

## The Foundation in Transition

Individuals, organizations, and governments are taking stock and dealing with the challenges of a world irrevocably changed by September 11, 2001. So, too, is Parapsychology Foundation.

Following a period of introspection during our 50th Anniversary year and subsequent rededication to the goals of our founders, PF was truly in transition in the year 2003.

Resonating to the adage “everything old is new again”, we have devised new strategies to maintain support for the science of parapsychology and disseminate quality information to both academia and the general public worldwide.

We have created a virtual office staffed by Dr. Carlos S. Alvarado and Nancy Zingrone in Charlottesville, Virginia: Although the New York metropolitan community sorely misses their physical presence, the wonders of the internet have allowed them to seamlessly continue administrating the Foundation’s publications and programs—with the added bonus of new contacts and associations they have made on behalf of the Foundation.

Two exciting projects were inaugurated this year. The first, a new Student Affiliate Program, was introduced, using much the same format as the PF International Affiliate Program. Through our PF Lyceum activities, our Scholarship and Award Program, and now, the Student Affiliate Program, the Foundation remains stalwart in its support of education. Ongoing support of students dedicated specifically to parapsychological

studies—as well as those in various related disciplines—is essential to the future of parapsychology.

Students from all walks of life, different disciplines and levels of scholarship, are well-served by our second new project, the recently launched online store *www.psi-mart.com*. Here, all of PF’s publications, videos and reprints of papers from PF’s famed *International Conference Proceedings* and other publications, are available at the click of a mouse—along with selected works from other publishers deemed relevant for serious students of the paranormal. Psi-mart offers one-stop shopping for a worldwide public interested in quality information.

This year, we have made the difficult decision to relocate, and have put our handsome home of 24 years up for sale. This decision rests on the belief that abandoning these specific bricks and mortar will allow the continuation of existing PF programs, and will open roads not yet taken, offering new creative directions for the growth and evolution of the organization. Our board of trustees joins our president, Mrs. Eileen Coly and me, in pledging to continue the work of the Foundation, as well as augment the collections of the Eileen J. Garrett Library, which will find a new home in the near future.

Following this time of challenging decisions, Parapsychology Foundation is poised for an exciting and productive year ahead. We appreciate your continued support as we explore the questions raised by our fascinating phenomena.

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The Eileen J. Garrett Library

Over the years the Eileen J. Garrett library has kept up with the growing body of literature on psychic phenomena and related topics, and pledges to continue to do so. This year, the library added well over 100 volumes and has expanded in a variety of directions.

Those interested in telepathy—particularly its history—will find *The Invention of Telepathy* very instructive. In it, author Roger Luckhurst discusses ideas of telepathy proposed between 1870-1901. Reviewing the various explanations given for this faculty, such as electromagnetic waves and the role of the subconscious mind, he also connects telepathy to the popular culture of 19th century society.

Other recent acquisitions focus on particular manifestations of ESP. In a reprint of *Mind to Mind*, first published in 1948, French researcher René Warcollier summarizes years of ESP research using drawings. In *Twin Telepathy* by Guy Lyon Playfair, the author explores ESP between twins.

Another phenomenon that has traditionally captured the public's imagination—demonic possession—is the topic of Michael W. Cuneo's *American Exorcism: Expelling Demons in the Land of Plenty*. Cuneo, who teaches sociology and anthropology, focuses on the different procedures used to exorcise people in contemporary America. Not a believer in demonic possession, he sees exorcism as a ritual that allows individuals to escape their problems by blaming them on the devil.

As with possession, ghosts are among the most dramatic manifestations

of psychic phenomena and are the subject of Hilary Evans' new book, *Seeing Ghosts: Experiences of the Paranormal*. The book focuses on visions of the dead, but also discusses apparitions of the living.

The out-of-body experience (OBE) is another phenomenon that is widely discussed today. William Buhlman, experimenter, has authored *The Secret of the Soul: Using Out-of Body Experiences to Understand our True Nature*, in which he assumes the existence of subtle energy bodies capable of traveling to other dimensions.

A fascinating discussion of altered states of consciousness by psychologist Imants Baruss, *Alterations of Consciousness: An Empirical Analysis for Social Scientists*, published by the American Psychological Association, is a welcome addition to our shelves.

