

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, February 24

**10 am – Noon; 1 pm – 3:30 pm, Ballroom B/C:
Richard Tarnas Workshop — *The Comic Genius: An Archetypal Perspective***

This workshop will explore comedic creativity from several approaches – depth psychology, cultural history, biography, and politics – as illuminated by archetypal astrology. We will consider major figures in comedy history from Chaplin and the Marx Brothers through Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Peter Sellers, and Woody Allen to Monty Python, Lily Tomlin, Robin Williams, and Stephen Colbert. This workshop is based on a graduate seminar that Rick and John Cleese taught together this past year at CIIS in San Francisco.

Richard Tarnas, Ph.D., is professor of philosophy and psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. He is the author of *Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View*, which won the Book of the Year Prize from the Scientific and Medical Network in the UK, and *The Passion of the Western Mind*, a history of the Western world view that has become a widely used text in universities.



**10 am – Noon; 1 pm – 3:30 pm, Ballroom A:
Christeen Skinner Workshop — *Astro-Financials***

Become a financial detective. We will explore where we are in relation to sunspot cycles, various planetary cycles and how they relate to business cycles. We will focus on commodity prices as well as sharp movements in the DOW and NASDAQ, and will analyse the key trading days since Pluto arrived in Capricorn. Armed with charts showing price fluctuations in equities and commodities from 2008 to the present, we will forecast the key dates in 2010 and the early part of 2011. Bring your trading diary and ephemeris.

Christeen Skinner drew her first chart in 1967. She is author of *Money Signs* (1998) and *The Financial Universe* first published in 2004 and revised in 2009. Christeen has a practice in London working mainly within the business community. She has appeared on many television and radio programs and offers a fortnightly e-letter via her website. Christeen has been a Trustee of the Urania Trust since 1994.



**4 pm – 7 pm: Ballroom A:
Mark Kuenzel Workshop — *Using Technology to Grow Your Astrological Practice***

The tools of 21st century technology are vital for the professional astrologer who wants to reach a broader market. In this workshop we will cover digital recording for podcasting & consultations, e-learning, blogging, web sites, self-publishing in the digital age and an introduction to online marketing.

Mark Kuenzel is primarily interested in ancient astrological traditions and how they translate into a modern context. He has been a student of astrology since 1993 and has studied at Kepler College, Project Hindsight, and the Center for Creative Choices. In addition to his astrological work, Mark is co-owner of GNO515 Media, a company providing media and marketing services to astrologers. He lives and practices astrology in Maui, Hawaii.



THE WORKING ASTROLOGER

Thursday, February 25
10 am – 12 pm and 1:30 pm – 6 pm, Crispus Attucks Room

PAA (Professional Astrologers' Alliance) Workshop
With Misty Kuceris, Joyce Levine, Gloria Star, Madalyn Hillis-Dineen,
John Marchesella, Joe Polise, and Grace Morris



Learn how to set up a practice in astrology from members of the NCGR-PAA Board who have successfully made astrology their profession. Topics will include the establishment and development of a practice in astrology, business practices, identifying your market, public relations and marketing techniques, presentation skills including public speaking, teaching, writing and electronic media, client preparation, ethics and listening. (taken from the conference brochure)

10:00 am — 12:00 pm — COUNSELING SKILLS

With Joan Kellogg

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Panel — THE BUSINESS OF ASTROLOGY

With Misty Kuceris, Joyce Levine, Gloria Star, Madalyn Hillis-Dineen, John Marchesella, and Joe Polise.

