

## Re-Search as Vocation: Building Bridges between Phenomenology and Depth Psychology

### A Masterclass with Robert Romanyshyn

14 & 15 April 2009



For 30 years Professor Romanyshyn has been doing psychological work - as a therapist, writer, and researcher-in the space between the traditions of phenomenology and depth psychology, especially Jungian psychology. In these masterclasses he will draw upon stories and examples from his graduate students to build bridges between these two traditions. In addition, he will invite participants to engage in exercises that give an experiential foundation to the ideas. Some of the ideas that will be explored are:

- The role of the 'self' in the research process
- The differences in the art of interpretation in the two traditions
- The role and place of unconscious 'irrational' factors like dreams, fantasies and one's psychological type in the research process
- The place of the body in research
- The importance of attending to those factors that draw a researcher into his/her work that make research a vocation
- The conditions that lay a foundation for a vision of objectivity that is rooted in the deep subjectivity of the researcher
- The ways in which this bridging lays a foundation for ethical ways of knowing and being.

To begin the classes Professor Romanyshyn will use a myth to show how research takes place within an interactive field where eros is the binding factor.

## Robert Romanyshyn

Robert D. Romanyshyn has been described as a master story teller who has the gift of weaving psychological themes into patterns of experience, drawing upon literature, poetry, history and art. Trained in phenomenology at Duquesne University he helped found the innovative graduate programme in phenomenology and depth psychology at the University of Dallas in 1972. In 1991 he joined the program at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, CA where he is a Senior Core Faculty member in the Clinical Department and where he helped found the program in Depth Psychology. Robert was the first non-analyst elected to Affiliate Membership in the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts for his scholarly contributions to Jungian thought and research. Since 1991 he has pioneered and developed at Pacifica a unique approach to research, which, in making a space for unconscious factors in the research process, establishes dialogues with and builds bridges to other major research traditions in psychology. Two essential aspects of this work are the issues of securing an ethical foundation for the bodies of knowledge we create and the central role of psychology in this effort. *The Wounded Researcher* (2007) is the fruit of that labour. He is currently working on a manuscript entitled *The Frankenstein Prophecies*, which explores the effects of neglecting unconscious factors in research.

Robert has lectured widely at conferences and has been an invited professor in the U.S., Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He has published six books and has contributed chapters to over thirty edited volumes. He has also published numerous articles in psychology, philosophy and literary journals and some poems. The thread that has connected his work over the years is his commitment to the idea that psychological life is inseparable from the world and to this end he has focused much of his research on the issues raised by technology. His most recent article, *The Melting Polar Ice*, is a plea to awaken to the psychological depths of the global climate crisis.

Robert lives in Summerland, California, with his wife Veronica Goodchild.

## Schedule

9.00 Coffee  
9.30 First session begins  
12.30 Lunch  
13.30 Second session begins  
16.30 Day ends

## Costs and booking information

**The fee of £150.00 for this Masterclass** includes two full days with the course facilitator, all refreshments and all class materials. Cheques should be made payable to **Bournemouth University**. Invoices can only be issued on receipt of a purchase order number. Cancellations received up to six weeks before each Masterclass will be refunded less an administration charge of 25%. No refunds can be processed after six weeks have elapsed. Places are limited and operate on a "first come, first served" basis.

## The Centre for Qualitative Research Masterclasses

The classes appeal to both postgraduate students and academics working with qualitative methods. The Masterclass will be held over two full days, 14 and 15 April 2009, at Bournemouth University.

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