



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 8, 2017

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

Appointment of two Candidates to the Human Relations Commission, Four Candidates to the Public Art Commission, and two Candidates to the Utilities Advisory Commission for Terms Ending May 31, 2020

On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Council is scheduled to appoint: two (2) candidates to the Human Relations Commission; four (4) candidates to the Public Art Commission; and two (2) candidates to the Utilities Advisory Commission for terms ending May 31, 2020. Voting will be by paper ballot.

Background

On April 26, 2017, the Council interviewed 5 applicants for the Human Relations Commission, 10 applicants for the Public Art Commission, and 5 applicants for the Utilities Advisory Commission.

Interviews for the Library Advisory Commission have been continued to a date uncertain.

Human Relations Commission

Vote to appoint two (2) three-year terms on the Human Relations Commission (HRC) expiring on May 31, 2020. The first two candidates to receive at least five votes (required) will be appointed.

The 5 HRC Candidates are as follows:

1. Alhassani, Mehdi (Incumbent)
2. Brahmbhatt, Deepali
3. Eisenberg, Rebecca
4. Lee, Steven
5. Podulka, Kristen

Public Art Commission

Vote to appoint four (4) three-year terms on the Public Art Commission (PAC) expiring on May 31, 2020. The first four candidates to receive at least five votes (required) will be appointed.

The 10 PAC Candidates are as follows:

1. Erickson, Britta
2. Fenney, Linda
3. Kiernan, Bette (resume provided on April 27 – see Attachment A)
4. Migdal, Jim (Incumbent)

5. Pettit, Donna
6. Ross, Amanda (Incumbent)
7. Scharf, Mary Ann
8. Shen, Hisnya
9. Smith, Jeny
10. Taylor, Nia (Incumbent)

On April 24, 2017, Diana Maxwell withdrew her application for the Public Art Commission.

Utilities Advisory Commission

Vote to appoint two (2) three-year terms on the Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC) expiring on May 31, 2020. The first two candidates to receive at least five votes (required) will be appointed.

The 5 UAC Candidates are as follows:

1. Ezran, Claude
2. Forssell, Lisa (Incumbent)
3. Segal, Lauren
4. Smolar, Curtis
5. Weber, Jay

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: PAC - Kiernan, Bette Resume (PDF)

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

2015

Kiernan, B.U. Presented From at Neuroscience toward a More Peaceable World. Compassion Conference. San Francisco State University, June 2015

2014-present

Journalist, Splash Magazines Worldwide

2009

Kiernan, B.U. Examining Sacred Texts. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. International Media Conference. Presented April 2009 and published on line through MIT

Kiernan, B.U. The Group Dynamics of International Relationships. 17th International Congress of Group Psychotherapy and Group Dynamics. Presented August 2009, Rome Italy

1987-2012

Led training groups at Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society Annual Training. Asilomar, CA

2006

Military and Family Life Consultant. Provided brief therapy to soldiers and their families related to deployment in Iraq. Contract with United States Department of Defense. Hanau, Germany.

2005

Kiernan, B.U. Fairy Tales and Psychotherapy. Presented April 2005. Massachusetts Institute of Technology International Media Conference, and published online through MIT.

Developed and led a group for cancer patients at Stanford University School of Medicine using Fairy Tales as Guides to Healing. Stanford, CA

1994

Psychotherapist. Contract with Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Palo Alto, CA.

Co-directed Psychological, Social and Spiritual Roots of Violence, a symposium on violence. Rollo May Center for Study of the Humanities, San Francisco, CA.

Founded Arbor Psychological Health Services, Palo Alto, CA

1991

Co-directed Responsive Witness, a symposium on psychological meanings of political art. City of Palo Alto Cultural Center

1989

Developed, directed and produced a performance of Creation Mythology: In Story, Music and Dance. City of Palo Alto, Division of Arts and Culture.

Designed, developed and taught Fairy Tale and Mythology classes for University of California, Santa Cruz, Extension services.

1987 to Present

Provided Trainings and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings to Silicon Valley corporations, law firms, and cities including Stanford University Medical School, DLA Piper Global Law Firm, AOL, Oracle, Apple, Go Pro, Pacific Gas and Electricity, Sun Microsystems, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati Law, Pillsbury Winthrop Law, Morrison and Forester Law, DLA Piper, Gray Carey Law, Intel, Intuit, United Defense, JDS Uniphase, Southwall Technology, Yahoo, Tyco, Bank of America, Greater Bay Bank, Hewlett Packard, Microsoft, Jamba Juice, City of Palo Alto, City of City of Menlo Park Fire Department, Alameda County Water District, Oracle, Co-America Bank, City of San Jose, Microsoft, City of Palo Alto, Sun Power, Southwest Airlines, Bank of the West, Alameda County Water District, Valley Transit Authority, City of Palo Alto, Stanislaus County and others

1986-1988

Designed, developed and provided group leadership for two Career Advancement Strategy groups under the auspices of Federal Women's Program, and Veteran's Administration Medical Centers, Palo Alto/Menlo Park.

Developed a Fairy Tale course with City of Palo Alto Division of Arts and Sciences.

