Doctoral Candidate, Harvard University Graduate School of Education; **Sara Nora Ross**, Ph.D., Antioch University McGregor; **Markus Molz**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Luxembourg; **Ray Greenleaf**, MFT, John F. Kennedy University (panel moderator.)

Panel Presentation: Integral Politics in the Age of Obama. **Terry Patten**, M.A., Bay Area Integral; **Jeff Salzman**, Director and Co-Founder, Boulder Integral; **Emine Kiray**, Ph.D., Integral without Borders; **Elke Fein**, Ph.D., Universities of Freiburg/Germany and Basel/Switzerland; **Steve McIntosh**, J.D., Independent Scholar; **Mark Fischler**, J.D., Plymouth State University (NH, USA;); **Jordan Luftig**, M.A., John F. Kennedy University (panel moderator.)

Special Presentation: **Barbara Marx Hubbard**, Foundation for Conscious Evolution, and **Terry Patten**, M.A., Bay Area Integral, Enacting Conscious Evolution www.barbaramarxhubbard.com <http://integralheart.com>

Lauren Tenney, M.A. Candidate, JFK University, Independent Scholar, on the panels Integral Research and Methodology: How is Integral Research Different from Mixed Methods? and Meta-theory: How Do We Construct and Apply Sound Meta-theories? <http://www.integralresearchcenter.org/explore> <http://www.integralresearchcenter.org/open>

Bonnitta Roy, Associate Editor, Integral Review, AQAL 2210: A Tentative Cartology of the Future; Or How Do We Get from AQAL to A-perspectival? <http://www.linkedin.com/in/bonnittaroy> <http://integral-options.blogspot.com/2010/07/bonnitta-roy-aqal-2210-tentative.html> and she was on several panels mentioned in this list.

Marilyn Hamilton, Ph.D. CGA, Associate Faculty, Royal Roads University; Founder, Integral City Meshworks, Inc., Meshworking Integral Intelligences for Resilient Environments; Enabling Order and Creativity in the Human Hive. www.integralcity.com and several panels.

Terri O'Fallon, Ph.D., Principal, Pacific Integral, Collapsing the Wilber-Combs Matrix <http://pacificintegral.com> http://www.collectivewisdominitiative.org/files_people/Ofallon_Terri.htm and the presentation on Presence-Centered Leadership and several panels including Integral Community Development: How Best to Bring Integral Ideas to Lay Persons and Communities?

Panel Presentation: Meta-theory: How Do We Construct and Apply Sound Meta-theories? **Bonnitta Roy**, Associate Editor, Integral-Review; **Steven E. Wallis**, Ph.D., Director, Foundation for the Advancement of Social Theory, Fellow, Institute for Social Innovation; **Lauren Tenney**, Independent Scholar; **Roger Stace**, Ph.D., University of Colorado, Denver; **Aliki Nicolaides**, Ph.D., Columbia University; **Tom Murray**, Ed.D., Independent Scholar and Consultant with Perspegrity Solutions (panel moderator.)

Tom Murray, Independent Scholar, and Consultant with Perspegrity Solutions, On the Development of Beliefs vs. Capacities: A Post-metaphysical View of Second Tier Skillfulness <http://www.linkedin.com/in/tommurray1> <http://www.tommurray.us/> and several panels mentioned in this list.

Carter Vincent Smith, Ph.C., Independent Scholar, Accelerating Evolution: Will Our Accelerating Creative Technology and Economics Drive Us to Integral and Even 3rd-Tier Spiritual in the Next Century? [Www.AcceleratingEvolution.info](http://www.AcceleratingEvolution.info)

Pelle Billing, M.D., Independent Scholar. Letting Go of Feminism: The Case for Integral Gender Studies. And Pre-Conference Workshop (with **Anouk Brack**, M.Sc., Founding Director, ExperienceIntegral.org The Tango of Leadership www.pellebilling.com and <http://masculineheart.blogspot.com/2010/04/pelle-billing-individuals-and.html> www.experienceintegral.org and a panel or two

Michael Garfield, Independent Scholar-Practitioner, Poster Presentation Integral Art www.michaelgarfield.blogspot.com and the Integral Art panel

Bruce Alderman, M.A., Faculty, John F. Kennedy University, Kingdom Come: Beyond Inclusivism and Pluralism, An Integral Post-metaphysical Invitation <http://integralvisioning.org/article.php?story=ba-tsk1>

Brian Robertson, Chairman, HolacracyOne and **Tom Thomison**, HolacracyOne, Pre-Conference Workshop: Holacracy: A New Operating System for Evolution-Powered Organizations www.holacracy.org

Allan Combs, Ph.D., Professor of Transformative Studies, CIIS, Consciousness Explained Better: An Introduction to the Multifaceted Nature of Consciousness. <http://www.sourceintegralis.org/CombsBio.htm> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allan_Combs and a panel or two

ACE-It is an approx. one-hour Integrally-informed process for individuals, using an ad hoc group with a trained facilitator, to check assumptions, create breakthroughs, and witness one's own processes. The gingergroup Collaborative offered these over lunch hours during the conference. www.gingergroup.net

John Schmidt, M.B.A., founder and CEO, Avastone Consulting, Actualizing Presence-Centered Leadership: The Integral Imperative <http://www.integralinstitute.org/?q=node/2> <http://www.voiceamerica.com/voiceamerica/vshow.aspx?sid=1531>

Andrew Venezia, M.A. Candidate, John F. Kennedy University, Poster Presentation: Rituals of Action: Developmentalizing the Enneagram <http://leverage9b.wordpress.com>

Alain Gauthier, M.B.A., Executive Director, Core Leadership Development; **Joan Kenley**, Ph.D., Host and Executive Producer, The Joan Kenley Show; **Terri O’Fallon**, Ph.D., Principal, Pacific Integral; **John D. Schmidt**, M.B.A., CEO Avastone Consulting: Actualizing Presence-Centered Leadership: The Integral Imperative. www.alaingauthier.org

Jonathan Reams, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Editor-in-Chief, Integral Review, The Heart and Soul of Leadership: A Transpersonally Oriented Examination of How Quality of Presence Impacts Leadership. <http://jonathanreams.squarespace.com/about-me/> <http://www.integralleadershipreview.com/contributor/bio-reams-jonathan.php> plus at least one panel, the following one:

Panel Presentation: Integral Discourse: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Publishing Integral Review. **Bonitta Roy**, Associate Editor, Integral Review; **Russ Volckmann**, CBC, Ph.D., Associate Editor, Integral Review; **Sara Nora Ross**, Ph.D., Associate Editor, Integral Review and Founder/President of ARINA; **Tom Murray**, Ed.D., Independent Scholar; **Markus Molz**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Luxembourg; **Jonathan Reams**, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, Integral Review (panel moderator.) www.integral-review.org published by ARINA

Mark Allan Kaplan, Ph.D., Independent Scholar-Practitioner, Towards an Integral Cinema: The Application of Integral Theory to Cinematic Media Theory and Practice. <http://www.markallankaplan.com/> and the Integral Art panel.

Dylan Newcomb, Pre-Conference Workshop: Integral Embodiment: Opening to the Four Quadrants of Experience www.uzazu.org

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