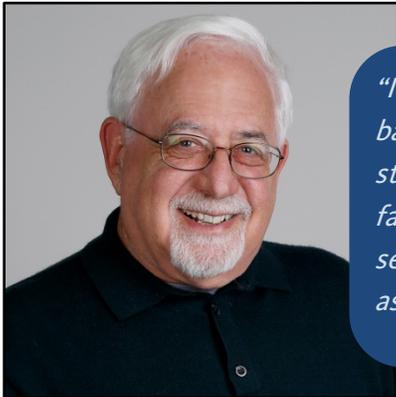


## Welcome Back Bob!

We are excited to announce that as of the 15<sup>th</sup> Bob Frager has returned to the campus full time. In his new role he is working as a spiritual guide and overseeing aikido, fundraising for scholarship and research, alumni relations, strategic partnerships and academic advising to name a few responsibilities.



*"I am delighted to be back here working with students, alumni, faculty, staff and serving the institution as a whole"*

Please join us in welcoming Bob back to the campus!

## Community Doodle! Hosted by Annette Wagner, M.A.

Friday, July 25, 2014  
Classroom 1059A  
6:30pm to 8:30pm



Community Doodling is a highly collaborative creative exercise done in groups. It begins with intention a big table covered in white paper, uses lots of markers and imagination, and ends with an amazing piece of artwork.

It is GREAT fun and a wonderful way to meet other people in the Sofia community. Everyone is invited – NO experience needed.

Doodling will be led by Intentional Creativity Teacher and Sofia University Alumni, Annette Wagner, M.A. You can read more about Annette at [www.annetwagnerart.com](http://www.annetwagnerart.com)

FREE ADMISSION!  
RSVP Here: <http://bit.ly/1qPoeb3>

## Alumni Speaker Series: "Spiritual, but Not Religious" With Davy Davidson, MASG

Thursday, August 14  
Classroom 1059 A  
6:00 – 8:00 pm



Davy will talk about what it means to her to be spiritual, but not religious and how she brings her perspective to spiritual guidance. There will be discussion among attendees about what "spiritual but not religious" may mean for them, and how the idea gets expressed in their lives.

Davy Davidson is a spiritual director working with men and women who want to live in truth with their divine essence. Your deepest wisdom wants to be known, and with practice you can learn tools to integrate spirit with body and mind. The way is never a destination, but always a becoming. Over time and with patience you can know and be nourished by the sacred source of all being as it lives through you.

Davy was a business consultant and entrepreneur before transferring to the field of spiritual development. Since 2007, she has been a student of the Diamond Approach and spent a year at the Feminine Wisdom School. Davy earned a Master of Arts degree in Spiritual Guidance from Sofia University in 2012. She is the Spiritual Guide at Sofia Community Center for Health and Wholeness and serves as a Board Member at Sofia. Her website is: [www.truenaturenow.com](http://www.truenaturenow.com)

For more information, contact [events@sofia.edu](mailto:events@sofia.edu)

### What's your favorite transpersonal quote?

Help us spread the word of transpersonal, send in your favorite quote and we will create a poster to hang in classrooms and post on our social media for all to share. After we collected a few, we will ask the community to vote on their favorite quote and the person (or people) who submitted the quote will win a prize!

Please email [communications@sofia.edu](mailto:communications@sofia.edu) with your quote!

## What's Going On Around Campus?



Our first Alumni Speakers Series was amazing. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, WSMA graduate Rekha Kurup spoke about her journey into her indigenous matriarchal past through the memories of her grandmothers in an effort to redefine, reclaim and re-inform her female sexuality through the discovery and investigation of matrilineal Nayar practices. In her journey to womanhood, she began to question everything—gender perceptions, cultural and social conditioning, the “do’s and “don’ts of a feminine identity, the age-old dogmas defining womanhood, the shame, disgust and silence surrounding body and sexuality, and most importantly the direct and indirect influences of mother-centered and father-centered cultures on the relationship with body and sexuality. A recorded version is available here <http://tinyurl.com/os2ez3h>



On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Angaangaaq Angakkorsuaq came to visit campus. Angaangaaq Angakkorsuaq, shaman, healer, storyteller and carrier of the Qilaut (winddrum), is an Eskimo-Kalaallit Elder whose family belongs to the traditional healers of the Far North from Kalaallit Nunaat, Greenland.