1983 to Present

Private Psychotherapy Practice. Palo Alto, Menlo Park CA.

1983 to 1987

Designed, implemented and led single parent support system at Palo Alto Unified School District, Palo Alto, CA. 1983

Led groups in divorcing families' project at Stanford University, Stanford, CA 1978 to 1985

Designed, directed, and evaluated The Child Development and Parenting Project, a child abuse prevention program, Crittenton Friends, Palo Alto, CA.

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

Thesis: The Development, Direction, and Evaluation of the Child Development and Parenting Program. San Jose State University, 1979.

Kiernan, B.U. (1987) A Systems Perspective on Soviet-American Relations. Political Psychology Vol.8, no. 2, 1987.

Kiernan, B.U., Wilson, D., Suter, N., Naqvi, A., Molten, J. and Silver, G. Comparison of the Geriatric Depression Scale and Beck Depression Inventory in a Nursing Home Setting. Clinical Gerontologist vol.6 (1) Fall, 1986.

Kiernan, B.U. Systems Processes: Archetypal Pattern that Connects. Paper read at Association for Transpersonal Psychology Meetings, Asilomar, 1988.

Kiernan, B.U. Fertilizing the Seeds of Compassion in Ancient Texts. Journal of Compassion Research. June 2009

Kiernan, B.U. Group Dynamics of International Relations. Northern California Group Psychotherapy Newsletter, fall 2010.

Kiernan, B.U. The Uses of Fairy Tales in Psychotherapy. Santa Clara Valley Marriage Family Child Therapist newsletter, summer 2010.

PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS

Listening Better. Communication Training. Presented at DiTech. Mountain View, CA. 2009, DeVry University, Fremont, CA. 2010

The Uses of Fairy Tales for Group Psychotherapy. Northern California Association of Group Psychotherapy. Asilomar, CA. 2010, 2008.

Stress Management Techniques. Presented at DLA Piper, Palo Alto, CA. 2008.

Stress Management Techniques. Presented at Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati Law Firm. Palo Alto, CA. 2006

Management Training for Referring Employees CPI. Palo Alto, CA. 2007.

Coping with 9/11. Presented at Pillsbury Winthrop Law Firm. Palo Alto, CA. 2001

Myths and Transformation. How Cultural Beliefs Contribute to Global Violence and Terrorism. Presented at Kozmetsky Global Collaboratory. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. 2004

The Uses of Fairy Tales in Psychotherapy. Presented at The Work of Stories Conference. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA. 2005

Managed Care and the Socially Responsible Psychologist. Presented at Ortho Psychiatry Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 1993.

An Object Relations Perspective on Divorce. Presented at California Association for Marriage, Family, Child Therapists Divorce Conference, Stanford, CA. 1990.

A Systems Perspective on International Relations. Presented at Association for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Stanford, CA. 1989.

Fairy Tale Groups; Presented at Northern California Group Psychotherapy Association, Conference, Asilomar, 1987, 1988,1989,1990, 2008.

Career Advancement Strategies; Presented to Department of the Navy, Western Division Engineering Facility, San Bruno, CA 1987, and presented at Veterans Administration Medical Centers, Palo Alto, CA, 1986.

Coping Strategies for Working Mothers; Presented to City of Palo Alto Employees, 1985.

Introduction to Research Methodology; presented at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Menlo Park, CA, 1986.

Single Parent Groups; Presented at Northern California Group Psychotherapy Association, Asilomar 1986.

The Shadow of Nuclear Weapons; Presented to Psychologists for Social Responsibility, Stanford, CA, 1985.

The Need for Supportive Services for Single Parent Families in Public Schools; Presented at California State PTA, San Jose, 1985.

A Preventive Child Abuse Program: Presented American Psychological Association. Meetings, Montreal, Canada. 1983.

Small is Beautiful: A Community Based Approach to Social Action Programs; presented at 1981 Western Psychological Association meetings, Los Angeles

EDUCATION

M.A. Psychology. San Jose State University, 1979

M.A. Psychology. Western Graduate School, 1981

B.A. Psychology. Ohio State University, 1965

A.A. Lasell College. Auburndale, MA. 1963

RESEARCH

Veterans Administration Hospital, Menlo Park California. Performed all aspects of major NIH research grant. 1984-1987

TEACHING

Institute for Transpersonal Psychology. Lifespan Development. 2007.

University of Santa Clara. Depth Psychology, 1991 to 2006.

University California, Santa Cruz Extension, Berkeley Extension, Psychological Theories as Reflected Myths and Fairy Tales. Spring 1989
2001.

John F. Kennedy University, Campbell, CA. Courses: Group Psychotherapy, Family Systems Theories. 1999-2003.

John F. Kennedy University, Berkeley, CA. Course: Uses of Fairy Tales in Psychotherapy. March 2017.

AWARD

Superior Performance Award, presented by Veterans Administration Medical Center, 1987

OFFICES

Board Member, Northern California Psychologists for Social Responsibility, 1986 - 1994. President, Northern California Psychologists for Social Responsibility, 1991 – 1992