

The Assisi Institute

International Center for the Study of Archetypal Patterns



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- CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Hillman, Jung, and von Franz: The Force of Destiny

A 4-Day Hybrid Conference in Stonington, Connecticut
Thursday August 10th - Sunday August 13th, 2023

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

***"Sooner or later something seems to call us onto a particular path. You may remember this "something" as a signal moment in childhood when an urge out of nowhere, a fascination, a peculiar turn of events struck like an annunciation:
This is what I must do, this is what I've got to have. This is who I am."***

- James Hillman, The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling -

Plato once said that our destiny is written on a letter, descending on us from the heavens. However, as this comes ever closer to us, the words suddenly become invisible. He went on to use the words destiny and pattern interchangeably and – similar to Hillman, Jung, von Franz and others – suggests that an intimation of our destiny is contained in the patterns of our life. But if it were only so easy to discern the nature of this destiny!

Robert Louis Stevenson explained that, "In each of us, two natures are at war..." and perhaps we must acknowledge the presence of a destiny given by the Self, and an often troubled fated life of our complexes, which all too often take us from the life we are meant to live. To understand this "war within" makes all the difference between a life driven by fate and a life of destiny.

The need to understand this Self and to know what we are meant to be, is woven into human nature. This search has taken many forms throughout history. Following in the footsteps of the ancients and sages we continue to look towards the heavens and our dreams for an intimation of this destiny.

In literature, fairy tales, and cinema – and, yes, in our own life too – we often experience what is referred to as the false bride and false groom. In time, and upon reflection, we become painfully aware of the many losses resulting from our archetypal marriage to such a doomed coniunctio. Fortunately, however, the Self continues to provide the eternal possibility of hope, guiding us towards the life we are meant to live, regardless of past transgressions or age.

With an internationally acclaimed guest faculty of Jungian analysts, writers, artists and scholars this Conference will address ways to discern the difference between fate and destiny. So too we will consider how a fated life can be transformed into a profoundly meaningful destiny, and to understand the courage needed to accept the life that opens onto this path.

We hope that you will join us for this four-day hybrid event held in Stonington, Connecticut, one of the most beautiful coastal towns in America.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Live online participation via Zoom: \$250 per delegate

- Ideal for participants who are not able to attend in-person or who are based outside of the US.

In-person attendance: \$409 per delegate

- Includes 3 lunches as well as access to the Closing Celebration dinner
- Should you wish to book an additional seat at the Closing Celebration Dinner for an accompanying partner, please contact our office directly: assisi@together.net

CE fee for 17 credits: \$110

- Applicable for those participants interested in registering for CE credits
- This fee is over and above conference registration & catering fees
- Please review the CE Credits note on the Institute's website for more details

All registered participants - whether in-person or online via Zoom - will receive recordings to the conference (excluding the closed student group meetings and Maureen Kuehler's presentation).

Please note, participants interested in attending the conference in-person, are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. Review the 'Accommodation & Transport Options' section at the end of this document.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: LUNCHES & DINNER

More about the Celebration Dinner & Lunches

Festeggiamenti - Closing Celebration Dinner To honor the spirit and the work of this conference and the commitment of each participant for this work, we have planned a very special celebration dinner for the Saturday night of the Program. Joanna Gafa, from Brooklyn NY has served as our guest chef for a number of years and will prepare a traditional, multi-course home made Italian dinner. From the opening antipasto, to pasta, secondo, e dolce, and bottomless carafes of white and red wines, including a celebratory toast with prosecco, this will truly be an unforgettable meal. To attend to our varied dietary needs, there will be gluten free pasta, and vegetarian offerings available.

Pranzo - Lunch Joanna will also be preparing our lunches, consisting of salads, sandwiches, meat and vegetarian wraps. It includes beverages like fruit drinks, coffee and teas.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2023

Time (US Eastern Time)	Topic	Presenter
10:00 – 12:00	Student Discussion Group 2-Year Archetypal Pattern Students ONLY <i>Please note that this is a closed session for all North American, Latin American and Russian speaking APA program students</i>	Michael Conforti, PhD
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:30	The Soul's Journey: Exploring Individuation through the Force of Destiny 1/2	Dr. Eduardo Carvallo Columbia/Venezuela
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 17:45	Live Presentation ONLY: "Will Come to Know" – Shakespeare and the Role of Destiny	Maureen Kuehler, MA
17:45 – 19:00	Wine and Cheese Reception	

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 2

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2023

Time (US Eastern Time)	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:50	APA Graduate Thesis Presentation Ypsilon and the Bowl of Hygeia	Eleni Levidi, MS, LPC, BC-DMT
09:50 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 12:15	The Destiny of the Self and the Fated Life of the Complex 1/2	Michael Conforti, PhD
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 16:00	The Soul's Journey: Exploring Individuation through the Force of Destiny 2/2	Dr. Eduardo Carvallo Columbia/Venezuela
16:00 – 16:15	Break	
16:15 – 17:00	APA Graduate Thesis Presentation The Gods Are Hungry	Cindy Pratt

