

TALK TOPICS Nov.3.2012

Session One 11:30-1 pm

SHALINI BAHL | *A MUvement to Live Mindfully*

Bahl talks about mindfulness as a foundation for bringing deeper changes in existing social and economic institutions to promote a healthy, creative, and compassionate world. This global movement to live mindfully in all sectors of society is housed at Mindful Universe, which is incorporating as a workers' cooperative currently comprised of worker-owners Shalini Bahl, Zayda Vallejo, Stanley Swiercz, and Ron Martinez.

DEAN CYCON | *Oh Behave!: Corporations Are Not People - But They Can Behave As If They Were*

Offering a vision of what a corporation can be when it truly embraces ethics, morality, and compassion alongside reasonable profit, Cycon shows us inside international trade that is people-centered and balances social and economic justice with profits, demonstrating that a new model/paradigm of business responsibility is already here!

DARBY DYAR | *Curiosity and the Search for Life on Mars*

Dyar's talk tells the story of the past, present, and future thoughts about life on Mars. Reflection on ancient and modern thinking about extraterrestrials has led the way to rover explorations of Mars. As a planetary scientist and member of the science team for the Mars Curiosity rover, Dr. Dyar will review the goals of the Curiosity mission, present recent results, and talk about the future of human exploration on the Red Planet.

DAVID SHEPHERD | *Worldwide Empowerment Through Improv*

Unless we are performers, we find little opportunity to sing, to vent deep emotions, to improvise poetry, or to play characters. Through Life-Play games we may unravel once hidden parts of our lives, learn from these parts, and grow. Shepherd will demonstrate how participating in a Life-Play game improves communication, sharpens listening skills, boosts creativity, builds trust and promotes intimacy - both at work and at play.

DANIEL TRENNER | *Iconic Voices of Gender: Social dancing belongs in school curriculums!*

Trenner's talk is about social dance as it could be; a fundamental aspect of physical education curriculum in schools, where it would serve to impart skills of social etiquette, leadership, followership, touch, and the managing of personal boundaries; social dance, as an experience, being a natural compliment to intellectual rigor in the training of the "whole" person/student.

Session Two 3-4:30 pm

JOHN BOS | *Why do We Sing?: There's more to singing than you might suspect*
Singing connects people in our communities and peoples throughout the world. Looking inward, singing can connect us to ourselves. And in that most critical and intimate time in one's life, singing can accompany the passage of a person from life as we know it into the greatest mystery of humankind. Bos' talk illustrates the abundance of singing opportunities that exist for everyone from kids to seniors in the Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts. It documents how a small group of avocational singers have banded together as a hospice choir to sing for the critically and terminally ill. Finally, it encourages singers everywhere to join their voices in service to the dying.

EZEKIEL HETER-WEGSCHEIDER | *Infinite Everything*
Heter-Wegscheider will be opening the door to a different perspective on truth, what is possible, the universe, and everything by talking about fractals and what they can teach us about infinite infinity and simultaneous opposites. He believes that through beginning to delve into the vast implications that fractal's have on what we see, feel, know, and understand, we can discover new possibility's of what we can do with our minds, and make both our own lives and each other's lives more joyful and positive.

JUNE MILLINGTON | *Rocking the Boat: How Playing Like a Girl Can Change the World*
Millington presents the revolutionary concept of joyful fearlessness. Drawing on the insights from her pioneering career for women in music and her educational work with girls, Millington discusses how playing music together can change the world. Keywords: self esteem, empowerment, and collaborative leadership skills.

KEITH HARMON SNOW | *What Are You Waiting For?*
Sharing insightful personal experiences and stunning photographs from near and far, Keith Harmon Snow will explore a few pressing questions about consciousness, life purpose, and the personal and societal changes that are required from all of us in service to building a better world.

JIM VIEIRA | *Stone Builders, Mound Builders and the Giants of Ancient America*
Vieira's research over the last 20 years has led him down a bizarre road of intrigue and mystery surrounding the races and structures of Ancient America. Vieira has compiled thousands of accounts of giant skeleton reports from the New York Times, Smithsonian Ethnology Reports, American Antiquarian, Scientific American and town and county histories to make the case that the history of our past has not only been deliberately covered up, but is vastly different then what we are told.