

Seminar: Ensouling our Work Lessons from Ecopsychology, Spiritual & Indigenous Traditions

3 June 2017, The Heritage Room, University College, University of Melbourne

Presented by Professor David Tacey & Suzanne Cremen PhD



Terra Cognita (2004) by Alison Berry

Today, the phrase ‘vocational education’ commonly refers to learning the skills of a particular trade. Yet the true meaning of vocation derives from the Latin *vocatus*, meaning to be addressed by a voice, or a ‘calling’.

Vocation arises by attuning to the liminal space between matter and spirit, and is lived on the edge between self and world. The discovery of a life calling may be experienced as a transpersonal event, emerging as the result of an illuminating non-ordinary or mystical experience. It may also arise from the embrace of one’s fate.

This innovative and timely seminar explores ideas from ecopsychology, spiritual and indigenous traditions, and what these can teach us about the nature of vocation and calling, at both individual and collective levels. Using a stimulating combination of talks, stories, journaling, reflection and discussion, over a full day we’ll explore:

- The deeper meaning and historical / spiritual context of vocation
- How our vocation relates (and doesn’t relate) to our jobs and careers
- The difficulty of ensouling our work, our lives, or understanding our calling today in a society that has no ‘dreaming’, ‘cosmology’ or little ritual ceremony of its own
- How our life’s calling may emerge from an experience of initiation, understood as an *archetypal* process
- What indigenous and mythic traditions – including the Aboriginal contemplative practice of ‘dadirri’ or deep listening – may teach us about attuning our lives to deeper impulses and callings
- Insights from the new field of ecopsychology (which explores the relationship between ecological and psychological experiences) regarding the reanimation or return of soul to the world – and to our work
- Attending to the synchronistic nature of vocation, lived as a dialogue with an animated world.

See over for information about the presenters, venue and registration.

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About the Presenters



David Tacey

Professor David Tacey is a public intellectual, known in the arts, religious and psychotherapy communities. He has published 14 books and 150 articles and chapters, including *Re-Enchantment: The New Australian Spirituality*; *The Edge of the Sacred*; *Jung and the New Age*; and *Beyond Literal Belief: Religion as Metaphor*. David has specialised in the work of CG Jung, and for 20 years taught Jung's Cultural Psychology at La Trobe University. In 2000 he was invited to represent Australia at a congress on Religion and World Peace at the United Nations, New York. David's interests include the role of the spiritual in secular societies, and a lifelong interest in Aboriginal religions, indigenous health and wellbeing.



Suzanne Cremen

Dr Suzanne Cremen is the founder of the Life Artistry Centre. Having worked in over 20 occupations, from lawyer to publisher to midlife career counsellor, she understands the challenges and rewards of following an authentic calling. Suzanne's PhD research developed a depth psychological approach to vocation, drawing on real life stories of individuals. She holds two Masters degrees (in Jungian and Archetypal Studies, and Engaged Humanities and Mythology) from Pacifica Graduate Institute, California, where she is the only Australian-based faculty member, teaching a Masters course on vocation. Suzanne has presented keynotes and symposia at major international conferences, including in New York and Québec.

Will this seminar suit me?

If you've achieved a degree of proficiency or success at work, but are wrestling with deeper questions of meaning and purpose; if you feel concerned for the state of our world and would like your work and life to make a positive difference; if you're an educator, artist or healer (in the widest sense) wishing to enhance your personal and professional development; OR if you feel a pull towards some new project, venture or career direction (especially one that's outside the box!) ... then this program has been designed for you. The level at which our courses are taught is designed for adults with a tertiary education (in any discipline).

SEMINAR REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
- A list of recommended readings.

DATE, TIME & VENUE:

- Saturday 3 June 2017, 9am - 5pm
- 40 College Crescent, Parkville, VIC 3052

You may book for the seminar only, but this seminar is also included as part of the 8 week intensive course **Career as a Journey of Soul: Introduction to a depth psychological approach to vocation**. Visit www.lifeartistry.com.au/cjs1 for full details including generous early-bird specials!

SEMINAR ONLY (catering included) - \$225; concession \$195; **early bird before 25 March \$165** (save \$60).

ONLINE COURSE + SEMINAR \$1175; conc. \$1075; early bird before 7 April only \$990 (ie. attend this seminar for FREE!). Partial scholarships may be available for applicants in need.

The 8 WEEK COURSE is also now available FACE-TO-FACE in MELBOURNE – 8 people only – see website.



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