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2023

Time (US Eastern Time)	Topic	Presenter
08:00 – 08:50	APA Graduate Thesis Presentation On Sacred Ground: Breakthrough Experience as a Manifestation of the Archetype of Self	LuAnn Conforti-Brown, PhD
08:50 – 09:00	Break	
09:00 – 09:50	APA Graduate Thesis Presentation Artesian Spring: the Archetype of Doing Midrash	Jerry Drino, MDiv, DD
09:50 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 12:15	Via Zoom: The Power of Destiny, Mythology and Archetypal Astrology	Paolo Quagliarella Italy
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	The Destiny of the Self and the Fated Life of the Complex 2/2	Michael Conforti, PhD
19:00 – 21:00	Group Dinner An Italian Celebration Meal prepared by Joanna Gafa	The Light House Homestead & Stables

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - DAY 4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

Time (US Eastern Time)	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 11:30	Weaving the Threads of Destiny	Michael Conforti, PhD

CONFERENCE READING LIST

Conforti, M. (2013). *Field, Form and Fate: Patterns in Mind, Nature and Psyche*. LA: Spring Journal.

Hillman, J (2017). *The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling*. NY: Ballantine Books.

Sheldrake: R. (1981). *A New Science of Life. The Hypothesis of Formative Causation*. Boston: Houghton & Mifflin.

Whitmont, E. (1966). *The Destiny Concept in Psychotherapy In: The Analytic Process, Aims, Analysis and Training: The Proceedings of the Fourth International Congress for Analytical Psychology*. Ed. J. Wheelright. NY: Putnam. 185-198.

GUEST FACULTY

In addition to presentations from the following internationally acclaimed analysts and scholars, participants can also look forward to presentations from graduates of The Assisi Institute's Archetypal Pattern Analyst (APA) Certification program.



Maureen Kuehler (USA) is an actor and educator who trained in Stratford-upon-Avon at The Shakespeare Institute in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC). She lives in the United States and has performed and coached Shakespeare across the country. Maureen is a longtime student of Jung with a particular focus on the ways performance draws on and informs the embodied access of archetypes. She is a member of Actors Equity Association and holds a Master's Degree in Shakespeare and Theatre from the University of Birmingham.



Paolo Quagliarella (Italy) is a therapist, astrologer, and author. He is a lecturer at Atanor School of Analytical Archetypal Psychotherapy (Scoppito, Italy) and numerous Jungian organizations in Italy and abroad. His writing and research examines the relationship between Jungian Psychology and Archetypal Patterns. He is the author of 7 books on astrology and archetypal dynamics.



Eduardo Carvalho (Colombia/Venezuela) is a Psychiatrist and Jungian Analyst, founding member of the Venezuelan Society of Jungian Analysts and the Colombian Society of Jungian Analysts. He was trained as a Jungian analyst and supervised by López-Pedraza (co-founder of Archetypal Psychology). He has participated in different training processes for Jungian analysts in Latin America, Europe and the USA. As an Archetypal Pattern Analyst, he has taught for the Institute in Italy, Latin America, Russia, and United States.

He leads the YouTube channel "Arquetypus" which is an interdisciplinary forum to investigate Jungian thought. He has written numerous articles related to cultural complexes, Archetypal Psychology and application of Jungian Psychology. Since 2011 he lives in the city of Bogota, Colombia, where he maintains his clinical and academic practice.



Dr. Michael Conforti (USA) is a Jungian analyst and the Founder and Director of the Assisi Institute. He is a faculty member at the C.G. Jung Institute of Boston, the C.G. Jung Institute of New York, and for many years served as a Senior Associate faculty member in the Doctoral and Master's Programs in Clinical Psychology at Antioch New England. A pioneer in the field of matter-psyche studies, he is actively investigating the workings of archetypal fields and the relationship between Jungian psychology and the New Sciences. He has presented his work to a wide range of national and international audiences, including the C.G. Jung Institute - Zurich and Jungian organizations in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, the Ukraine and Venezuela. He is the author of *Threshold Experiences: The Archetype of Beginnings* (2007) and *Field, Form and Fate: Patterns in Mind, Nature and Psyche* (2002). His books have been translated into Italian, Russian, and a soon to be released Spanish edition of his work.

Accommodation & Transport Options for Participants Attending In-person

Conference Venue:
The Lighthouse Homestead and Stables in Stonington,
Connecticut, USA



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ABOUT STONINGTON

The Town of Stonington is rated as one of the 'Top Ten Prettiest Coastal Towns in New England' due to its mile-long beaches, historic seaside homes, and eclectic shops and boutiques. The town has 5 village-like areas consisting of Mystic, Old Mystic, Stonington Borough, Wequetequock and Pawcatuck.

“Mystic Pizza” - one of Julia Roberts’ first movies - placed Stonington on the map by filming on location and featuring many of the local waterways and houses. The restaurant in the title still exists and continues to draw tourists to this day.

Stonington is located between New York City and Boston and is the last shoreline town before entering Rhode Island. It has small town New England charm and an excellent quality of life. There are 3 exits on Interstate 95 and convenient AMTRAK passenger rail service from a station in Mystic.

