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THE EVOLUTION OF *TIME-BINDINGS*

Welcome to the latest iteration in the evolution of the IGS newsletter *Time-Bindings*. Beginning with this issue (officially Vol 24, No. 1 for 1Q2006), *Time-Bindings* will be developed primarily for electronic distribution via email and the IGS website. This will save the IGS over \$3,000 a year in printing and postage costs. Once we get a few kinks ironed out, this should result in more frequent and more timely distribution of news and events pertaining to the Institute and general semantics.

This change emphasizes the importance of keeping the IGS office updated with your latest contact information, especially your preferred email address. If you're reading this after opening an envelope, it means we don't have your email address. Please take part of a minute to send it to us at igs@time-binding.org

If you don't have email, don't have access to the Internet, and want to receive future *Time-Bindings*, please **contact the office** and we'll be happy to send you a paper copy like this, or fax it to you. Let us know what you prefer.

"MAKING SENSE" CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

May 15th is the deadline to submit papers or presentation proposals for the IGS conference on "**Making Sense**," October 27-28 in Arlington, TX. Conference announcements were mailed out with the *General Semantics Bulletin* in February. If you lost yours or didn't receive one, contact the IGS office or simply visit the website at www.time-binding.org/2006-conf/. We're looking for a diverse range of presentations for the conference, so please send us your proposals!

Full-time students, don't forget we're offering two cash awards of **\$500** plus free conference registration for the two most outstanding student submissions.

If you're just planning to attend the conference, it's time to register! Details are online at www.time-binding.org/2006-conf/conf-details.htm. Your registration includes a ticket to the 54th Alfred Korzybski Memorial Lecture featuring **Dr. Renee Hobbs** from Temple University. You can also make your room reservation at the Hilton Arlington Hotel directly through a special web page created for the IGS conference: www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/arlhhf_sig/index.jhtml.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

IGS is committed to expanding our relationships with colleges and universities across the country. Two recent developments highlight this commitment. In February, IGS Board President Andrea Johnson and Executive Director Steve Stockdale visited the University of Missouri's School of Journalism. The "J-School" at Missouri has a long-standing reputation as one of the leading journalism programs in the country. General Semantics has been taught as a component of that program since the 1940s. Steve and Andrea met with Professor Emeritus Don Ranly, Michael Fuhlhage, John Schneller, and Chip Stewart to discuss a variety of ways that the Institute can better support the J-School in teaching general semantics and applying it in their journalism program.

Speaking of journalism, the Institute will again be represented at Texas Christian University (TCU) next fall. Steve Stockdale has been invited to teach an undergraduate course in GS in the **Schieffer School of Journalism** at TCU. The Director of the Schieffer School, Dr. Tommy Thomason, has expressed a desire to develop a program in general semantics that will eventually include graduate as well as undergraduate courses. He has also offered to partner with IGS in developing joint programs for outreach and education in the local Fort Worth school community. For example, he's arranged for the Language Arts department heads in the Fort Worth Independent School District to hold their May business meeting at IGS's Read House.

If you are affiliated with a school that would be interested in hosting a guest speaker, conducting a faculty workshop, or just meeting someone from IGS with an eye toward designing a future program with your school, please contact the IGS office.

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

Have you taught General Semantics in an academic environment? If you have, we'd like for you to take a short online survey we've developed. This is a first step toward developing a consolidated repository of lesson plans, demonstrations, syllabi, etc., as well as establishing a new directory of those who teach GS. It should only take you a few minutes. Just go to www.time-binding.org/teacher-survey.htm to begin.

WELCOME, ERICA GANN!

During its regular quarterly meeting on March 18th, the IGS Board of Trustees approved hiring Erica Gann, currently one of the Berman Scholars, beginning in May after her graduation from TCU with a Masters of Science degree in Communication Studies. Erica has been profiled in the previous *Time-Bindings* and in the *General Semantics Bulletin No. 72*. She will focus on developing outreach initiatives specifically directed toward high school and college students, as well as other IGS projects and initiatives. We extend a hearty "thanks" to IGS members Frank Nason and Bob Holston for making special contributions to partially support Erica's hiring. If you'd like to make tax-deductible special contribution to show your support of Erica's efforts to work specifically with college and high school students, please **contact the office** or **make a direct contribution online with your charge card**.

EVENT-LEVEL NOTES

- The **New York Society for General Semantics** is co-sponsoring "**Perspectives on Neil Postman: A Symposium**" on April 6th at the NYU Kimmel Center for University Life, Room 802, 60 Washington Square South. To register for this free event, contact dcc.events@nyu.edu or visit the NYSGS website, www.nysgs.org.
- IGS Trustee **Jim French** and former Editor of *ETC* **Jeremy Klein** will give a presentation about general semantics to the Sacramento Humanist Society at their

monthly meeting on April 23rd at 3:00p. If you're in the area, go to the Lobby Lounge of the main building of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd in Sacramento.

- IGS Executive Director Steve Stockdale gave a one-hour speech to 275 librarians as part of the annual Fort Worth Public Library Staff Development Day activities. The title of his presentation was "Creating Order from Your Own Chaos." In it he integrated his own career meanderings, some general semantics, and highlights from the book, *Capitalizing on Career Chaos* by Dr. Helen Harkness.
- The PDF version of the ***General Semantics Bulletin No. 72 2005*** is available online at www.learn-gs.org/library/gsb/no72.pdf
- The April issue of ***ETC: A Review of General Semantics is in the mail!*** If you haven't received it, look for it any day now.
- We've sold out of the 2nd printing of the 5th edition of ***Science and Sanity***. Fortunately, we have 2,500 fresh copies of the 3rd printing on-hand and available for purchase at the same fair price for IGS members of \$31.96. Order a copy today from the online store: www.time-binding.org/store.htm
- The IGS online **Discussion Board** continues to grow, with almost 300 registered users as we end March. Thanks to all of you who are participating in the daily discussions. If you haven't tried it, the Discussion Board is free and registration is (usually) simple. Go to www.learn-gs.org/cgi-bin/boards/discus.cgi

If you have items of interest, announcements, commendations or suggestions for future newsletters, please **contact the office**.

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