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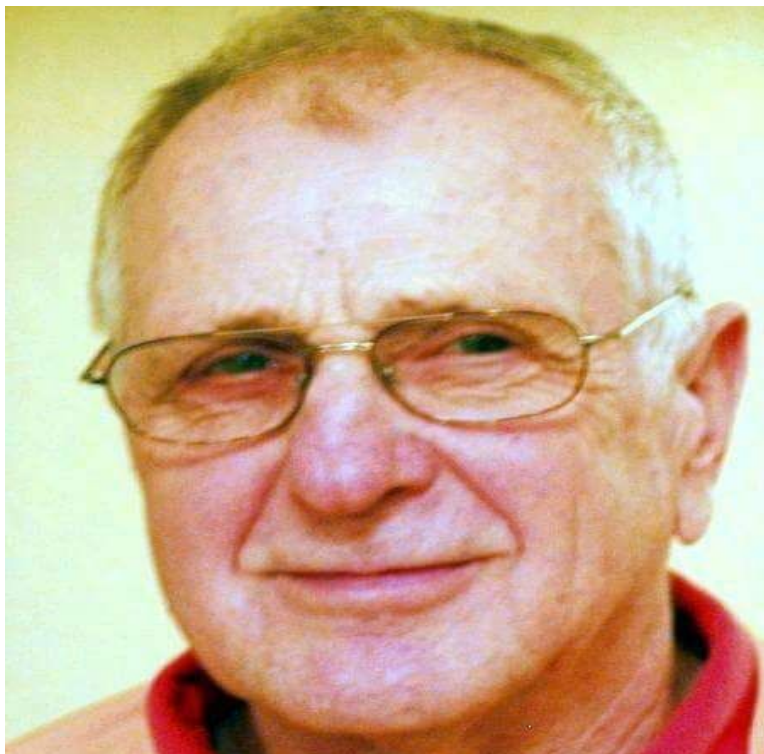
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## *In Memoriam*

*The Person-Centered Community lost 4 members since the last printing of Renaissance: Jerold Bozarth, Gerald Bauman, Leif Braaten, and Marvin Frankel. This issue serves as a memorial to them and their contributions to client-centered therapy psychotherapy and research.*

*Leslie Spencer, Editor-In-Chief*





### ***Jerold Bozarth ~ June 13, 1932 - January 25, 2018***

Jerold Bozarth was born in 1931. He was Professor Emeritus of the University of Georgia, where his tenure included Chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Development, Director of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program and Director of the Person-Centered Studies Project. He was a consultant for person-centered training programs in the Czech Republic and Portugal; Scientific Director for the Person-Centered Learning Program at the Institute for Person-Centered Learning in England; and was associated with the Person-Centered Connections program, also in England. He learned the person-centered approach from long term mental hospital 'patients' who were considered 'impossible' by other helping organizations. He had been an advocate of the non-directive client-centered approach of Carl Rogers since 1957. He was author of over 400 articles, book chapters, and technical manuals and four books related to Rogers approach.

Some of his books are *Client-Centered Therapy and the Person-Centered Approach: New Directions in Theory, Research, and Practice* (Editor in 1984), *Career Assessment*



*and the Person-Centered Approach (Co-author with Jeanne Stubbs in 1993), Empathy from the framework of Client Centered Theory (co-author with Barbara Brodley 1991), Person-Centered Therapy: A Revolutionary Paradigm (1998), Unconditional Positive Regard (2001), Person-centered Counseling: The Culture Within (co-author with Ann Shanks Glauser 2011), Forty Years of Dialogue with the Rogerian Hypothesis (2000).*

Dr. Bozarth's academic background included an undergraduate degree with majors in social studies, sociology, speech and psychology with little knowledge about therapy. He states that his first realization of the monumental difference of Rogers' theory occurred for him when he was 25 years old. He started his first professional employment as a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counselor in a State Mental Hospital. He joined a pilot project intended to help chronic, long term "mental patients" leave the hospital.

