



C.G. Jung Society, Seattle

The attainment of wholeness requires one to stake one's whole being. Nothing less will do; there can be no easier conditions, no substitutes, no compromises.

—C. G. Jung

Message from the Co-Presidents:

Dear Members and Friends,
Welcome to the Fall 2021 Program Season of the C. G. Jung Society, Seattle. From Fairy Tale Fridays to a November lecture about the Dark Night of the Species Soul to our December community sharing of soul-making, your Program Chair has been hard at work to bring interesting speakers and timely topics to you. Please register via our website at jungseattle.net.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank each one of you for maintaining your membership and for finding a way to join us for our Zoom presentations over the past year. Zoom has allowed speakers to present from afar, and for distant participants to attend without the traffic and from out of state. We want all of you to remain healthy and safe during these challenging times. We will continue to be on Zoom for now and will look forward to a time when we can return to the classroom for the in-person experience we have shared for so many years. Given the success of our Zoom presentations, we will also be experimenting with hybrid formats in the future.

Life events have brought us to bittersweet good-byes, made more difficult under quarantine. Ryan Biava and Laura Rivendale stepped back from the Board and Shirley McNeil has turned over the Office Manager responsibilities. Susan Grelock answered the call for new leadership, added her energy, expertise to the Board, and stepped back. The Jung Society has been the beneficiary of their dedication, intelligence, experience, and wisdom. I am thankful, grateful, and honored to have worked with them. And we welcome new Board members: Larry Cole, Secretary, continues as Zoom

master; Erin Abbott, Program Chair and Membership Chair; Akasha Baron, Board Member and Office Manager; and Randy Morris, our new Co-President. Thank you all for stepping forward to help us thrive as an organization and carry us into the future. As you can see our Board Members all have multiple roles. In the words of Laura Rivendale, "We still need two more volunteers with managerial experience who would like to leverage that on behalf of the Jung Society." Tech skills also especially welcome. If you are interested, please contact us at office@jungseattle.net.

The Jung Society is committed to bringing the theory of C. G. Jung to the widest possible audience—the general public—which includes individuals who may never have heard of Jung

Fairy Tale Fridays:

Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Ongoing Discussion Group

Randy Morris, PhD:

Oct. 13th Dreams, Rituals and the Dark Night of the Species Soul

Dr. Clyde Ford:

Nov. 17th The Hero with an African Face

December

Community Gathering:

Dec 8th Soul Night, with Randy Morris & Akasha Baron

COVID-19 Guidelines change in response to the data: We will follow the guidelines of the Governor and Mayor and abide by the policies posted on Historic Seattle's website for the Good Shepherd Center <https://historicseattle.org/about/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

before to those who read and attend for personal interest to those who are scholars and practitioners. We welcome all of you. Please invite your friends and acquaintances to our events and encourage them to become members. Jung speaks to the inner life and the call of the Self in community and the response of the Self to crisis, when something new emerges from an unexpected place within the individual.

"The C. G. Jung Society, Seattle is an important part of the culture of this community. We work hard to ensure that the Society survives for you and for generations to come. Please consider making a one-time or ongoing donation or legacy gift to help us continue to bring you quality programs."

– Bette Joram, Co-president

From Randy Morris, Co-President:

It is a great honor to assume the position of Co-President of the Jung Society of Seattle with my friend and colleague Bette Joram. Bette and I first met in 1986 while in a Jung Study Group led by Dr. Bill Levy and continued our Jungian education together for many years thereafter. Since 1986 I have been to many Society events, given several lectures, and benefitted from the intellectual and community stimulation. When Bette called me recently for assistance in helping the Society through a significant transition, I readily accepted the call to be a 'friend of the board' to help guide the transformation. But as I became more familiar with the Society's situation, which was dire, I began to see the seeds of a renaissance. What if we took advantage of the myriad possibilities presented to us by creating a state-of-the art website that could enhance ease of use and provide copious opportunities for creating small 'conversation cafes' around current topics of interest to our members? What if we designed, in addition to our speaker program, a yearly curriculum that could introduce the general public to the key ideas of Jungian psychology so they, too, could join the 'community of discourse' of depth psychology? What if our programming emphasized the pressing issues of our times – the quest for social justice, the Covid epidemic, global warming – and provided therapeutic suggestions not only for surviving but for thriving in a time of epochal transformation?

As I have tried to describe in my recent presentations to the Society, C.G. Jung not only foresaw what he called 'the changing of the gods' in our culture, he developed a psychological theory sufficient to navigate the rough waters. What if the Seattle Jung Society provided an intellectual and social 'rough weather network' for its members, providing a safe and welcoming space to discuss the urgent matters that press so heavily on our hearts and minds? With these questions in mind, and with optimism for the prospects of the Society, I accepted the call to the Co-President role.