The audio-visual archives continue to develop, now boasting over 500 titles. Among recent additions are: *Investigating the Mind-Exchanges between Buddhism and the Biobehavioral Sciences on How the Mind Works*, a record of the Dalai Lama's September 2003 visit to MIT (ten hours of historic cross-cultural activity); *Up Close and Personal*, unique specially-recorded profiles of luminaries in the parapsychology world (including PF's president Eileen Coly!); a complete set of the History Channel's groundbreaking popular "ghost" series, *Haunted History*, with footage of healers, shamans, mentalists and mediums.

The heterogeneity and eclectic nature of the Foundation's archives are a major aspect of its strength, and we look forward to ongoing expansion in the coming years. Suggestions—or indeed donations—of titles and other acquisitions are always welcome.

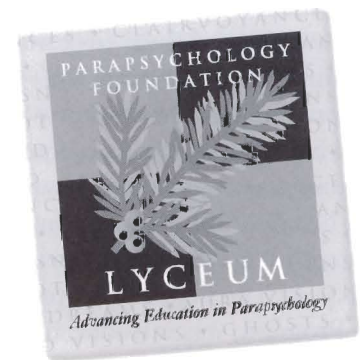


Forums, Courses & Seminars

This year, the Lyceum was proud to launch the Student Affiliate Program, designed to help students access a network of reliable information about the science of parapsychology.

For years, Parapsychology Foundation has stood as a clearinghouse for information in parapsychology, and has remained committed to supporting the field and its workers by keeping our finger on the pulse of research and education. In order to inspire a new generation of researchers within this complex field—even if only for a short while, or as an adjunct to other career paths—we seek to support enterprising students with our Student Affiliate Program.

The Student Affiliate receives a PF Psychic Explorers Club membership, and all membership benefits free. It is expected that Student Affiliates within their individual schools will create a nucleus of like-minded individuals who



would prompt Lyceum events at their school, and receive specialized support by PF Lyceum coordinators.

The Lyceum website, [www.pflyceum.org](http://www.pflyceum.org) has been enlarged to include all of our scholarship and award applications, and advice offered especially to students.

A new version of our best-selling *Introduction to Parapsychology* course, taught by Dr. Carlos S. Alvarado and Nancy L. Zingrone, was presented and refilmed with better production values and cutting-edge research information.

Log on to the PF's Lyceum website, [www.pflyceum.org](http://www.pflyceum.org), for new courses, seminars and forums.

## IN THE E-STORE

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### Psi-Mart

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The exciting, new Parapsychology Foundation online store, [www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com), was launched in mid-October. Our virtual shelves are lined with all of the PF publications—Helix Press titles, monographs, conference proceedings, pamphlets, Perspectives and Lyceum videos (in both NTSC and PAL format), *International Journal of Parapsychology* issues and CD-ROM—as well as a growing number of books and CD-ROMS from other publishers that we highly recommend to students and seekers of parapsychological information.

Psi-Mart features a searchbox on every page for searching products by key criteria, with results listed alphabetically by title. Reprints are easily searchable for immediate download, or hard-copy versions can be shipped. Psychic Explorers Club members enjoy a 10% discount on all products in their shopping carts.

[www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com) meets a major Foundation goal by providing electronic one-stop shopping for the highest quality information in the field of parapsychology.

## FROM THE PODIUM

### The Perspectives Lecture Series

The Perspectives Lecture Series has grown to literally “standing room only” audiences with patrons unhappily turned away at the door due to space limitations. The series has become so popular that our audience is clamoring for more! Contributing to the series’ banner year were the following speakers and their presentations: Roger Nelson addressing “*Patterns Where There Should be None: A Glimpse of Global Consciousness*”; “*Studying Physiological Coherence Between Alternative Healers and Patients*” by Steve Baumann; and Sylvia Hart Wright speaking on “*Sensing Contact with the Dead: A Common Experience*”.

Videos of Perspectives lectures can be purchased in NTSC or PAL format at [www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com) or by contacting the Foundation in the U.S. by calling 1-800-941-4617.

## OFF THE PRESSES

### PF & Helix Press Publications

Following several years of intense publication activity with the relaunch of Helix Press, *The International Journal of Parapsychology* and the *PF Pamphlet Series*, the year 2003 saw our publishing program scale back. Though temporarily giving way to the continuation and support of other PF programs, publications remain an integral part of the Foundation’s varied programs.