In his book *Person-Centered Therapy: A Revolutionary Paradigm (1998)*, Jerold Bozarth presents a collection of twenty revised papers and new writings on person-centered therapy representing over 40 years' work as an innovator and theoretician. He reflects upon Carl Rogers' theoretical foundations, emphasizes the revolutionary nature of these foundations and offers extended frames for understanding this radical approach to therapy. This book will be essential reading for all with an interest in Client-Centered Therapy and the Person-Centered Approach. The personal integrity of Jerold Bozarth shines through this book. It is one that is recommended for second-year Diploma students and practitioners alike. (Jen Popkin, *Self and Society*, Vol. 27, No. 5, November 1999). Jerold Bozarth planned to write this book for 20 years. It is very good news that he has produced this authoritative text. (David Acres, *British Journal of Guidance and Counselling*, Vol. 27, No. 4, 1999). At various points in the book, but particularly in Chapter 4, Bozarth points to the "actualizing tendency" as the foundation block of the person-centered approach. This is a superb chapter, bringing together and integrating Rogers' theoretical propositions about this fundamental motivating force - essential reading for any student. (Professor Dave Mearns, *Counselling*, Vol. 10, No. 3. August 1999). -*Brenda and Ahmed Abdel-Hafez*



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***Another One Bites The Dust,  
or We All Love You Jerold.***  
*by J. Wade Hannon ~ [wadehannon@gmail.com](mailto:wadehannon@gmail.com)*

One of the things that I have learned over the time I have been on the planet and aware of myself and the confusing world around me is that if one lives long enough, one finds people that one knows die. (I have no plans on dying, by-the-way.) They cease to exist in our shared space/time continuum here on Earth.

The sun that they shared with one shines only in one's memory and the memories of others who are still among us. This, my dears, my darlings, friends, others and Bruce is why I share some of my being-in-the-moment with you. (Yes, I understand that given that this is coming from my pen to the computer screen on which you are reading has "objectified" Jerold a bit. (I can see the wry little smile he would get when someone said something nice to and/or about him.)

I went to Warm Springs in 2017 because I had a felt sense that I might not get to see him again. I was somewhat shocked to see his physical decline in to 4 or so years since I had seen him last. For the past several years Jerold & I would speak on the phone every month or 2, so I was aware that he was having more problems with his hearing. I was also aware that he was having more medical issues. (Remember when we would say/write "problems" rather than "issues"?). I went to Warm Springs this year to honor his memory. We all there did the best that we could to do that.

Jerold was one of a handful of men that are not family members that I have told that I loved him. He stated that he loved me too.

Jerold was one of the last of a rare breed of human beings. He was real with me, open and honest. He was, to me, an authentic human being.



Jerold was also the one who I saw walk out of groups when he was not connecting to it or interested in what was happening. He showed me, through this, that one need not slavishly set and “take it.” For that alone I will sing songs in his honor until my voice sounds like a chainsaw that really needs to be oiled.

I am thankful that Jerold was in the world and that I had the pleasure of getting to know him and spend time with him.



Photo Courtesy of Carol Wolter Gustafson

***I only had the pleasure of knowing Jerold for a few years, but I am glad that I got to spend time with him at Warm Springs and ADPCA Savannah. Jerold was an inspiration and influence on not only my practice, but my personal life. He exuded love and acceptance. I will miss him terribly. -Leslie Spencer***



## **Love Poem for Jerold**

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Jerold, oh Jerold

We will not allow your memory to grow cold.

We love you and want to keep your warm embrace around us.

You once said, "I only wanted to say something and have someone listen."

We were listening and will keep listening

So we miss as little as possible

We love you, Jerold.

We love you.



*Photo Courtesy of Jin Wu*



***My first introduction to Jerold was through his writing***, I was fortunate enough to be in a person centred discussion group with Sharon Meir in 1995 and she had been asked by Jerold to comment on drafts of his chapters for his book 'Person-centred therapy: A revolutionary paradigm' (1998: PCCS books). We dissected the chapters one by one and this was the foundation for my understanding of the person-centred approach. I found his writing very clear and understandable and really agreed with his hypothesis for the centrality of unconditional positive regard as the curative factor in therapy. I then attended Warm Springs, an annual encounter group convened by Jerold in Georgia in the years 2001 and 2002 at least (my memory for dates is hazy). These were my first encounters with Jerold the person, who bemused, irritated and endeared me in pretty much equal measures. His presence was notable especially in its absence! He dealt with many complaints of not taking responsibility to facilitate or respond to people and was clear he didn't set himself up to be a facilitator, purely a convenor and once there he was an equal participant in the group. His steadfast refusal to engage with others' perceptions of his status and importance despite his insistence on his position of equality with others was part of what provoked my irritation, along with his inability to see gender being relevant to any dynamics or interactions among people. When he joined the panel of us at Norwich PCE in 2008 about gender, his contribution was to emphasise how he saw everyone as a person and gender was just not relevant. Again this roused my disbelief, irritation but also respect as he clearly stated his case against all other speakers and with respect and humility. I again was lucky to hear Jerold at ADPCA in 2014. I felt very fortunate to hear again his clarity about theory and his work with clients, although also upset at his frustration about the difficulties of him joining in interactions due to his impaired hearing and reduced ability to follow conversations. I was very sad to hear of his stroke and subsequent death this year and feel we have lost such a pivotal and valued member of the person centred community.

