

Unfolding Wisdom

A RETREAT TO RE-MEMBER OUR WHOLENESS

Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA — June 6-9, 2019

An invitation to inquire into the edge of knowing...

In a world that appears fragmented and polarized, one of the most powerful and surprising aspects of consciousness is the capacity to hold opposites together in creative tension. Unlocking this capacity is a key to wholeness: a way to re-member parts of ourselves which have become lost or inhibited and recalling our purpose in the larger world.

Can we say yes to a journey of unfolding wisdom, a reciprocal relationship between ourselves and all life? The practice of leadership requires each of us to trust and access our own interior world while also participating and contributing to larger organizational and cultural systems.



Come join us for an exploration into the realm of paradox, the harmony of contradictions, and the felt sense of belonging to a community of seekers, change makers, and consciousness pioneers. Be prepared to stretch conceptually and emotionally via experiential exercises and creative expression.

The retreat is designed for individuals who work with groups in their capacity as leaders, consultants, facilitators, and change agents. It is also meant for anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the practice of leadership and social transformation. It is especially relevant for individuals interested in collaborative group processes that are emergent and designed for creating authentic connection and generative dialogue. We hope you will join us!

~ Alan Briskin & Kathia Laszlo



Wisdom begins in wonder

~ Socrates

Guiding questions

In the design of this experience, we are holding the creative tension between a spiritual retreat as an inner journey and leadership training as an educational and skill building experience. We are creating a space for collaborative inquiry guided by questions such as:

- Why is unfolding wisdom important right now – during times of social disruption?
- What does it involve to live at the edge of knowing and not knowing?
- How can we be true to our own inner knowing?
- What are the evolutionary possibilities of engaging complexity?
- What are we missing by staying in polarities?
- What are the rewards of embracing the creative tension of opposites?
- How do groups move from fragmentation to wholeness?
- What about love?

When

Thursday June 6 to
Sunday June 9, 2019

Location

Mercy Center

<http://www.mercy-center.org>

2300 Adeline Dr, Burlingame, CA 94010

Directions

Costs

\$1,595.00

Registration includes:

Tuition, materials, food, and lodging

Early bird discount before April 30th: \$1,430

Registration

Please register online:

<https://e.sparxo.com/Unfolding-Wisdom-Retreat>

We will journey together into the tension of apparent dualities such as masculine and feminine, shadow and light. We will practice listening for emergence and confronting “negative capability” (the brilliance of not knowing). We will have ritual, silence, art, and nature. Together, we will learn how to say Yes to unfolding wisdom.

Consider coming to this retreat as a rite of passage: intentionally stepping into a healing and transformational space where we, individually and collectively, have the opportunity to re-weave different ways of knowing, doing, being, and relating. Together, we will be expanding the boundaries of leadership development by bringing into the inquiry those aspects that have been left out from the conversation; aspects that are core to our humanity and essential for our evolution. You will come out of the experience inspired, energized, and with increased confidence to serve as an agent of transformation wherever you are called to bring back wholeness – connecting our inner work with outward agency for the betterment of the world.

The ability to perceive or think differently is more important than the knowledge gained.

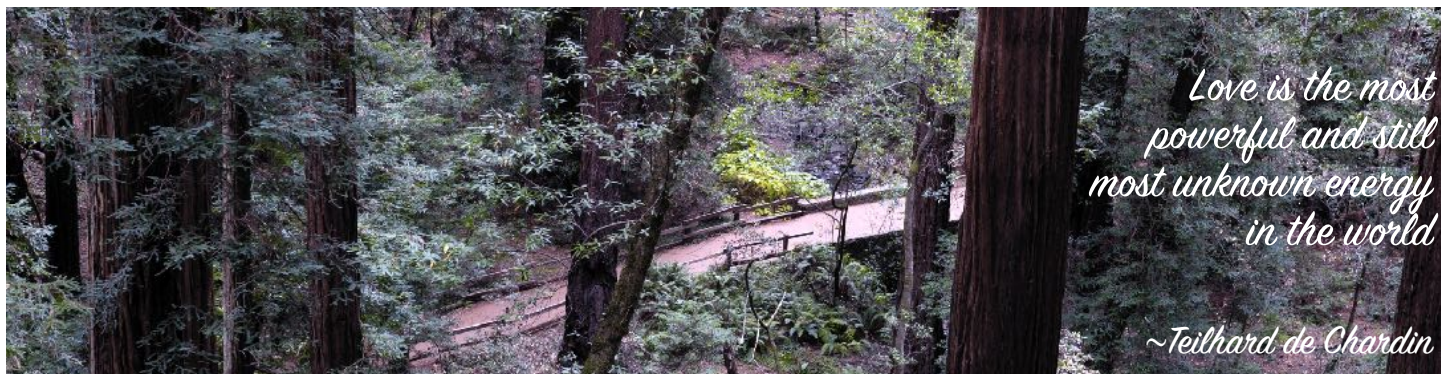
- David Bohm



Some of the practices that will be part of the experience of this retreat include...

- Practicing to open our inner channels of wisdom
- Noticing and activating Relational Fields
- Embracing Negative Capability as key to emergence
- Collectively walking the Labyrinth
- Engaging in creative expression (e.g., Soul Collage)
- Reflecting from film clips and dramatic presentations
- Moving and embodying Ways of Knowing
- Honoring Silence and Stillness
- Guided Meditation & Personal Reflection
- Supporting Others in the journey to wholeness

If this invitation resonates with you, please join us.



Love is the most powerful and still most unknown energy in the world

~Teilhard de Chardin

The conveners



Alan Briskin is an award-winning author, artist, and leadership consultant. His most recent book, the co-authored *The Power of Collective Wisdom: And the Trap of Collective Folly*, was the Nautilus Silver award winner in the category of Conscious Business and Leadership. His other books include *The Stirring of Soul in the Workplace* and the co-authored *Bringing Your Soul to Work* and *Daily Miracles*.

Co-founder of The Collective Wisdom Initiative, his interest in alternative education and compassionate health care environments led to his being the principal consultant for over ten years to the George Lucas Educational Foundation and a founding member of Fetzer Institute's Relationship Centered Care Network. He is a consultant and an executive coach helping leaders apply practical wisdom to complex issues of organizational change and transition. Kaiser Permanente, Institute for Health and Healing, One Humanity Institute, and the Goi Peace Foundation have all been long term clients. Alan has given keynotes and conducted workshops on collective wisdom throughout the United States and internationally, including co-leading the Leading as Sacred Practice conferences with David Sibbet, Gisela Wendling, and Holger Scholz.

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Kathia Laszlo is an inspirational and reflective executive coach, leadership development consultant and facilitator with extensive cross-sector experience across North America, Latin America and Europe. Kathia is an explorer of regenerative business models and applies her expertise in adult learning, collective wisdom, design thinking and dialogue to design and facilitate experiential processes that transform individuals and groups from the inside out. She combines her scholarly and professional expertise in systems thinking, feminine and indigenous ways of knowing, mindfulness and creativity to support business, academic and nonprofit leaders to transform their organizations into cultures of compassion and innovation. Her workshops and trainings translate systems thinking into experiential practices for transformation and creative problem solving. Some of her consulting and coaching clients include Accenture, the City of Los Angeles, Global Education Forum, GreenPeace, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, the Presidio Trust, Pixar, Salesforce, Roche, Twitter and Kaiser Permanente. Kathia completed her Ph.D. in Human Science as a Fulbright Scholar from Mexico and is currently working on her book *Education at the Edge of Possibility*.

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