

Parapsychology Foundation Celebrates 50 Years

"Mysteries raised by physical research remain largely unsolved. A half century of Parapsychology Foundation's support of parapsychological research has merely scratched the surface of explanation, shedding light on some areas but whetting our appetite for further enlightenment. Parapsychology Foundation has rededicated itself to the goals of our founders and has renewed efforts to stimulate the active exploration and ultimate understanding of the psychic elements in our lives." —Eileen Coly

A Golden Anniversary is a milestone that compels one to look back over past accomplishments, take stock and look to the future, as the officers and Board of Trustees of the Parapsychology Foundation have done in contemplation of this, our anniversary year.

For the past 50 years, the Foundation has accomplished much to encourage the global study of parapsychology, amassing an impressive body of work. In the midst of radical changes in technology since 1951—changes which have not only altered the face of science, but the very ways in which we all interact—the organization remains true to the primary goals of its founders, Eileen J. Garrett and Frances P. Bolton, while incorporating new technologies in service of those goals.

In looking forward, it becomes clear that the retooling and restructuring of the organization must respond to the needs of both our constituencies—the academic community and the public at large. Coinciding with our anniversary, the new millenium is a fitting

time to reach for wider horizons. With the announcement of the Parapsychology Foundation's new programs within this newly inaugurated newsletter, coupled with our well-known and respected existing programs, two parallel tracks emerge, both leading to the same goal of advancing our knowledge and understanding of psychological phenomena.

The Foundation's support of the field remains reciprocal, and we are pleased to host this year's *44th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association* in New York City. Our colleagues' valuable work ensures parapsychology's continued progress.

Our belief in—and enthusiasm for—the future of parapsychology is evident within the pages of *Parapsychology Foundation NOW*.

We pledge to continue to facilitate studies worldwide in various disciplines, striving to find answers raised by physical research and realizing, as Eileen J. Garrett once stated, that "it is only by scientific patience, over long years, that real spiritual insight for reality can be achieved, and thus clear away the sentimental emotionalism that has long been the main enemy of true psychic research."



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The Eileen J. Garrett Library

The extraordinary collection of the Parapsychology Foundation's Eileen J. Garrett Library comprises some 10,000 items, covering not only psychical research but, as they relate to the field, volumes on psychology, anthropology, medicine, sociology, philosophy, religion, quantum physics...the list goes on.

Where else would one find in the same room, rare 19th Century editions of "Spiritist" Allan Kardec and "harmonical philosopher" Andrew Jackson Davis, next to books by Uri Geller and James Randi; *The Collected Scientific Papers of Wolfgang Pauli*, next to Dr. Daniel Benor's exhaustive two-volume bibliography on *Healing Research—Holistic Energy Medicine and Spirituality*; such strictly academic fare as *Nonparametric Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*, next to the Jesuit-priest Father Herbert Thurston's history of *Ghosts and Poltergeists*; Dr. J. B. Rhine's *New Frontiers of the Mind* (the father of parapsychology recounts the history of his experiments at Duke University in 1937), next to a paperback copy of Alan Sokal and Jean Bricmont's *Fashionable Nonsense, Postmodern Intellectuals' Abuse of Science*, or Michael White's *Weird Science?*

The collection at the library is laudably even-handed (there are volumes for the "skeptic" as well as for the sympathetic inquirer)—and up-to-the-minute too, and includes an extraordinary collection of magazines, journals and audio-visual materials. Although the bulk of the library's collection is in English, there are a significant number of books,

including highly important texts, in foreign languages as well.

...Till next time!

FROM THE PODIUM

The Perspectives Lecture Series

Speakers for the *Perspectives Lecture Series* illustrate the richness of our field by the diversity of their chosen topics and impressive command of their areas of expertise. This year's roster comprised the following: "Visitation Dreams" by Rosemary Ellen Guiley; "Are Children Very Psychic? Research and Spontaneous Cases" by Dr. Athena Drewes and Dr. Sally Ann Drucker; "Ghosts, Electromagnetics and Altered States" by Dr. Andrew Nichols; "Parapsychology in Brazil: At the Limits of Science and Religion" by Fátima R. Machado; "Creativity and ESP" by Dr. Kathy Dalton; "Parapsychology in the Talmud" by Dr. Sam Spero, and "Minds, Machines and Anomalies" by Dr. Arnold Lettieri.

In April, *Perspectives* departed from its usual venues of the Garrett Library or the New York Academy of Sciences and convened at a local museum purported to be haunted. Dr. Carlos S. Alvarado addressed the provocative question, "Is the Merchant House Museum Haunted?" to a sell-out audience.

