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Curriculum Vitae

Publications

- Benning, T., & **Rominger, R.** (*in process*). Patients' disclosure of near-death experiences and other death related anomalous phenomenon: Perspectives from a general psychiatric clinic.
- Rominger, R.**, & Jeska, K. (*in process*). Coma near-death experiences. *Journal of Near Death Studies*.
- Rominger, R. (2014). Introduction to special topics section: Transpersonal sociology. *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies*, 33(1).
- Rominger, R.**, & Friedman, H. (2014). Transpersonal sociology: Origins, development, and theory. *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies*, 33(1).
- Rominger, R. (2013). Integration of spiritually transformative experiences: Models, methods, and research. *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 31(3), 135-150.
- Rominger, R., & Holden, J. M. (2013). Editor's Foreword. *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 31(3).
- Rominger, R. (2012). Guest Editor Foreword. Special Issue: Inaugural Conference Papers of the American Center for the Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences, Part I. *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 31(2).
- Rominger, R. (2011). Spirituality scale ceiling effects and the near-death experience: An exploratory study. *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 30(2), 83-105.
- Rominger, R. (2010). Review of the handbook of near-death experiences: Thirty years of investigation by J. M Holden, B. Greyson, and D. James (Eds.). *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology*, 42(2), 236-239.
- Rominger, R. (2010). Impact of the NDE on non-NDErs. *Winds of Change*, 3(2), 9-11.
- Rominger, R. (2010). Postcards from heaven and hell: Understanding the near-death experience through art. *ArtTherapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*, 27(1), 18-25.

- Rominger, R. (2009). Exploring the integration of near-death experience aftereffects: Summary of findings. *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 28(1), 5-30.
- Rominger, R. (2009). Review of How God changes your brain: Breakthrough findings from a leading neuroscientist by Newberg, Andrew and Waldman, Mark Robert. *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology*, 41(2), 191-193.
- Rominger, R. (2009). Review of Introduction to psychology: Inner reality, outer reality in diversity by Illias, Jennifer. *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology*, 41(1), 103-104.
- Rominger, R., & Kolesar, A. (2008). *Diversity related bibliography and resources*. Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2 of the APA), for publication on website.
- Rominger, R. (2006). *Integrating exceptional experiences: NDErs' and Non experiencers' integration of the near-death experience*. Unpublished manuscript.
- Rominger, R. (2006). *Janus: The schism we must face: Transpersonal psychology's history and future*. Unpublished manuscript.
- Rominger, R. (2006). History and systems of psychology interactive mind map. <http://www.multipleangles.com/freemind//HistorySystemsofPsychology.html> on June 15, 2006. Now offline.
- Rominger, R. (2004). *Exploring the integration of the aftereffects of the near death experience: An artistic and intuitive inquiry*. Dissertation completed at Institute of Transpersonal Psychology.
- Rominger, R. (2000). *Empathic Near-Death Experience: Another point on the apparition – Deathbed vision - near-death experience continuum*. Unpublished manuscript.
- Rominger, R. (2000). *Spiritual aspects of the transpersonal feminist family systems theory: An organic inquiry*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Research

- Telepathy in the Therapeutic Context: An Exploratory Sequential Mixed-Method Study
2013-present
- Coma-related Near-Death Experiences.
2012-present
- Distressing Spiritually Transformative Experiences and Therapy: A Series of Surveys Through American Center for the Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences (ACISTE). External consultant.
2011-present

Exceptional Human Experiences and Art-Based Research Methods: Exploring EHEs, Their Distressing Elements, and Integration of the Experience.

2010-present

NDEs and parenting: Children of NDErs, and Parents Who Have Had an NDE.

2010-present

NDEs and spirituality: Ceiling effects and the Human Spirituality Scale.

2009-present.

Sufism and emotion: Monotheistic mystical tradition and theories of emotion.

2008 – 2010.