Gillian Proctor

## ***Jerold Bozarth: Walking Point***

***by Dr. Marjorie Witty***

I honor the memory of Jerold Bozarth. I describe him as a man and psychologist who "walked point" in the sense that he never refused to take the lead in combating myths about who we are and can be as human beings. His vision of the human person was clear and steady. We are capable of growth and change when provided with unconditional positive regard, that is, love and understanding.

Jerold had a great heart of love and care for others. He stood up for himself but was not afflicted with a drive for personal aggrandizement. He was kind to those who were disrespectful to him, even though he was hurt. He never aimed to wound those with



whom he disagreed, even though privately he might remark that a particular person was on the crazy side. His humor was not biting or cruel but generous.

In my last encounter with him, Jerold expressed to our group the desire to find a way to do more, to go forward, feeling that he had more to offer. He certainly gave a very great deal and never gave up the fight. I would like to believe that he is with our people: Carl Rogers, Nat Raskin, Fred Zimring, John Shlien, Barbara Brodley, and many others who in their lives, fought for life, who wore at their hearts the Fire's Center (Spender).

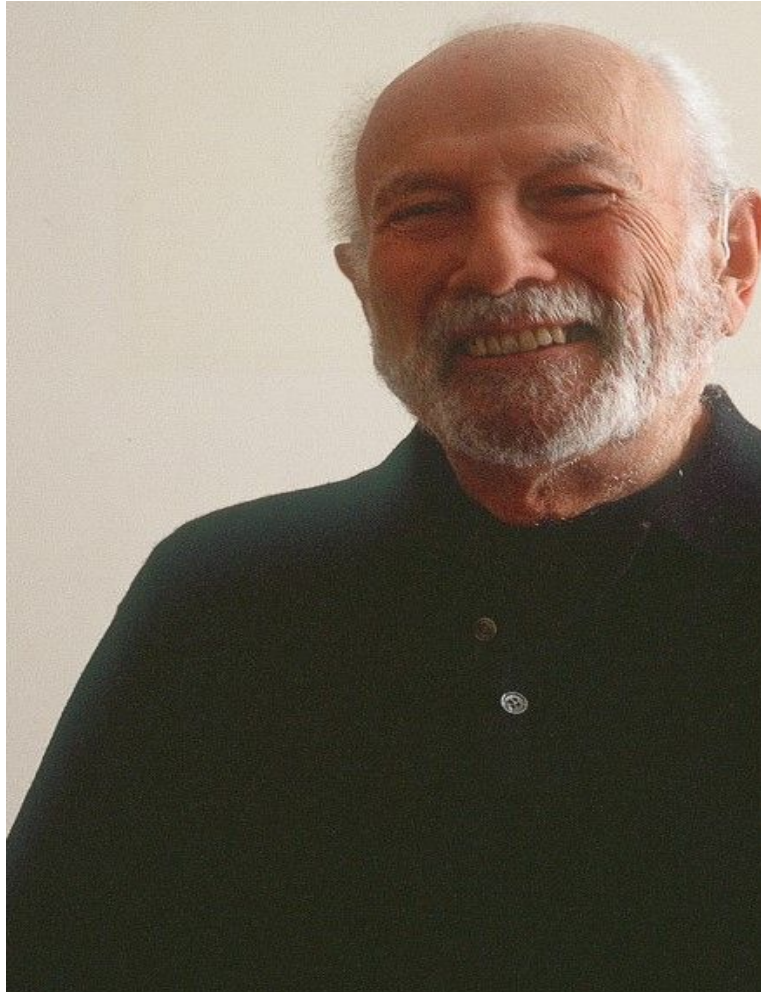






## **Gerald Bauman**

***Gerald, known as Jerry, passed away on June 18,2018, just a few days after his wife Bernice. They had been married 73 years in May.***



*Photo courtesy of Grace Harlow Klein*

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**Jerry** was a warm person to all he met, a gifted therapist and a wonderful friend to Armin for many years and then to me when I met Armin. Jerry, Nat Raskin and Armin were The Trio who met at meetings and grouped to share their lives and struggles, first at Academy meetings and then at ADPCA and Warm Springs meetings. He continued to see his last clients until just two or three years ago. I wrote about our friendship and my visits with Jerry after Armin died, published in Renaissance this year. I remember him with love and gratefulness for the friendship we shared. **-Grace Harlow Klein**



***I was a client of Gerald's*** for 9 years, beginning in 1990 and ending in 1998. I pretty much lost touch with him after that, much to my regret. I am not even clear on the date on which he ended his practice.