Early in 2004, the long-awaited new

edition to our Scholarly Monograph Series, No. 19, *The Common Thread between ESP and PK* by Michael Thalbourne, is slated to appear, along with back-to-back issues of our



*International Journal of Parapsychology* and new editions of our Pamphlet Series. Our editors have remained busy vetting new manuscripts and, in future, will resume

a productive and, once again, prolific publishing schedule.

## TO THE WINNERS

### Foundation Scholarships & Awards

Adding to our distinguished roster of Scholarship and Award Winners for 2003:

Aliza Hakimian is this year’s *Eileen J. Garrett Scholarship* winner. Her masters thesis explores precognition and its basis in physics. It should be noted that Ms. Hakimian in 2002 attended the Rhine Summer Study Program with the aid of a PF Scholarly Incentive Award. We are proud to assist her once again as she continues to pursue her studies in parapsychology.

Dr. Fátima Regina Machado has been named the recipient of the *D.Scott Rogo Award for Parapsychological Literature*. She is preparing a book entitled “*Poltergeists: sua função e significando—Uma abordagem semiótica*” (*Poltergeists: Their function and Meaning— A Semiotic Approach.*)

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To *The Winners*, continued

Dr. Machado serves as a PF International Affiliate representing Brazil and has lectured for PF's *Perspectives Lecture Series* with a video available from [www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com). Assistance given to works published in languages other than English underscores the Foundation's commitment to a global parapsychological community.

*The Frances P. Bolton Fellowship* winner is Dr. Simon Sherwood, who received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Edinburgh. Currently working as a lecturer in psychology at the University College of Northampton in England, he will use his fellowship support to assist in the continued analysis and publication of data from his Ph.D. thesis entitled "*Modeling Childhood Antecedents of Anomalous Experiences and Beliefs: Fantasy Proneness, Hypnogogic/-Hypnopompic and Sleep Experiences*".

Bryan Williams, a New Mexico undergraduate student, was awarded the *Charles T. and Judith A. Tart Student Incentive Award*. Majoring in psychology with a minor in physics, his main interests lie in the emerging paradigm of environmental psychophysiology, which examines how physical energies within the environment, both natural and artificial, might come to briefly interact with and effect brain functioning to produce perceptual, cognitive and emotional alterations in conscious experience. His research plan supported by the Tart award will seek to extend the current field RNG research on group consciousness by conducting two experiments focusing on group religious ceremonial events.

Fabio Eduardo da Silva received a *Scholarly Incentive Award* to enable him to attend the 2003 Parapsychological Association Convention held in Vancouver,

Canada. He was able to present his paper, and that of his research team from the Ganzfeld Research Laboratory, Curso Livre de Parapsicologia, Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil.

Michael Yan-Kiat Lau, a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, received a research grant to conduct a study that will look at the degree to which existing psi literature is flawed and consequently will yield inaccurate results when meta-analyzed. This and a series of studies to follow will also aim to suggest the superiority of a Bayesian analysis framework in psi research.

## WITHIN THE CLUB

### *The Psychic Explorers Club*

The Psychic Explorers Club has continued to grow as people are drawn from all around the world, culled from different walks of life and different backgrounds—academic and non-academic alike. This eclectic mix serves to create diverse, wide-ranging discussions with members sharing experiences, as well as knowledge and theories, gleaned from their own exploration into psychic realms.

The Psychic Explorers Club website, [www.psychicexplorers.org](http://www.psychicexplorers.org), is a central focus for club activity. The members-only online forum has continued to expand, with the forum moderators interjecting



references and explanations designed to widen the scope of the lively, in-depth discussions.

Members are pleased to be able to renew their membership online, a new feature on the user-friendly website.

PE Club members also enjoy shopping online at the Foundation's new e-store, [www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com), where they receive a 10% discount on all products.

Members-only club events have been held in the New York metropolitan area: A discussion of poltergeist phenomena with the viewing of archival video material drawn from the Eileen J. Garrett Research Library; and a Halloween "get together" with a screening of one of Hollywood's best representations of ghostly material, the 1944 movie, *The Uninvited*. Both were received with great enthusiasm. To better serve our membership, plans are being drawn to branch out and, in the future, hold club events in different locales.

Log on to [www.psychicexplorers.org](http://www.psychicexplorers.org), and "Join the Quest"!



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