“Transformation” as found at ITP: A meta-analysis of Transformation as found in ITP dissertation research. 2006 – 2010.

Diversity in academia: Assessing diversity in a graduate psychology program.

2006 – 2008.

Exploring the longitudinal effects of an Ontological Life Coaching trainers program on those who complete the program. 2005 – 2007.

Comparison of pleasant and distressing NDE narratives. 2005 – 2009.

Exploring the integration of the aftereffects of the near-death experience. 2001 – 2004.

Organic research in Transpersonal Feminist Family Systems Theory with Dr. Irene Lazarus: 1999 – 2000.

Priming effects in research: Romantic acts research and the priming effect.

1997 – 1998.

Invited Presentations

Rominger, R. (October, 2012). Integration of STEs: Models, methods, and research. *ACISTE 2012 Annual Conference: Therapeutic Issues of Spiritually Transformative Experiences I*, October 18-20th, 2012.

In this talk I will investigate several models of integration and development, including those offered by Ken Wilber, Roberto Assagioli, Jenny Wade, and Hellevi Ruumet. However, merely having a model to conceptualize integration may not be sufficient. In this talk I also proposed several ways of working with STEs, which may be incorporated into clinical or spiritual direction settings. Finally, in this talk I discussed the results from several recent studies (and one ongoing study) with individuals who have had STEs.

Presentations

- Netzer, D., Rominger, R., Rowe, N. (2013). *Transforming through creative expression: Mindfulness, discernment, compassion, appreciation of difference*. 2013 International Expressive Arts Therapy Association annual conference, Berkeley, CA. March 16, 2013.
- Rominger, R. (2010). *Creative spiritual expression: Spiritual guidance, expressive arts, and the near-death experience*. International Association for Near-Death Studies annual conference, Boulder, CO. September 3, 2010.
- Rominger, R. (2010). *The wisdom of dreaming: Group dream work as applied wisdom psychology (Indigenous Perspectives)*. ITP Global Seminar, Presentation Center, Los Gatos, CA. February 1, 2010.
- Rominger, R. (2009). *Social transformation through the near-death experience narrative*. International Association for Near-Death Studies annual conference, San Diego, CA. October 16, 2009.
- Rominger, R., et al. (2008). *Leading institutional change: Graduate students' institutional research facilitating diversity development*. Presentation at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE), Orlando, FL.
- Rominger, R., et al. (2007). *Beyond the syllabi audit: Assessing diversity at ITP*. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.
- Rominger, R. (2007). *Using MAXqda2 for qualitative data analysis*. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.
- Rominger, R. (2007). *Practical technology in research*. January Seminar invited speaker, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Global Programs, Burlingame, CA.
- Rominger, R., & Blinston, I. (2006). *Research on exceptional experiences*. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.
- Rominger, R. (2005). *Drawing your dreams*. January Seminar presenter. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Global Programs, Burlingame, CA.
- Rominger, R. (2004). *Using HyperRESEARCH for qualitative analysis*. Invited Speaker. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.
- Rominger, R. (2004). *Progressing through the dissertation*. Invited speaker. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Rominger, R. (2004). *Utilizing software analysis in qualitative research: An example of two on-line analysis programs*. Invited speaker. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Rominger, R. (2001). *Using expressive arts in group dream work*. Invited speaker. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Rominger, R. (2001). *Group dream work according to Rev. Jeremy Taylor, Min.D.* Invited speaker. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Rominger, R. (1999). *APA writing style: How to format according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Presentation given at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Rominger, R. & Goodman, K. (1998). *Revisiting romantic acts: Priming effect?* Paper presented at the joint Western Psychological Association / Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Convention, Albuquerque, NM.

Grants

2009. Faculty Grant, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. *NDE and Spirituality: Priming Effect on the Human Spirituality Scale (HSS)*. \$1,750

Journal/Academic Publications Editorial Work

Academic Editorial Review Board, *Sage Publications, Inc.* (London), 2013-present, Cases in Methodology project.