Of course it is easy to dream up significant ideas, but folks have to show up to fulfill the dream. I am showing up by volunteering to be Co-President with Bette. The board is showing up by committing time and resources to develop a state of the art website that we hope will be up and running in the next month or so. "If you build it, they will come!" We have hope that the relevance of what we have to offer to our members in these existentially fraught times will draw new board members, new volunteers, new students of depth psychology to join us in this endeavor. We hope you will show up too! If you have any interest in volunteering or exploring board possibilities, please contact us at office@jungseattle.net and let us know of your interests. The times are dark, but because they are dark, we have the opportunity to live the most meaningful lives of any generation before us. Jungian depth psychology offers a wholistic mandala of order to lay over the confusion of these chaotic times. Come join us as we work to generate the 'mandala consciousness' required to meet the spirit of these times! "

—Randy Morris, Co-President

Randy Morris, Ph.D.

DREAMS, RITUALS AND THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SPECIES SOUL

Lecture: Wednesday, October 13th (7-9pm)

The future is a blank canvas for our imagination. Who knows what is going to happen? But extrapolations from the trends of the present suggest that humanity is undergoing a profound transformation of consciousness akin to a 'dark night of the soul'. In the midst of titanic archetypal waves of violence, ignorance, fear and racism stirred up by what C. G. Jung called 'the changing of the gods', what does Depth Psychology have to offer in the way of guidance and comfort? After a discussion of the concept of 'The Dark Night of the Species Soul', this talk will demonstrate how dreams are a critical source of guidance for individuals and communities trying to navigate these rough waters. We will then turn to the role that rituals can serve as anchors to bind a community together and provide comfort and solidarity in the midst of turmoil. With 'dreams as compass' and 'ritual as anchor', perhaps we can more gracefully navigate what the Gaian Teacher Joanna Macy calls the pivotal psychological reality of our time, namely, the loss of a sense of a viable future.



Soul Night: A December Community Gathering

Wednesday, December 8th (7-9pm)

—A Free Event!—

The Solstice Season has long been a time for communities to celebrate the balance between the Dark and the Light. For many years, the Seattle Jung Society has held a gathering in December or early January to acknowledge the season and celebrate our accomplishments for the year. This season we would like to invite you to a **Soul Night**, a gathering of our members to share their creativity with the community as a whole. When we share what has inspired us from the unconscious, we become portals and oracles for the healing power of the Anima Mundi, the world soul. Out of the Darkness of the personal and collective unconscious are generated images and stories. When we bring them into the Light of a receptive community, goodwill and cheer are made manifest.

You can sign up to attend this event on our website, whether as witness or as presenter. If you are interested in making an offering, and we truly hope you are, here are the guidelines.

- * Sign up on the website that you will be attending
- * If you want to make a presentation, contact Randy Morris and Akesha Baron at the Society Office (office@jungseattle.net). Give us a brief description of what you would like to present and we will let you know the order in which you will go.
- * There will be time for 10-12 presentations, but unlimited room for community witnesses
- * Please be very conscious of the timing of your presentation. You will have no more than five minutes, which is all the time you will need.
- * We hope you will give some context for your offering and, if possible, something of the learning that you derived from it.

Soul Night is offered as a free event. All are welcome.

**Registration fees for the Society's regular program are as follows:
Members - \$20; Non-members - \$25**

Everyone is welcome to join the gathering. It will open with rituals to gather the Invisibles and bring our hearts into coherence. Then we will ask those members who have signed up in advance to take no more than five minutes each to present to the group some product that has emerged from their unconscious – a particularly powerful dream, a poem, a painting, a song, a short story, a teaching vignette, etc. After each presentation, there will be a short moment of silence to allow the 'soul offering' to echo into the soul of the community, before we turn our attention to the next offering. When all of the offerings are complete, we will have an opportunity to dialogue about how the images have echoed within our own souls. In this way, a Community of Soul is generated. We will end with a toast to the season and a song.