He pretty much set the bar for me as far as having a client centered therapist goes. For various reasons, I haven't located another whose practice led me to feel as I felt with him - accurately understood and totally accepted, always. I guess that's my way of depicting empathy and unconditional positive regard.

Despite being out of contact in recent years, I feel extremely grieved on hearing of his passing. I believe the community has lost a most caring, giving, compassionate and very "gentle giant."

Thank you for the opportunity to express this; however little justice it seems to do to either his memory or to my pain at this time.

With profound sadness, ***Barbara Junahli Hunter***

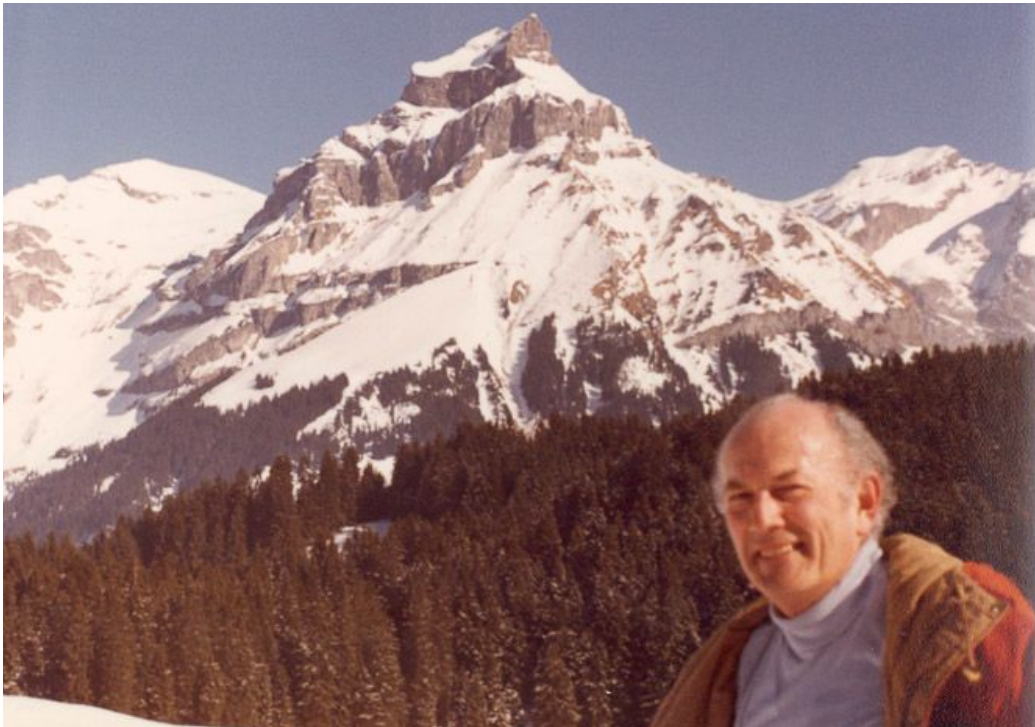
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***I see from Grace's email that Jerry*** died last night. I heard yesterday from Jerry's daughter, Ellen, that Jerry's wife, Bernice, had died a few days earlier. Jerry meant a whole lot to me, and I am very, very sad. He was a true Mensch. Can't say much more now.

Love, ***Ed Kahn***



*Photo Courtesy of Grace Harlow Klein*



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## ***Lief Braaten ~ April 26, 1928 - May 18, 2018***



*Photo taken from Lief Braaten Wikipedia page*

### ***Dear all, It's with sadness that I can tell you that Lief***

Braaten died 18 May after just having turned 90.

Leif was professor emeritus from University of Oslo and began his career as a PhD student with Carl Rogers in the 1950s at University of Chicago. After Chicago he was at Cornell University before he returned to Norway where he worked at University of Oslo. His main areas of interest was person-centred therapy, groups, and student learning in groups. He wrote books and papers on these topics. Later he started a private practice where he worked until last year.

In Denmark we had the fortune to invite Lief Braaten several times since 2004 to Danish Carl Rogers Forum where he gave lectures and workshops each year for a period. He was our Nordic connection to Carl Rogers and we loved his anecdotes from his time



with Carl. He helped to strengthen the person-centred tradition in Denmark, which Lisbeth Sommerbeck had helped along by starting Danish Carl Rogers Forum in 2002.