Adding to the *Perspectives* foreign language videos, Wellington Zangari presented "Uma Introdução ao Estudo dos Fenômenos Parapsicológicos" (Introduction to Parapsychology) in Portuguese.

A very special 50th Anniversary *Perspectives* lecture is scheduled for August 5, 2001, by Dr. Charles T. Tart, entitled "God and (Nothing But) the Brain? Scientific Evidence for Taking Spirits Seriously," following the annual convention of the Parapsychological Association at the Metropolitan Hotel in New York City.

On September 24, Dr. Robert L. Morris will lead the Fall *Perspectives* series with "Parapsychology in the 21st Century" at the New York Academy of Sciences.

A *Film Perspective* comprised of noteworthy films culled from the audio-visual archives of the Eileen J. Garrett Library will round out the *Perspectives* roster for 2001.

All *Perspectives* lectures and events are available on video from the foundation.



OFF THE PRESSES

PF & Helix Press Publications

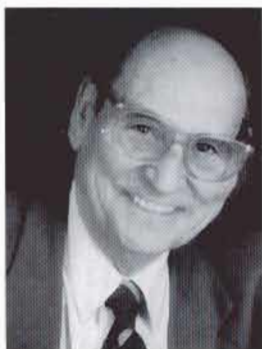
Parapsychology Foundation's rich publishing tradition continues with additions to the Scholarly Monograph Series and Pamphlet Series.

Parapsychological Monograph No. 19 entitled "The Common Thread between ESP and PK" by Dr. Michael Thalbourne is set to appear by year's end, as well as a new pamphlet entitled "The New Millenium in Parapsychology," a compendium of thoughts by respected parapsychologists concerning the future of parapsychology.

While examining the history of PF, our attention turned to founder Eileen

Garrett's *Garrett Publications* and *Helix Press*, which published many of the now-classic titles in the field. Inspired by these past ventures and a need to widen the scope of titles published by PF, we have taken the exciting step of resuming *Helix Press* publications.

Helix Press will be launching two quality paperback titles on October 6 in



Tony Cornell

London, England, following the Parapsychology Foundation *Lyceum Education Forum* (see the following article for more details).

Tony Cornell, the well-respected British paranormal investigator, has opened his case files and shared the fruits of his labor and expertise in his new book *Investigating the Paranormal*.

As an anniversary tribute and with the realization that current generations have not had the benefit of her first-hand account, Eileen Garrett's early autobiography *Adventures in the*



Eileen J. Garrett

Supernormal, will be published in its entirety, with the addition of "remembrances" from those who actually knew this complex and utterly fascinating individual.

A booksigning and selected readings by the author's daughter, Parapsychology Foundation President Eileen Coly, is scheduled for December 4 at the Foundation's headquarters in New York City.

AT THE LYCEUM

Forums, Courses & Seminars

Within a newly conceived context for the Parapsychology Foundation, the development of the Parapsychology Foundation *Lyceum* illustrates our ongoing commitment to "Advancing Education in Parapsychology." Intensive courses, seminars and one-day forums will be held here and abroad in both English and other languages, to provide quality educational opportunities in the field.

The first PF *Lyceum* International Forum was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 17, 2001, conducted in Spanish. Dr. Carlos S. Alvarado, the Foundation's Chairman of Domestic and International Programs, both moderated and presented a lecture on *Out of Body Experiences*. Also participating was Dr. Julio Sánchez of the Interamerican University, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, speaking on *Unexpected Nocturnal Visitors*, as well as Mr. Juan Albino of the Puerto Rican Center for Parapsychology Study and Investigation speaking on *Past Life Memories*. A lively, informative question-and-answer period ensued, which served to open up new vistas for future discussion and contemplation—a valuable by-product of *Lyceum* forums.

PF *Lyceum*'s second International Forum is scheduled for October 6, 2001 in London, England, conducted in English. This forum will focus on education in parapsychology, with our British colleagues outlining opportunities available in the field within the United Kingdom, as well as scheduled discussions defining the parameters of education in parapsychology.

"Parapsychology 101," an introductory, one-day course with maximum-capacity enrollment, was held at Foundation headquarters on January 27, taught by PF staff members Nancy L. Zingrone and Dr. Carlos S. Alvarado.

A one-day course, entitled "Parapsychology 101: The Scientific Study of Psychic Phenomena," will be held on October 27, 2001, as a prerequisite to "Parapsychology 201: Ghosts and Hauntings" to be held on November 3. More advanced courses will follow as the *Lyceum* expands.

