

## Fall 2018 at OPUS

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Greetings!

This summer OPUS was pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 New Mythos grants to artists for their proposed creations, which will be presented in a collective performance *Out of the Mud & Ashes* at the Lobero Theatre on October 6. Through these creative voices, the coming evening of music, dance, song, poetry, performance art, multimedia, and photography promises to be a reflective and inspiring response to the Thomas fire and Montecito debris flows that devastated our communities in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

With the fall semester upon us, OPUS wants to remind those working on their dissertations that the application period for the 2019 Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship remains ongoing and the deadline is January 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Students in an accredited graduate program at any institution whose studies include a focus on depth psychology and/or mythology are eligible.

Sadly, in July we lost an esteemed mentor and inspiration to many, Marion Woodman. Marion, whose rich body of life's work focused on the relationship of psyche and soma, especially in the experiences and lives of women, lives on and continues to resonate for us through her archives at OPUS. In her honor, a memorial exhibit is currently on display through September and although modest, it reflects the depth and breadth of her passions. Then in January 2019, OPUS will participate in a special two-day memorial gathering sponsored by Pacifica and the PGI Alumni Association.

And if you haven't already had the opportunity, our exhibit *Passages Through the Archives: Midnight of Noon*, remains on view through November during regular business hours.

We are honored to have Christine Downing, PhD as our featured speaker for the fall Joseph Campbell Foundation Mythological RoundTable® Group. Dr. Downing, whose

collection is held in the Archives, will present “Walking in Freud’s Footsteps: Along the Freud Promenade in the Dolomites” and group leader Devon Deimler will facilitate the discussion.

More information on each of these events and opportunities follows and also can be found on the OPUS website at [www.opusarchives.org](http://www.opusarchives.org).

As autumn approaches and begins to surround us, I hope you savor some moments with the elongating shadows and frolicking leaves that will ensue!

Jennifer Maxon, MLIS  
Director of OPUS / Archivist

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**The Joseph Campbell Mythological RoundTable® Group**  
of OPUS at Pacifica Graduate Institute

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

**Dr. Christine Downing**



**Walking in Freud's Footsteps:  
Along the Freud Promenade  
in the Dolomites**



**SUN. OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**5:30 - 7:30PM**

801 Ladera Lane Santa Barbara  
Classroom A

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



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**"Walking in Freud's Footsteps:  
Along the Freud Promenade in the Dolomites"**

with Christine Downing, PhD

In this RoundTable presentation and slideshow, Dr. Christine Downing will interweave personal family history, her engagement with Freud and Jung, and their engagement with each other. It will also touch on connections between the personal and professional materials included in her collection housed in our Archives.

Dr. Downing helped to develop and is a core faculty member in Pacifica Graduate Institute's Mythological Studies program. Over her career, she has made significant scholarly contributions to the fields of Religious Studies, Mythology, and Gender Studies through a unique blending of rigorous scholarly work with the personal voice of

biographical writing and self-reflection. She earned an undergraduate degree in literature from Swarthmore College and PhD in Religion and Culture from Drew University, where she was the first woman to receive a doctorate. She was appointed the first woman president of the American Academy of Religion in 1974 and is Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies from San Diego State University, where she taught for almost twenty years. She has also taught at the San Diego campus of the California School of Professional Psychology and at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich. Dr. Downing has published and edited many books, including *The Goddess: Mythological Images of the Feminine*.



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

For more information, please visit the [Events](#) page of our website.

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## **Marion Woodman** **In Remembrance**

As we mourn the loss of one of our beloved elders, we also celebrate her life. In honor of Marion Woodman's influential life and work, OPUS Archives and Research Center has created a special exhibit featuring a rich selection of her personal memorabilia, including rarely shown photographs, awards, and treasures she kept in her study. This modest yet expressive memorial exhibit is currently on view at any time in the display case outside the OPUS office.

	<p><b>Marion Woodman</b> 1928 - 2018</p> <p><b><i>In Memoriam</i></b> a special exhibit on display at OPUS Archives</p> <hr/> <p>Now through September 2018</p>	
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OPUS will participate in a memorial gathering being held in her honor at Pacifica Graduate Institute January 19-20, 2019. The public is invited to participate in story-telling, movement, song, ritual, and remembrance in tribute to Marion.

For more information on the Memorial Gathering, sponsored by Pacifica and PGI Alumni Association, see PGIAA's bulletin.

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## **Out of the Mud and Ashes** **2018 New Mythos Artists Grant Awardees and Performance**

OPUS is pleased to congratulate the 2018 New Mythos Artists Grant recipients:

**Gwendolyn Alley, Robin Bisio, Deanne California, Dane Edmondson,  
Luther Gerlach, Amy Katz, Christine Kravetz, RT Livingston,  
Marco Pinter, Ray Powers, Ethan Turpin, Emily Vizzo, and Rob Write.**

These talented local artists are creating a new mythos to help us understand the profound transformation we are experiencing among ourselves and our surroundings. Come see their interpretations in a collective performance at the Lobero Theatre on Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m.



Tickets can be purchased via the Lobero Theatre website

Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, this event may not be suitable for all audiences.

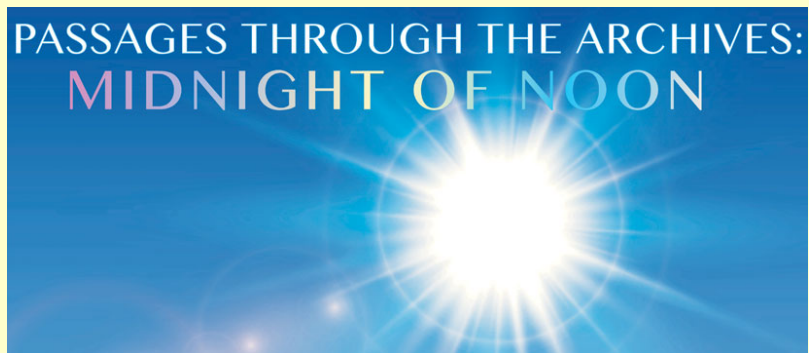
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## **Exhibit On View**

### **Passages Through the Archives: Midnight of Noon**



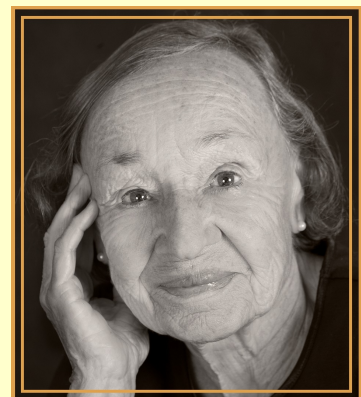
*Passages Through the Archives: Midnight of Noon*, which remains on view through November, follows midnight into the long-awaited or spontaneous experience of noon, often imagined as a heightened moment of sacred union. Items in this exhibit present investigations and visions of rebirth, synchronicity, spirituality, parapsychology, and mythic figures embodying the transcendent emergence of life from death.

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## **Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship**

### **Accepting Applications for 2019**

OPUS is accepting applications for the Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship. The Downing Fellowship is an annual scholarship awarded to dissertation students of any accredited graduate level institution in the fields of depth psychology and mythology. The Fellowship carries the name of Professor Downing in acknowledgement of her contribution to the fields of depth psychology and mythology, her many years of teaching at Pacifica Graduate Institute, and her gift to OPUS of her own archival materials. The purpose of the Downing Fellowship is to award \$5,000 for dissertation research in the Archives.



For more information and to download the guidelines and application,  
visit our website at [www.opusarchives.org/fellowship](http://www.opusarchives.org/fellowship)

**The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. PST on January 3, 2019.**

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