

2018 FOUNDATION NEWS

GATHERING OF THE COUNCIL

The 21st Annual Gathering of the Council by Live Video Conference was held on Saturday at the end of January 2018. Council members from around the world were present for the four-hour meeting.

Using current video conferencing technology, we were also able to break into smaller groups for interactive face-to-face video discussions.

Kevin Turner presented: “Mongolian Shamanism: Revival and Implications for a Worldwide Rebirth of Shamanic Practice,” with Q&A.

Michael Hasslinger, Vice Director of FSS Europe (FSSE), reported on the 30th anniversary (2017) celebration of the Foundation in Europe, including the growth and expansion of the work there.

Roland Urban, FSSE Director, shared a fascinating account, including video, of “Traces of Shamanism in Europe,” followed by discussion and Q&A.

Susan Mokolke, FSS president, talked about using shamanic divination for personal and community problem-solving. Participants broke into small groups to discuss and share about how shamanism might help address some of the larger issues facing humanity.

The meeting closed by sharing some of the helpful and hopeful insights participants had received.

2019 GATHERING OF THE CIRCLE OF THE FOUNDATION

FSS members, **you are invited** to an in-person Gathering of the Circle, January 25-26, 2019. Come together to help create a vibrant future for our community and the planet:

- Connect with old and new friends;
- Special guest presentations, including: Duane Elgin (<https://duaneelgin.com/>), author of *The Living Universe*;
- Experiential small group offerings facilitated by FSS faculty members, and more. Members will be emailed an invitation. Not a member? Visit shamanism.org; click on the “Join the Circle” tab.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL HARNER MEMORIAL APRIL 14, 2018

The memorial celebration of the life and work of Michael Harner, 1929—2018, was held on April 14 in Novato, California. It was attended by about 250 friends, students, FSS members, colleagues, and family. The event was live streamed around the world. The recording of the remembrance can be viewed online on shamanism.org (<https://shamanism.org/michael-harner-memorial.php>), accessible from the home page.

HOST

Susan Mokolke, President, FSS

SPEAKERS

Ralph Field, Lifelong Friend

Jeffrey David Ehrenreich, Professor of Anthropology, University of New Orleans

Roswitha Uccusic, Co-founder with Paul Uccusic, FSS Europe (FSSE)

Roland Urban, Director of FSSE

Kevin Turner, Director of FSS Asia

Amanda Foulger, FSS Faculty Member

Roger Walsh, Professor of Psychiatry, Philosophy, & Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

Jack Kornfield, Author, Buddhist practitioner and a key teacher introducing Buddhist mindfulness practice to the West

Recorded live April 14, 2018 at Novato, California, USA

Running time: 1:42:52



Michael Harner Memorial

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (AAA) ROUND TABLE FOR MICHAEL HARNER

On November 16, 2018 a group of Michael's colleagues and former students gathered at the AAA annual meeting in San Jose, California to remember Michael's life, influence, and legacy as "an anthropologist, shaman, scientist, and humanist." The event was organized by Jeffrey Ehrenreich, anthropologist and a student of Michael's, and an FSS Board of Trustees member. It was a rich and meaningful afternoon of touching, profound, and funny remembrances of the ways in which attendees' lives had been impacted by knowing Michael. Jeffrey noted that through his work in shamanism, Michael had affected the lives of thousands, a towering achievement for an anthropologist.

NEW WORKSHOP: ADVANCED SHAMANIC HEALING PRACTICE

The two-day *Advanced Shamanic Healing Practice* is designed to provide students with advanced FSS training the opportunity for hands-on healing practice using multiple core shamanic methods. Participants can practice "putting it all together" by applying multiple core shamanic healing methods in a solo session for another student. The first workshop was taught

by Susan Mokolke, July 2017, in the San Francisco Bay Area. Several FSS faculty are in training, and we expect the workshop to be offered in additional locations in 2019. Learn more about the training and prerequisites: https://shamanism.org/workshops/calendar.php?Wkshp_ID=37

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Benefits for the 2018-19 Circle of the Foundation membership year are now available, including FSS web store discounts, Shamanic Services listing, live video conferencing for all members, and more. Access the Members Circle with exclusive content: videos, audio, articles, and photo archives. Workshop tuition discounts are available for some membership categories. Members are an essential part of the Foundation's work. As a member, not only do you receive benefits that foster your interest in shamanism, but your membership donation also helps to preserve indigenous shamanism and shamanic wisdom and to return the power and beauty of shamanism to our lives. Not a member? Visit shamanism.org and click on the "Join the Circle" tab.

LIVE VIDEO CONFERENCES

Live video conferences-webinars are offered each year, some to introduce

the public to shamanism and others as a benefit of membership. For the FSS membership, an audio version is typically uploaded to the Member's Circle for those who missed the live presentation. Live video gatherings for members are hosted by Susan Mokolke, and include FSS faculty members and special guests. We are finding this a great way to bridge the distances and to offer helpful information about shamanic practice and FSS trainings. (View selected public videos on the FSS website: <https://shamanism.org/video.html>.)



CORE SHAMANISM EXPLAINED

Susan Mokolke, president of the FSS, was interviewed about shamanism by Eileen Nash for her online/TV program *Restore Your Caring Soul* on the RHG TV Network. The 30 minute interview, "Core Shamanism Explained," provides a clear and helpful introduction to contemporary shamanism. Watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/234611951>

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

The FSS offers traditional Continuing Education (CE) Contact Hours/Credits (CEUs) for its workshops and training programs in the USA and Canada. The CEU is a nationally recognized method of quantifying the time spent in the classroom during professional development and training activities. For details, visit: <https://shamanism.org/workshops/ContinuingEdCEU.html>

CAVE AND COSMOS

Named a Kirkus Review Nonfiction Indie Book of the Month, the Kirkus says of *Cave and Cosmos: Shamanic Encounters with Another Reality*: "Harner's rich compendium gives many ways to consider and explore a powerful and inspiring view of the cosmos." (See more at shamanism.org.) Translations available: Czech, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Turkish.

Cave and Cosmos is available in paperback directly through the Foundation bookstore, as well as online and in local bookstores. As Michael requested, royalties from *Cave and Cosmos* go to the Foundation for Shamanic Studies in support of its work.

