

Editorial

Welcome to the 10th regular issue of *Integral Review*! It was five years ago that we launched IR with our first issue and since then we have navigated our way to where we are now. Our journey has been full of learning and pleasant surprises. We have met many interesting people and gathered colleagues with whom we thoroughly enjoy working. As we continue to grow we look forward to seeing the range and quality of discourse published in IR expand even further.

Part of this process is reflected in the focus this year on special issues. A great deal of time and energy has gone into creating these special issues and we are very pleased with the results of this effort. Our first special issue, *Toward Development of Politics and the Political*, edited by IR Associate Editor Sara Ross with Thomas Jordan, has been very well received. This brought a number of new authors to IR's audience which is always a pleasure. In addition to the positive feedback we have gotten on it, we have also seen a significant increase in traffic to our website after its launch.

Very soon (by mid July) we will publish IR's second special issue, *Developing Perspectives for Advancing Metatheory and Theory*, edited by IR Editorial Board members Steve Wallis and Mark Edwards. This promises to be a rich collection of articles helping to set out some of the issues in this emerging field. Later this year or early next we will see our third special issue, *Research Across Boundaries – Advances in Theory-building*, edited by Markus Molz and Mark Edwards. This special issue will be comprised primarily of articles developed for the symposium on *Research Across Boundaries* (<http://dica-lab.org/rab/>). As soon as I am finished writing this editorial I will begin driving to Luxembourg to participate in this event attended by many IR contributors.

The other major event on the summer horizon is of course the Integral Theory conference, hosted by John F. Kennedy University and the Integral Institute. In addition to IR associate editors making individual presentations and participating in panels hosted by others, this year they bring their collective presence to a conference panel hosted by IR. It is entitled *Integral Discourse: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Publishing Integral Review*. Our aim is to foster face to face dialogue with conference participants on the whole range of issues related to creating high quality academic and praxis-related discourse to support the growth of the field. We invite any of you who will be there to come and join us in an in-depth sharing and inquiry on this topic.

In this Issue

With that I move now to making some brief comments on the contents of this issue. In our last issue we had a robust set of responses to Stein and Heikkinen's article on *Models, Metrics, and Measurement in Developmental Psychology*, which was published in IR's June 2009 issue. We also had an article by Sofia Kjellström, *The Ethics of Promoting and Assigning Adult Developmental Exercises: A Critical Analysis of the Immunity to Change Process*, that has now



drawn responses and a rejoinder. We see this kind of dialogue as a sign of the maturation of IR as a forum for lively public discourse. We also have a response to a book review in this issue.

In response to Kjellström's article, David Zeitler has written *Coaching Ethics and Immunity to Change: A Response to Kjellström*. David is a recent graduate of Kegan and Lahey's first coaching certification program and draws on his knowledge of this work to challenge a number of the criticisms that Kjellström raised in her article. He emphasizes that the ITC program is both a structure and a process and depends, like such things, on how one uses it. In particular Zeitler focuses on issues of behavior, her conclusions regarding the ethical aspects of using the ITC process in educational settings, methodological issues and how she uses developmental dynamics.

Zeitler's thorough response to Kjellström is followed directly by a rejoinder from her. In *Responsibility and Ethics in the Use and Advocacy of Developmental Exercises: Response to Zeitler and Reams*, she engages (primarily) Zeitler's critique of the perspectives and issues she framed in her original article. She advocates for the continuation of systematic inquiry into the core issues of ethics and most significantly, whether the process actually works.

In addition to these two pieces on the topic of the Immunity to Change process and related issues, I have written a brief *Response to Kjellström* as well. Given that I began this thread with my overview and report for the field on Kegan and Lahey's book in our June 2009 issue and that I continue to learn through my ongoing use of the process, I thought it appropriate to share a few issues that her article raised for me. I discuss issues of degree of disclosure, difficulties experienced by participants, informed consent, and demands on the facilitator. We hope to continue this lively discussion in future issues.

Next we have *Creating Dynamic Development and Harmony in the Classroom* by Nick Drummond and Joan Berland. This article is the result of years of development and testing of educational practices by both authors. It is exciting to read how deep understandings about the evolving nature of consciousness can be brought to bear on elementary school classroom students. The set of tools Nick and Joan have developed elegantly allow integral principles to have very practical impacts on students' ability to learn and grow. The stories they tell of classroom transformations bear witness to the power of the interventions they have developed.

Tom Murray, with Terri O'Fallon, provides us with *A Perspective on Kesler's Integral Polarity Practice*. This article describes Tom's experience of John Kesler's work that has integrated Genpo Roshi's Big Mind process with Susann Cook-Greuter's developmental sequence and polarity work. Tom shows how the process that can engender state experiences intended to lead to both horizontal and vertical growth.

I am also contributing *Bringing Integral to Management Consulting: An Interview with Rick Strycker* to this issue of IR. Rick has brought the integral framework to his corporate work at JMJ consulting. In this interview he describes the path that brought him to this position and some of the challenges and successes he has had along the way.

IR editorial board member Roland Benedikter presents us with our first German language article in a few issues, *Weltanschauung und Politik in den heutigen USA. Barack Obama und der „neue Kulturkampf“ um die Führung der anglo-amerikanischen Weltmacht*. The brief English language summary indicates that this is an analysis of the current relationship between politics, culture and worldviews in the US as they play out in the era of Barak Obama's presidency. This battle of worldviews is seen as the level of strategy and work being done by political parties today and it becomes critical to understand the nature of the issues involved.

A within-the-issue dialogue takes place around the book *The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation*. IR editorial board Steven Wallis provides a review of the book, and takes both appreciative and critical stances toward it, which gives us a thorough insight into his perspectives on it. One of the book's authors, Mark Hathaway, provides a *Response to Wallis* that aims to engage in clarifying and reframing some of the points that Wallis makes. We are glad to see this kind of dialogue in the pages of IR.

Finally, Susan Belford offers *Locking Down the South Bronx*, an analysis of interior and exterior dimensions of many of the structures and systems that prove to be forces to reckon with in not only the South Bronx she highlights, but also urban ghettos more broadly. This analysis was written as a mid-term graduate course paper, and gives us a special opportunity to express our interest in receiving articles from students who aim their work to meet requirements such as IR's.

I now need to get my suitcase in the car and head out on the road! We hope that you enjoy the contents of this issue of *Integral Review* and look forward to meeting and hearing from many of you over the summer.

Sincerely,



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