

Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

IRAS: The thirty-seventh Annual Star Island Summer Conference

Saturday, July 28 to Saturday, August 4

IRAS is an interdisciplinary and multi-faith society of pioneering scientists and religious thinkers together with other interested persons. This year's topic:

CREATIVITY, NON-CONFORMITY, AND MADNESS

How can criteria be set for what is normal and what is deviant? What is it that establishes a work of art as beautiful or ugly, a scientific discovery as fact or unproved theory, a religious experience as authentic or heretical, a person as sane or mad? In what ways can criteria formulated in one area of life provide insight in other areas? How does the mildly/extremely deviant person contribute to creative change and/or maintain stability? How much and when is deviance creative and/or destructive?

Speakers will address this theme from the points of view of religion, science, psychology and the arts. Other speakers will attempt to tie the threads among these disciplines. A major departure in this conference will be creative workshops which will meet for eight hours each and offer opportunities for participants to explore their own creativity. Further creative options will be experienced in free university format, an extensive array of Elms and other evening activities. A children's program will be available for 5 to 16 year olds.

Speakers include: Ursula Goodenough, biologist, Washington University; Rev. Ellen Barrett, lesbian Episcopalian Priest, church historian, New York; Maurice Wright, composer, Temple University; Jeffrey Akman, psychiatrist, George Washington University.

Workshop leaders include: Fritz Bell, educator, Raymond, NH; Kenneth Nelson, artist, North Carolina; Loyal Rue, philosopher, Luther College; Douglas James, dance therapist, Philadelphia.

Program chairs: John E. Fryer (215) 848-2806, and Elizabeth Lau (216) 932-2112.

Chaplain: Leslie Kawamura, Pure Land Buddhist, University of Calgary

Registration Fees: Husband and wife, \$165.00. Singles over 16, \$90.00. Young people between 5 and 16, \$60.00. Under 5, Free. Fees, less 20% are refundable if registration is cancelled before June 1.

Room and board: see page 18 for 7 day conference.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth, and parking information, see page 14.

Registrar: Please mail registration and fee-payable to IRAS-to:

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