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Greetings!

As the fall months come to a close and we move into winter, OPUS continues to transform and grow. With the ongoing efforts in the Legacy Digital Lab, we are steadily deepening and broadening access to our collections through digitization and expanded description of collections.

To ensure ongoing improvements to a results-oriented research experience, OPUS welcomed two new staff members this fall. Curatorial Assistant Devon Deimler and Archival and Administrative Assistant Andrea Robles will join and work closely with Nho Lu, our dedicated technician in the Digital Lab. Both Devon and Andrea are multi-talented and come to our institution with broad experiences fitting our specific range of needs. Read further for a more complete introduction to Devon, and we will be introducing Andrea and Nho in subsequent issues. We also invite you to go our website [www.opusarchives.org](http://www.opusarchives.org) to learn more about our project and conducting research at OPUS.

We are developing some exciting new collaborations with other institutions. The Eranos Foundation is in discussion with Pacifica and OPUS about mutual access to the archives. In coordination with the Joseph Campbell Foundation, a new collaboration is under way between the New York Public Library, OPUS, and Pacifica regarding the Joseph Campbell papers, which are now centralized in NYPL's Manuscripts and Archives Division, making them accessible to a consortium of many colleges and research libraries as well as to Pacifica. The Joseph Campbell personal library, lecture recordings, and artifacts all remain with OPUS on the Pacifica campuses. We look forward to these collaborations and the possibilities for joint programs, research, and curating exhibits on the East and West coasts, as well as in Europe.

Wishing you a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season!

Jennifer Maxon, MLIS  
Director of OPUS / Archivist

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## **Meet our Curatorial Assistant**

### **Devon Deimler**



Devon Deimler received her MA and is currently a PhD Candidate in Mythological Studies at Pacifica. Her dissertation adopts James Hillman's idea of depth psychology as a depth aesthetics by considering Dionysos as an archetype of aesthetic experience. Before studying at Pacifica, Devon received her BA in Interdisciplinary Sculpture from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, focusing on event-based work and modern through contemporary art and film history. She has assisted in several arts-related archives and her experience in art and music includes founding an independent record label and collaborative event project, Wildfire Productions, and working as Assistant to the Director at the Dennis Hopper Art Trust.

At OPUS, Devon is working within the collection management database to refine collection description and will be developing rotating archival exhibits. She is the new leader of the Joseph Campbell Foundation Mythological RoundTable® Group at OPUS. Look to future Newsletters as Devon reaches into the collections to share with you what she finds among the many gems!

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## **The Joseph Campbell Mythological RoundTable® Group**

### **Of OPUS at Pacifica Graduate Institute**

Our next event will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at the Pacifica Graduate Institute Ladera Lane campus. Come hear Dr. Catherine Svehla as she leads an interactive exploration of storytelling in a talk entitled:

### **Once Upon A Time Is Now**

In traditional cultures, people come together to listen to the old stories and consider their wisdom and meaning for the present moment. This practice is one of our oldest medicines and teaching forms, one that we still need and can use today to gain insight into cultural and personal concerns. Join Catherine Svehla, Ph.D. for the telling and exploration of the story that we need right now. We'll use a simple divination method to guide us to the story that needs to be told to the group that gathers.

Dr. Catherine Svehla is an independent scholar, educator, and artist with a PhD in Mythological Studies and Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. She creates story-based classes and programs geared toward a popular adult audience that demonstrate the relevance of mythology to contemporary life. Dr. Svehla is the founder of Mythic Mojo and the host of Myth in the Mojave, a bi-weekly podcast with an international audience. She founded and led the High Desert Mythological Roundtable from 2009-2015. In 2010, Dr. Svehla received a New Mythos grant from OPUS Archives for "Blisters On the Way to Bliss: Toward a New Understanding of Heroism," a project in the Joseph Campbell archives.

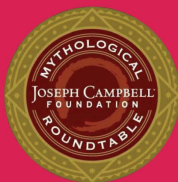
**JOSEPH CAMPBELL FOUNDATION  
MYTHOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE® GROUP  
of OPUS at PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE**

presents

**Once Upon A Time Is Now  
Interactive Exploration of Storytelling**



**with DR. CATHERINE SVEHLA**



**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Sunday January 8th, 2016**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Classroom G**

**801 Ladera Lane Santa Barbara, 93108**



For questions **805.969.5750** or **d.deimler@opusarchives.org**

This event is FREE and open to the public. No reservations are needed.

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## The Mythological RoundTable

### What are these events all about?

The Joseph Campbell Foundation Mythological RoundTable® Group of OPUS at Pacifica Graduate Institute is host to bi-monthly gatherings that foster a deep and abiding interest in *all things mythological*. In the spirit of inclusivity, events are free and open to the public and feature a wide range of in-depth topics for presentation and discussion. Please join us on our journeys!

Our 2nd meeting of the year is already in the works.  
Please join us at this free event.

### SAVE THE DATE

**March 12th, 2017: Dr. Safron Rossi on "The Archetype of the Kore"**

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## Your Unwanted Technology May Be Needed!

### Wanted: Audio Players

We are in need of old-fashioned cassette players, to pair with our old-fashioned cassettes, as well as portable CD players. If you live locally and have a player or two in good working order that you would like give to a useful cause, please call us at 805-969-5750 or email Andrea at [a.robles@opusarchives.org](mailto:a.robles@opusarchives.org)



## Expanded Social Media Presence

### Follow Us On Instagram!



OPUS Archives is now on Instagram as opus\_archives.

You can follow us to access up-to-date information on upcoming events and behind-the-scenes photos of what we do here in the archives. On occasion, you will also see some of the interesting findings we stumble across in our collections, but not everything. We want to leave some things for *you* to discover when you stop by for a visit.

## Support OPUS All Year Long

Your contribution to OPUS helps with our mission to preserve collections and make them accessible to researchers.



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**The Administrative  
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*Monday - Thursday*  
*9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**The Joseph Campbell  
Library** *is open*  
*Saturdays 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.*

*Both are available by appointment*