- Business Skills: (Fees, licenses, office space, bookkeeping) — Misty Kuceris, Joyce Levine, and Madalyn Hillis-Dineen
- Marketing Skills — Madalyn Hillis-Dineen, Misty Kuceris, Joyce Levine, and Gloria Star
- Public Relations — Gloria Star
- Presentation Skills, Writing Skills and Self Publishing — Misty Kuceris and Gloria Star
- Speaking Skills: (Toastmasters, etc.) — John Marchesella, Gloria Star, and Misty Kuceris
- Lecture Preparation — Joe Polise
- Media Skills — Gloria Star
- Alternative Astrology Careers (Software, Schools) — Madalyn Hillis-Dineen and Misty Kuceris
- Radio Shows — Joyce Levine

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm — TEACHING & CERTIFICATION

With Joe Polise and John Marchesella

- Astrology Teaching Skills — Joe Polise
- Mentoring — John Marchesella
- Benefits of Professional Certification — Joe Polise and John Marchesella

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm — MISCELLANEOUS & QUESTIONS

With Grace

- Chart and Client Preparation — Grace Morris

NCGR-PAA Education, Certification and Professional Empowerment
Programs — The Keys to Success in Astrology

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, February 25
9 am – 1 pm; 2 pm – 6 pm, Molly Pitcher Room

‘Moving Forward, Looking Back: Future Directions in Post-Modern Astrology’
Facilitator Chris Brennan, with Nick Dagan Best, Gary Christen, Ronnie Gale Dreyer, Benjamin Dykes, Demetra George, Rob Hand, Ken Irving, and Richard Tarnas

The history of astrology is punctuated by major transmissions of the subject from one culture to another, usually followed by a synthesis of the older traditions of astrology with the newer ones. These important periods of transmission and synthesis lie at the heart of many of the great astrological traditions, ranging from the Mesopotamian, Hellenistic, Medieval, and Renaissance traditions through the early modern period. Historically these periods have coincided with crucial times in which astrology has been transformed, advanced, and then flourished. Today we are in the midst of another one of these pivotal periods in the history of astrology.

The purpose of this research symposium is to take stock of the changes and developments that are taking place in the astrological community at the present time, by looking backwards at the traditions which have preceded us. In doing so the goal is to gain some perspective on what previous periods of transmission and synthesis have produced, as well as what synthesis will likely emerge in our own time. We will explore recent research into the development and transmission of specific astrological techniques and concepts in various ancient astrological traditions from the Babylonian period through the late Renaissance, identify and discuss developments that have taken place in the modern period, and examine how other types of research have expanded the scope of astrological practice.

Late 20th century astrology is often called ‘modern astrology,’ but with the recent revival of older traditions, it is clear that astrology in the early 21st century is becoming something quite different — a synthesis of ancient and modern traditions is taking place. We might call this ‘post-modern astrology.’ The goal of the symposium is to explore what each tradition offers us by asking speakers who specialize in each tradition to address specific questions related to what their tradition contributed to the overall development of astrology from a technical, philosophical and conceptual standpoint, as well as what unique perspective each particular tradition has to contribute to the future.

The goal is to arrive at a better understanding of what the current movement towards synthesis in the astrological community will produce in the coming decades, and to provide a blueprint for how this synthesis might be accomplished. While there will necessarily be areas of disagreement amongst the traditions, by engaging in this dialogue we will at least be able to gain a broader perspective on our shared astrological heritage. From this perspective we will have a greater ability to find areas of agreement and accord between the traditions that will be conducive to the overall development of astrology in the 21st century.

Morning Session – Opening Introduction & Past Traditions ***9 am – 1 pm***

- Mesopotamian astrology – Rob Hand
- Hellenistic astrology – Chris Brennan
- Indian astrology – Ronnie Gale Dreyer
- Medieval & Renaissance astrology – Benjamin Dykes

Afternoon Session – Contemporary Traditions ***2 pm – 6 pm***

- Modern astrology – Richard Tarnas
- Uranian astrology & Cosmobiology – Gary Christen
- Asteroids & Mythology – Demetra George
- Transit theory and data collections – Nick Dagan Best
- Statistical and scientific research – Ken Irving

Closing Summation/Lecture – Rob Hand



Marsilio Ficino

AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE AVAILABLE
AT THE CONFERENCE CD TABLE OPPOSITE THE TRADE SHOW.