

Winter 2021 at OPUS

Dear Friends,

As we collectively find ourselves enduring an extraordinary time of what is normally a season of more intimate gathering and sharing, we at OPUS are always thinking of you and remain positive as we continue to look forward to re-opening, re-grouping, and re-imagining together in person again. Campus remains closed through the Winter academic session, but staff safely continues our work here and will be ready for your return.

Every two years the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) develops a list of anniversaries of historic events and of eminent personalities for celebration. For the 2020-2021 time period, UNESCO named Marija Gimbutas to their list in recognition of her upcoming 2021 centennial. To participate in honoring Gimbutas, we are busy finalizing the research and development of a new year-long exhibit, which begins January 23, 2021, the 100th anniversary of her birth. At that time, we will launch the exhibit in a virtual format that will be made available to all, and the physical exhibit will remain in place for anyone who visits once campus is open again. OPUS is proud to be able to share valuable materials from Gimbutas' mythology and archeology collection with you, especially in conjunction with UNESCO's stated interest in an international perspective of education, science, and culture and the distinction they have bestowed upon her.

A final reminder to students working on dissertations that the application deadline for the 2021 Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship is Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The guidelines include an introductory statement about the Covid virus; please read and give careful consideration to this before beginning your application.

OPUS wishes to acknowledge the generous donation of funds received from the 2020 third-year Myth Cohort from Pacifica Graduate Institute. At their request, these funds have been designated for digitizing a selected portion of materials from the Chris Downing collection. Representatives from the Cohort and OPUS staff have developed a wish list of possible materials, and a deeper evaluation of preservation and use priorities from within the list will begin in early 2021. Our warmest thank you to the group for

thinking of OPUS and the Downing Collection, and for recognizing the ongoing need for preservation and extended access of fragile materials.

Willow Young, LMFT, a professor at Pacifica Graduate Institute, will be giving a Zoom talk presented by the C. G. Jung Club of Orange County on Sunday December 13. Her topic, "Eros and the Value of Relatedness: Jung and Ochwiay Biano and the Lineage of an Enduring Friendship", features an interview with Katie Sanford as well as other information gleaned during Professor Young's research in the Sanford Collection at OPUS. Look for further information and a link to the flyer below.

On behalf of all of us at OPUS and to all our colleagues, friends, and supporters, we wish you continued peace, strength, and good health throughout the Holiday Season and as we transition into the New Year.

Jennifer Maxon, Director / Archivist

Marija Gimbutas

Honoring 100 Years



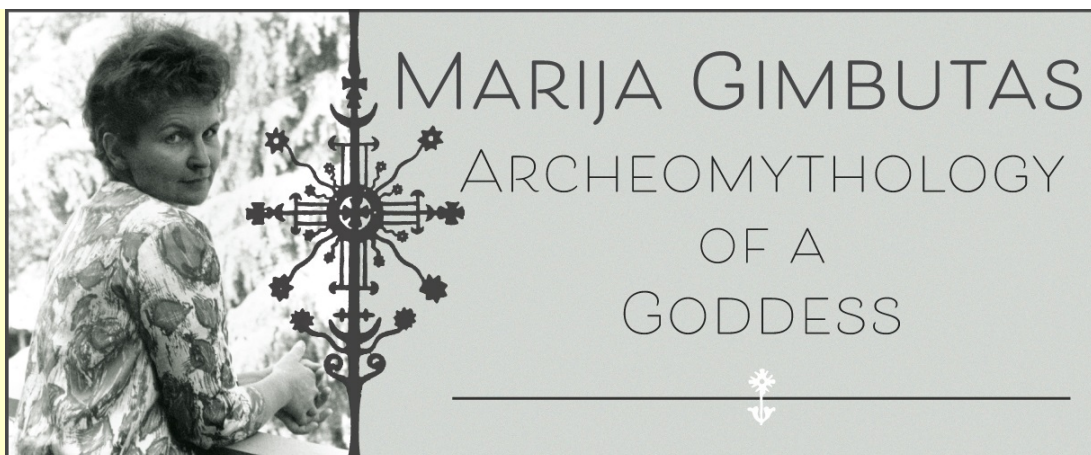
Marija Gimbutas would have turned 100 on January 23, 2021. In conjunction with this milestone UNESCO has chosen Gimbutas as one of their "anniversaries of eminent personalities, who helped shape the civilization we share by contributing to the mutual enrichment of cultures for universal understanding and peace."

We are excited to join the member nations of UNESCO from around the world in honoring Marija and her body of work.

To learn more and to see a full list of honorees, you can visit the [UNESCO Commemorations and Anniversaries](#) page.

New Year, New Exhibit

Marija Gimbutas: Archeomythology of a Goddess



In celebration of the centennial of Lithuanian-American archeologist, author, and UCLA Professor Emeritus Marija Gimbutas' birthdate and the UNESCO designated anniversary, OPUS presents the year-long exhibit, *Marija Gimbutas: Archeomythology of a Goddess*, featuring a variety of items from OPUS' collection illuminating the resilient and inspired life and equally distinguished and controversial work of the self-designated "archeomythologist" (1921-1994). On view are edited typescripts, notes, photographs, excavation maps, personal memorabilia, and archeological illustrations spanning from her early studies of Lithuanian folklore, to her groundbreaking "Kurgan hypothesis" regarding the transformation of Old European civilization, to her passionate and impactful theories on the sovereign worship of a multifaceted Mother Goddess in pre-patriarchal cultures.

This exhibit may be viewed throughout 2021, beginning virtually January 23, 2021 and physically on-site when campus reopens.

For more information on the exhibit and the OPUS collections, visit the [Exhibits](#) page of our website.

OPUS Archives In The World **Eros and the Value of Relatedness**

The Archives draw in researchers of all types who seek the knowledge our collections hold and we love to hear about how their time spent at OPUS has materialized in their work. Professor Willow Young explored the Katie Sanford collection, which includes correspondence between the Sanfords and Ochwiay Biano. To find out how these letters and other materials from the collection were utilized, join Professor Young as she presents her research in



December for the C. G. Jung Club of Orange County online via Zoom. The public is invited to this free event, but must register prior to joining.

***Eros and the Value of Relatedness:
Jung and Ochwiay Biano and the Lineage of an Enduring Friendship***

presented by Willow Young

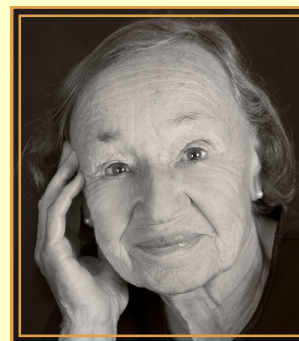
December 13, 2020
4:00 - 6:00 pm PST

For more information on the event, the presenter, and how to register
please visit the OPUS website

Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship
Accepting Applications for 2021

The application period for the Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship is still open! \$5,000 will be awarded to one dissertation student of any accredited graduate level institution working within the fields of depth psychology and/or mythology and whose work shows scholarly exploration into original patterns of thought.

The Fellowship carries the name of Professor Downing in acknowledgement of her contributions to the fields of depth psychology and mythology, her many years of teaching, and her gift to OPUS of her own archival materials.



For more information and to download the guidelines and application, visit our website
at www.opusarchives.org/fellowship

Applications are due by 5:00 pm PST on January 15, 2021

Please note that special protocols may be in place due to Covid-19

The Administrative Office and Archives
and
The Joseph Campbell & Marija Gimbutas Libraries
are temporarily closed

For more information on the status of the physical campus during virus safety measures, see the Campus Updates tab on the OPUS website.

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