Stonington is the only Connecticut town facing the Atlantic Ocean. Fishers Island and Long Island, New York, can be seen to the southwest and Block Island, Rhode Island to the southeast. The rocky shoreline has many peninsulas, islands, coves, and marshes.

The Town of Stonington is within two hours or less of major research and transportation centers in Boston, Providence, New Haven, Hartford, and New York City. Access via I-95 is minutes away. Airports are located nearby in Groton, Hartford, Providence, Rhode Island and Boston, Massachusetts. Amtrak train stations are located in the Village of Mystic within the Town of Stonington, and in New London and Westerly, Rhode Island.



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The Lighthouse Homestead and Stables in Stonington

To reserve a room, please reach out directly to Cassidy Brown (kbrown@lvecenter.com or 860.445.7626 ext 110) so they can apply the reduced Institute delegate rate of \$100/night. Please mention the August Assisi Institute Conference when making a booking enquiry.

Address: The Light House Homestead & Stables, 340 New London Turnpike, Stonington, CT 06378

Website: <https://www.lhcampus.com/>

The Inn at Mystic

3 Williams Avenue, Mystic, CT

(860) 536-9604

(800) 237-2415

<http://www.innatmystic.com/>

Directions to The Inn at Mystic, CT:

The Inn at Mystic is 130 miles from New York City and 90 miles from Boston. Take I-95 to Exit 90. Go two miles south on Route 27. Turn left onto Route 1. First driveway on the left.

Hampton Inn & Suites

6 Hendel Drive, Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 536-2536

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/connecticut/hampton-inn-and-suites-mystic-HFDMYHX/index.html>

Directions to the Hampton Inn & Suites, Mystic, CT:

I-95 to exit 90. Take Route 27 North. Take left onto Hendel Drive.

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Hilton Mystic

20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 572-0731

Directions to the Hilton, Mystic, CT:

I-95 to exit 90. Take Route 27 South. Take first left onto Coogan Boulevard. Take a right at the traffic light. Hotel will be on your left.

Holiday Inn Express

6 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 572-9065

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/mystic/goncb/hoteldetail>

Directions to the Holiday Inn Express, Mystic, CT:

I-95 to exit 90. Take Route 27 South. Take first left onto Coogan Boulevard. The hotel will be on your right on the hill.

Howard Johnson Inn

253 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 536-2654

<http://www.mystichotels.com/>

Directions to Howard Johnson Inn, Mystic, CT:

I-95 exit #90 (Mystic). Take a left off exit and go .25 miles. Hotel will be on your right.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

TRAIN

Amtrak provides rail service to New London, CT and Mystic, CT. Several trains stop each day in Mystic from Boston (about 2 hours) and New York (about 2.5 hours).

<http://www.amtrak.com/>

(800) 872-7245

CAR RENTAL

Enterprise Rental Car, 42 Williams Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355

Located less than ½ mile from the Mystic train station

(860) 536-6829

Hours: 8am - 5pm Monday - Friday. Closed Saturday & Sunday

<https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental/locations/us/ct/mystic-4816.html>

LOCAL BUS

Southeast Area Transit

(860) 886-2631

[Schedule/Routes/Fares](#)

TAXI

Harry's Taxi: (860) 442-4054

Port City: (860) 444-9222

Red and White Taxi: (860) 443-2255

Yellow Cab Company: (860) 536-8888 or <https://yellowcabconnecticut.com/>

JOSHUA'S LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Livery Ltd. (866) 217-5674

[Joshua's Limousine Service](#)

RIDE SHARING

UBER and LYFT are available

FERRY

Cross Sound Ferry (860) 443-5281

[Long Island Ferry Schedule](#)

Block Island Ferry (860) 442-7891

[Block Island Ferry Schedule](#)

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AIRPORTS

The closest and most convenient airport to fly into is:

T.F. Green Airport, Providence RI (PVD), 13 miles, 27 min:

<http://www.pvdairport.com/>

Tweed New Haven Tweed Airport (HVN), 59.4 miles, 60 minutes:

<https://flytweed.com/>

Bradley International Airport (BDL), 68 miles, 1 hour 12 min:

<http://www.bradleyairport.com/home/>

Boston Logan Airport (BOS), 100 miles, 2 hours 25 minutes

<http://www.massport.com/logan-airport/>

At the airport take the Silver Line bus to Boston South Station and then take an Amtrak train to New London or Mystic.

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) in New Jersey:

<https://www.newarkairport.com/>

There is a direct connection on Amtrak from this airport to New London or Mystic.

New York City Airports: approximately 140 miles from Stonington

John F Kennedy (JFK)

<https://www.jfkairport.com/>

La Guardia (LGA)

<https://www.laguardiaairport.com/>

More information about restaurants, lodging and local attractions and services:

Mystic, CT Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.mysticchamber.org/>

Welcome Center at 22 E. Main Street, Mystic, CT 06355

Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm Eastern Time

(860) 572-9578