Guest Editor, *Journal of Near-Death Studies*, 2013-present, Special Topics: ACISTE Conference Proceedings.

Guest Assistant Editor, *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies*, 2012-2013, Special Topics: Transpersonal Sociology.

Dissertation Committee Work

Completed

Ricks Morris, C. *Voices of the heart: Women journey into the mirror-of-self to embrace the gifts of the inner critic*. Chairperson.

Artra, I. (2013). *A civilian's artistic inquiry with combat veterans: Art-based intuitive research for the thematic analysis of complicated grief and moral injury*. Committee member / Methods expert.

Drake, D. (2013). *Nature photography and the ecological self: An exploratorion of college students' experience of an environmental photography assignment*. Chairperson.

Strader-Garcia, S. (2012). *The impact of an expressive arts group therapy process on anxiety and self-esteem for highly sensitive adolescents*. Chairperson.

Foster, L. (2012). *Transpersonal dialogue: A heuristic analysis of self-attunement in dialogue*. Committee Member.

Hinton, J. (2012). *Spiritual aspects of individuation: Numinous experiences and life meaning*. Chairperson.

Armand, K. (2011). *Heuristic inquiry: Integrative processes in the experience of a Yogic breathing exercise*. Chairperson.

Peters, W. M. K. (2011). *Indigenous soul wounding: Exploring culture, memetics, complexity, and emergence*. Chairperson.

Hill, J. (2011). *Synchronicity and grief: The phenomenology of meaningful coincidence as it arises during bereavement*. Chairperson.

Kolesar, A. (2010). *Spiritual identities of multiply partnered people*. Committee Member / Methods expert.

Netzer, D. (2008). *Mystical poetry and imagination: Inspiring transpersonal awareness of spiritual freedom*. Committee Member.

In Process

Brook, M. *Etiology, prevelance, and outcome of spiritually transformative experiences*. Chairperson.

Burgos, K. *Exploring resistance to spiritual emergency: An intuitive inquiry*. Chairperson.

Daniels, H. *The healed artist and the creative process*. Chairperson.

Lyons, C. *Transference, countertransference, and telepathy in therapy*. Chairperson.

Talley, K. *Taoism and the five-element model*. Chairperson.

Trembley, K. *Unwillingly distant fathers: Transformation through spiritual practice*. Chairperson.

Watts, D. *Hueristic exploration of living a spiritual life in the modern world*. Chairperson.

Wright, A. *A functional interpretation of anomolous experiences associated with death.*
Chairperson.

Seminars

Rominger, R. & Bane, M. (2003). *Group Dream Work: A Three Part Series.* Held at
Vallombrosa and Mercy Centers, Jan. 18th and Feb. 1st, 2nd., 2003.

Internship

Internship in the Spiritual Guidance Center at the Institute of Transpersonal
Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

- Conducted one-on-one spiritual guidance and spiritual direction
- Conducted group dream work as a means of spiritual guidance
- 2001-2002 Program Coordinator for the Spiritual Guidance Program at the
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Professional Organization Work

American Center for the Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences
(ACISTE)

Board of Advisors: 2010-present

Board of Trustees: 2011-present

Board Subcommittee: Cultural Competency and Spiritually Transformative
Experiences 2010-present

Board Subcommittee: Distressing STEs, Therapy, and Integration
2011-present

Research consultant: 2010-present

Association for Transpesonal Psychology

Reviewer – 2012 Conference, Research & Spirituality Track

Moderator – 2012 Conference, Research & Spirituality Track

Research Institute for Extraordinary Experiences (INREES)

Scientific Board: 12/2011-present

Past & Current Affiliations

American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

American Psychological Association (APA)

Society for the Teachign of Psychology (Divions 2)

Society for Humanistic Psychology (Dlvison 32)

Psychology of Religion (Division 36)