We will always love Leif's warm and intellectual bright presence, and this willingness to dare offering himself (*byde på sig selv*) in the relation. There was always a new edge of development when you were with Leif, but there was also support and understanding when it was needed.

Best wishes, **Niels Bagge**

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***I only had the opportunity to meet Leif*** through the medium of email. I wrote to ask if he might share the attached, which is one of my favourite articles ever (and given the industrial quantities of papers I consume, that's saying something) and we enjoyed a brief exchange. I'm glad I let him know how much what he had written meant to me but wish I had got to know him better.

My big huggy condolences go out especially to those who feel this loss more acutely.

Love to all, **Paul Colley**

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***I am saddened to hear of the death of Leif*** Braaten and send my thoughts and empathy to all those who were close to him.

I met Leif at the First International Forum in Mexico. He was a charismatic person with a lot of energy for life. **-Grace Harlow Klein**

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***I want to throw in my thoughts too.*** I had the pleasure of dialoguing with Leif several times at World Association conferences. I particularly remember one time I was talking with him and Germain Leitaer. Very sad to know that he will not be in Vienna. I will miss him. **-Art Bohart**



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**My heart is really heavy with this news.** He was truly a force of nature in the most powerful and positive way imaginable. Always, no matter his age. A passionate presence, to borrow Peggy Natiello's book title. This phrase just popped into my head. He is/was a true Leif-Force!

I want to tell him about my new name for him! And even thought, well, I can't be the first one to think of that in English, Leif still would thrown his head back - tossing back his full white head of hair, grasped me on the shoulder, looked me in the eye, and laughed hard and long. He might even roar, as if to say, "Aren't we people amazing, so creative and great?!"

Ah, there are the tears. I feel fortunate he was in my life, and in the life of Grace, and of countless others around the PCA world, and the world in general.

We've lost a sweet, though, compassionate, researching, group-loving, human and colleague and friend.

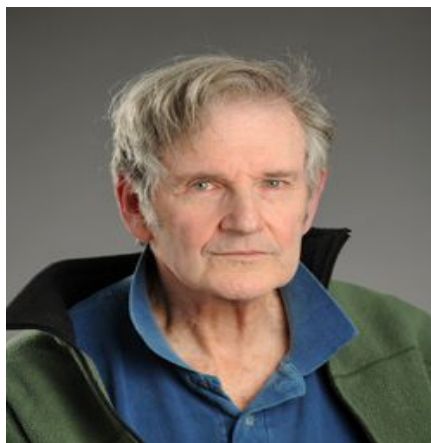
Heart full.

Love, *Carol Wolter-Gustafson*

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**Leif Braaten's article** "My Credo as a Person-Centered Therapist" was published in the *The Person-Centered Journal*, Vol. 18, No. 1-2, 2011.





## ***Marvin Frankel passed away suddenly in January 2018***

Marvin received his undergraduate degree from City College of New York and his PhD from University of Chicago. His early work focused on client-centered therapy, and he brought his extensive knowledge and experience of therapeutic models to his classes at Sarah Lawrence College, where he taught from 1972-2018.

Marvin's passion for teaching and the intensity of his intellectual engagement were inspiring to both colleagues and students. He created unique courses: "The Holocaust," "The Empathic Attitude," "The Talking Cure." His colleagues in psychology say of Marvin, "These courses simply could not have been taught by anyone other than him. No one else could, or would even think to, combine radical behaviorism with gestalt social psychology and Rogerian client-centered therapy."

Students spoke of Marvin's courses as being transformative, changing the ways in which they thought, encouraging and supporting vigorous debate. He was an incisive, original thinker who enjoyed provoking intellectual sparring. Fellow members of the psychology faculty relied on his keen mind and ability to pose probing, incisive questions during searches and tenure discussions. They describe him as consistently, characteristically forthright; in their words: "He held a singular position within our group."

**[-From the Sarah Lawrence College webpage](#)**

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Barbara (Brodley) brought Marvin to "debate" Ruth Sanford at the NYC ADPCA Meeting in the mid-late 1980s (the debate was something like Rogers 1 vs Rogers 2, and it was contentious), and she invited me into the small group with Marvin. It was a memorable "debate," probably the highlight of the meeting for many. They were both NYC area people (I spent a few weeks in a PCA group with Ruth at Hofstra, too), but I don't think Ruth and Marvin interacted at all. ***-William Ryan***



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Leslie