To learn more, visit <http://icewisdom.com/angaangaaq-angakkorsuaq/>



Virginia Wright, Director of Development of Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) visited campus on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Sofia and MAPS are discussing a possible collaboration. More information coming soon!

To learn more about the interesting work of MAPS visit <http://www.maps.org/>



Sperry Andrews and Sherri Lassila visited campus on July 17<sup>th</sup> to speak about a possible collaboration. Sperry runs the Human Connection Institute.

To learn more visit: [www.connectioninstitute.org](http://www.connectioninstitute.org)

## Want to Become Part of the Sofia Team?

The following positions are available:  
Admissions Counselor      Psy.D. Faculty Chair

Learn more at: <http://www.sofia.edu/content/employment>

## Community Meeting Update

Thanks for all that joined us on Monday in person and via livestream. For anyone who missed it, here are some quick updates of what was discussed at the meeting.

### Key Goals

Our key goal is to strengthen the Transpersonal Studies. Every university has an engineering and management programs, but not every university has transpersonal studies. I came here because of the unique value of the transpersonal. No matter what kind of field or programs we bring in, transpersonal studies will always be our foundation.

### Priorities

- Have a healthy, happy and success community.
- Student Success
  - Strengthen and refine our existing programs
    - Adding Consciousness and Creativity Studies
    - Adding Consciousness and Phenomenology Research Specialization
    - Adding Positive Psychology
  - Founder's Speaker Series – Bob Frager is organizing this series that will bring in speakers with a focus on high level executives in Silicon Valley.
  - A student career fair.
  - Continue to offer work-study and internships for our students to grow.
- Staff & Faculty Success
  - Free degree programs for full time workers
  - More community events
  - Staff and Faculty Retreats

Q: What about scholarships?

A: Liz – We are continuing to provide scholarships. This year, Sofia is distributing a similar amount of scholarships as we did in the previous fiscal year. A small portion of the scholarships were made up from restricted funds of the ITP Foundation.

Q: What is happening with the Psy.D. program? Will there be a teach-out?

A: Kris Brandenburger, Christine Brooks and Fred Luskin (interim chair of the Psy.D. program) will decide the direction of the PsyD Program. Kris Brandenburger and Ron Pilato have been in close contact with students and faculty. They are working on getting updates out as soon as possible. Fred has talked to faculty and we currently have opening to hire a full time faculty. Liz ensures that whoever wants to stay has enough resources to complete their degree. "Whoever decides to stay, and I encourage people to stay, I am fully committed to supporting you." – Liz Li, Ph.D.

Q: There is a lot of talk about the future, but what is being done for the current situations?

A: Liz - Everything we went over today, with marketing and PR, all is meant to strengthen our current programs and address current issues. Kris, Liz, Sara, and an advisory board are working on putting together proposals for the new programs. The MS in Computer Science integrated with transpersonal studies proposal is almost done and will be sent to WASC very soon. The proposal for the MBA program will be submitted in one month.

Q: What about staff and faculty retention? There seems to be a lot of faculty and staff leaving.

A: Liz Staff retention is one of the things we're working on to help bring a happy and successful community together. Current faculty contracts expire at the end of August. We promise to hire every faculty member is currently on contract. There are no plans to let anyone go.

Q: The students, staff and faculty who have chosen to stay shows our dedication to the vision. We went through a very challenging time, I request that we honor the changes that have happened and allow people to experience their grief over it. It is insensitive and dismissive to ask people to get over the trauma we went through. Hold the hope and space to continue to grieve over the losses we experienced.

A: Liz - We definitely need the space and time for people to recover. I full understand that part. While we are building our future, we need to respect each other and we respect each other's feelings.

Q: Expanding is great but we really need the foundation to make it easy for people who are coming in. Specifically the website could be updated to help incoming students.

A: Liz - We are currently in the process of redesigning our website and are working closely with chairs and admission to add more information. The goal is to have it live soon.

Q: We have something special here. We are going through a lot of transition. In the MACP program, our current chair is leaving and it is very distracting. We do hope the school will continue to support and grow the program. Without the faculty we have here, nobody is going to come here.

A: Liz - I want to hear your ideas on how to restore the glory of MACP. This is the key, we had glory and we can repeat history.

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