Dr. Clyde Ford

The Hero with an African Face

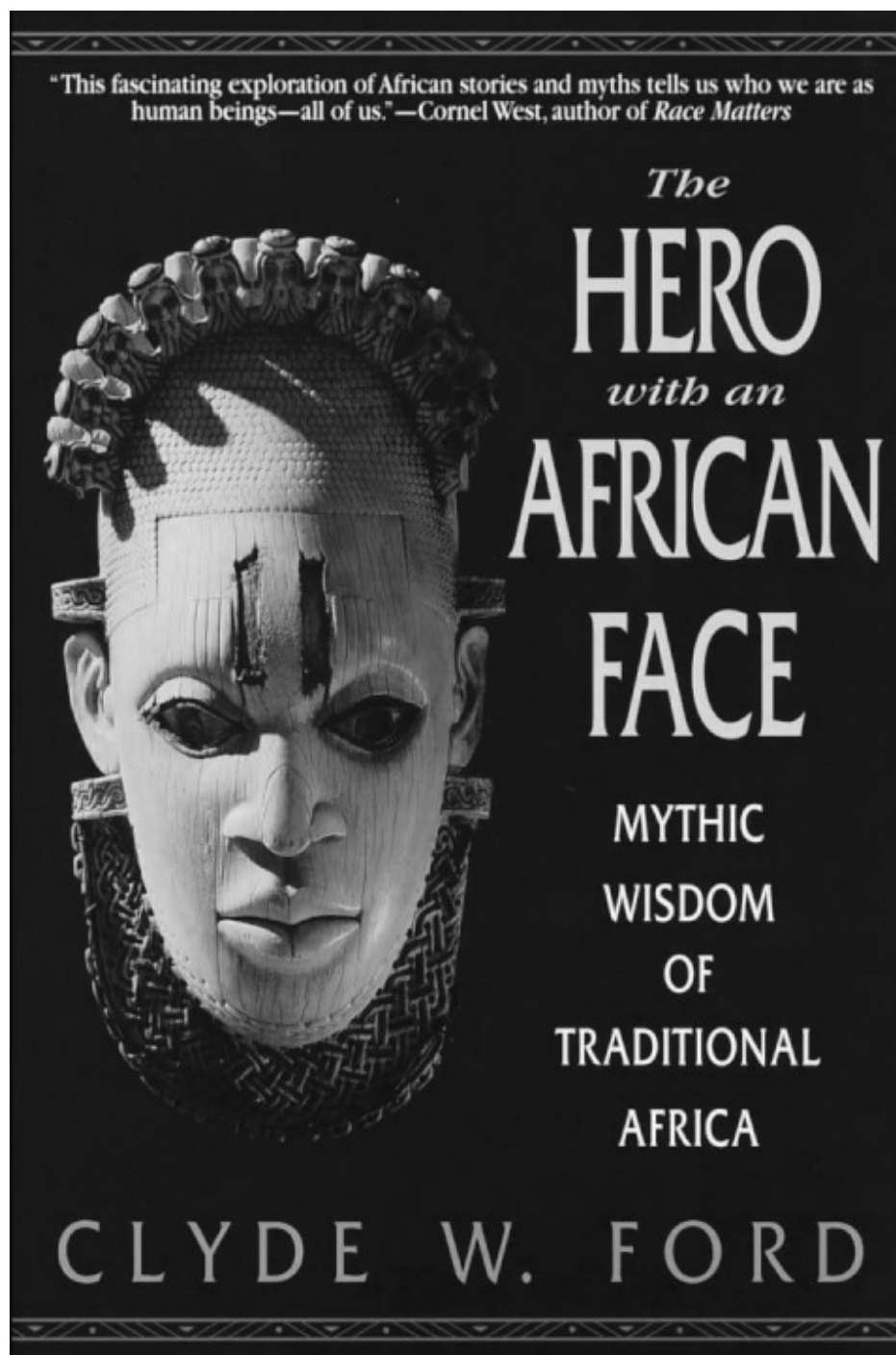
Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 (7-9pm)

African mythology holds keys for healing the wounds of racial injustice today. Clyde W. Ford's book, *The Hero With An African Face*, was described as "picking up where Joseph Campbell left off."

"I woke up alternately cursing and blessing Campbell," Ford notes. "Cursing him because he should have presented African mythology in a much more welcoming light than he did but his racism blinded him, and blessing Campbell because his failure to do so provided a wonderful opportunity for me."

But Ford's work on African mythology held a deeper importance for him. It was not just a scholarly exercise. It was a deeply personal journey. Trained as a psychotherapist, Ford was keenly aware that the stories, the myths, that clients tell were clues to where they were in terms of personal healing. Working since his youth as an activist and advocate for racial justice, Ford thought that mythology in general, and African mythology in particular, might also prove useful in social healing, particularly healing the self-inflicted wounds of African Americans long-subjected to racism and discrimination in America.

So, Ford asked his friends and colleagues in academia a simple question. "What were the myths that African societies told themselves to account for the horrors of slavery?" Everyone thought it was a great question, but no one had an answer. Ultimately, Ford found the answers in African myths specifically designed to address slavery. His discoveries completely changed the way he viewed himself and the collective history of being African American, leading to an experience of deep personal healing that allowed him to continue his work on the social healing of racial wounds.



Fairy Tale Fridays!

Once Upon a Time...

This educational series is co-facilitated by Jungian analysts
Stephanie Gierman and James Max Gossett

Sessions First Friday evenings, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom

Register at www.jungseattle.net for individual classes and CEUs

Members, \$20 per class
Non-members, \$25 per class
2 CEUs for \$10 per session

Suggested reading: *The Interpretation of Fairy Tales*, Marie-Louise von Franz

Bring your **imagination** and **sense of wonder**.

The C. G. Jung Society thanks **Stephanie Gierman** and **James Max Gossett** for their generosity and enthusiasm in continuing this popular series.



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Preregistration for events is strongly encouraged.

In an effort to increase our membership and attendance, the Society is promoting our events more broadly, seeking collaborations with other educational and cultural organizations. We will try to anticipate higher turnout in our choice of venues, but it may result that some of our events will sell out.

We hope not to turn away members at the door.

Please visit www.jungseattle.net

and click on **Upcoming Events** to secure your seat.

Member Registration: Lectures - \$20 Workshops - \$50
Non-member Registration: Lectures - \$25 Workshops - \$70

Members: when registering at jungseattle.net, remember to log in first and retrieve your promo/discount codes from your member account.

For information on becoming a member, please visit www.jungseattle.net
or contact the office for details.