Association for Transpersonal Psychology

Teaching

Associate Professor, Sofia University 9/2013–present
Research Group I & II: Exploratory Sequential Mixed-Method Research on
Telepathy in Therapy and Therapeutic Outcome
Doctoral Qualifying Paper
Dissertation Seminar
Cognition and Affect

Assistant Professor, Sofia University 7/2008–present
Research Group I & II: EHEs and Art-Based Research Methods
Transpersonal Approaches to Creative Expression
Transpersonal Approaches to Diversity
End of Year 1 Research Topics Paper

Faculty Instructor, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology 7/2008–6/2011
Faculty Training – Asynchronous, person centered skill building course
Online Faculty Training – Multi-modal, f-2-f and online course

Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology
Cognition and Emotion: Contemporary and Wisdom Psych. 1/2008–4/2008
Diversity Research Group, Ph.D. level instruction 9/2006–6/2007

Instructor, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology
History and Systems of Psychology 2/2006–4/2006
Abnormal Psychology 8/2005–10/2005

Adjunct Faculty, DeVry University Fremont
General Psychology Fall 2001
Sociology Spring 2002

Professional Experience

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
Associate Dissertation Director 6/2008–6/2011

Duties included planning, development, and deployment, and maintenance of online dissertation department and its website through the Angel LMS, facilitating committee formation, research faculty review, maintenance of editorial staff and editing process, oversight of work study students, fielding of faculty questions and concerns, maintain budget, and interface with other administrative offices. The ADD is a faculty position, and along with the Dissertation Director has oversight of tracking and servicing of all Ph.D. program dissertation students, dissertation chairpersons, research faculty, editors, and maintenance of the overall research process and procedures, including forms, handbooks, website, and instructional materials.

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
Faculty Trainer – Angel Learning Management System

1/2008 – 6/2011

Conduct trainings for faculty (and for a time, students) who teach in the online environment. Trainings include basic and advanced navigation of Angel LMS, course creation, online learning methods and technologies, best practices in online education, use of agents and tokens, course management, student communications, and course design. Individual support and training also provided.

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto

Global Academic, Dissertation, & Thesis Coordinator 1/2007–6/2008

Global Ph.D. Program and Dissertation Coordinator 2004-12/2006

Full program coordinator duties including managing faculty syllabi and readers, creation of academic calendars and timelines, servicing students with academic and online issues, maintenance of online offices and Docutek. As Dissertation & Thesis Coordinator created and maintained dissertation & thesis process, monitored student matriculation, consulted students on topic and progress, maintained student and faculty records, facilitated dissertation & thesis committee functioning, created budget for office.

Committee participation:

- Academic Review Committee
- Graduation Committee
- Institutional Review Board
- Hiring Committee (Faculty, Director of Operations, various administrative positions)
- Global Steering Committee
- Diversity Action Team

Multiple Angles for Creative Solutions, San Jose, CA

Co-Founder, Research Consultant 2003-present

Consulting for researchers and dissertation students. We assist with breaking through cognitive, emotional, and behavioral self-imposed barriers to successful research. Consulting occurs in co-facilitated and individually facilitated sessions focused on research mapping, clarification of deconstruction of barriers, and fostering accountability and trust. We also offer online research creation and hosting services. See <http://www.MultipleAngles.com> for more information.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Transpersonal Psychology - **ITP** 2004

Master of Arts of Transpersonal Psychology - **ITP** 2001

Bachelor of Arts - Psychology - **Gonzaga University** 1994 1998

Certification

Certified Spiritual Guidance Counselor.

American Center for the Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences

Angel LMS Trainings (Administrator Training; Faculty Training; Agents, Tokens, and Environment Variables Training)

Angel Learning Management System Training.

Protection of Human Research Subjects

Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, FL.

Ph.D. Certificate in Spiritual Guidance

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Ph.D. Certificate in Expressive Arts

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA.

Certificate of Advanced Archetypal Studies

Institute of Advanced Archetypal Studies, San Rafael, CA.