TO THE WINNERS

Foundation Scholarships & Awards

The Parapsychology Foundation has long been aware that practical aid for scholars, scientists and students engaged in parapsychological research is, for the most part, unavailable from universities and other foundations. Our commitment to those working with dedication in the field is no less evident during this, our anniversary year.

The following are winners for 2001: Dr. Cheryl H. Alexander is the recipient of the *Frances P. Bolton Fellowship* designed to offer assistance to those who, having obtained their Ph.D. with a dissertation or thesis dealing with some aspect of parapsychological phenomena, intend to further write up and polish the data they amassed during preparation of the doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Matthew D. Smith received the *D. Scott Rogo Award for Parapsychological Literature*. Dr. Smith is currently preparing a new textbook entitled *Parapsychology: A Student's Guide*.

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Have You Heard?

▼ PF recently joined the Global Consciousness Project and its network of recording sites. The GCP is an international effort involving researchers who collect data designed to explore whether the construct of interconnected consciousness can be scientifically validated through objective measurement. For further information on this exciting project contact: <http://noosphere.princeton.edu>

▼ PF hosted its first research meeting since the 1960's on June 12, 2001. Japanese experimental researchers Dr. Mikio Yamamoto, Mr. Hideyuki Kokubo, Dr. Kimiko Kawano and Dr. Mami Kido presented their findings and engaged in a discussion with a select group of local researchers and academicians. More research meetings are planned by invitation only.

▼ PF is very proud to announce the creation of the *Charles T. and Judith A. Tart Student Incentive Award for Parapsychological Research*. This annual award of \$500 will be given to a student who demonstrates a strong commitment to work within parapsychology. Esteemed parapsychologist, Professor Charles T. Tart, received his first grant in parapsychology from the PF while still an undergraduate student at MIT.

PF will accept applications from undergraduate and graduate students with a specific research protocol by November 15, with the winner to be notified around December 1st.

Please contact the Foundation or check our website for applications and further information.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PERSPECTIVES LECTURE

Sunday, August 5, 7:00 pm
Metropolitan Hotel
569 Lexington Avenue, NYC, NY
Free to PA Convention registrants
or \$10 donation at door

Charles T. Tart, PhD
"God and (Nothing But) the Brain?
Taking Spirits Seriously"

PERSPECTIVES LECTURE

Monday, September 24, 7:00–9:00 pm
New York Academy of Sciences
2 East 63rd Street, NYC, NY
\$10 donation at door

Professor Robert L. Morris
"Parapsychology in the 21st Century"

PF LYCEUM FORUM

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am–5:30 pm
London, England

"Education in Parapsychology"

HELIX PRESS BOOK LAUNCH

Saturday, October 6, 6:30–8:30 pm
London, England

"Investigating the Paranormal"
by Tony Cornell
"Adventures in the Supernormal"
by Eileen J. Garrett

PF LYCEUM COURSE

Saturday, October 27, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Parapsychology Foundation
228 East 71st Street, NYC, NY
"Parapsychology 101: Scientific
Study of Psychic Phenomena"

PF LYCEUM COURSE

Saturday, November 3, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Parapsychology Foundation
228 East 71st Street, NYC, NY
"Parapsychology 201:
Ghosts and Hauntings"
(prerequisite Parapsychology 101)

PERSPECTIVES FILM PRESENTATION

Thursday, November 15, 7:00–9:00 pm
New York Academy of Sciences
2 East 63rd Street, NYC, NY
\$10 donation at door

BOOKSIGNING

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00–8:30 pm
Parapsychology Foundation
228 East 71st Street, NYC, NY
"Adventures in the Supernormal"
by Eileen J. Garrett
Readings and booksigning by
the author's daughter, Eileen Coly

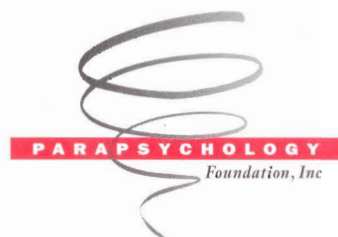
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The Eileen J. Garrett Scholarship, whose winner will be announced in early August, is offered to any student in an accredited college or university who plans to pursue undergraduate or graduate parapsychological studies and is presently engaged in such studies.

Mr. Hideyuki Kokubo, a researcher at the Bio-Emission Laboratory of the National Institute of Radiological

Sciences in Japan, and the Director of the Japanese Society for Parapsychology was granted a PF *Scholarly Incentive Award* as a Parapsychological Association member to attend this year's convention in New York City.

As has long been PF's practice, *Scholarly Incentives* for students to attend the Rhine Research Summer Study Program were also awarded.



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