# THE PEOPLES' CONFERENCE



#### www.TheOpalProject.org/psychout.html

This Second Annual PsychOut Conference is hosted by WE THE PEOPLE in remembrance of Esmin Green who was murdered-by-neglect at Kings County Hospital Center Psychiatric Emergency Room, June 19, 2008.

The purpose of this global conference is to provide a forum for psychiatric survivors, mad people, activists, radical professionals, artists, scholars and students from around the world to come together and share experiences of organizing against psychiatry.

# DIRECT ACTION: DEMONSTRATION AND VIGIL IN REMEMBRANCE OF ESMIN GREEN

Kings County Hospital Center Psychiatric Emergency Room 410 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, NY

JUNE 19, 2011 2 - 10 PM

CONFERENCE JUNE 20 -21, 2011 (9AM-9PM; 9AM-6PM)

Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

Sponsored by the PhD Program in Environmental Psychology

at the Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York

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#### PSYCHOUT 2011 NYC

June 19, 2011 2-10 PM Demonstration and Candle Light Vigil in Remembrance of Esmin Green Kings County Hospital Center Psychiatric Emergency Room, Building R 410 Winthrop Street Brooklyn, NY



THREE YEARS LATER, KINGS COUNTY'S "UNOFFICIAL POSITION": WE'VE MOVED ON AND SO SHOULD YOU.

TELL KINGS COUNTY

## WE WILL NOT MOVE ON.

WE DEMAND INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL ADVOCACY
THROUGHOUT HHC'S ENTIRE SYSTEM, STARTING AT KINGS COUNTY.



# THE PEOPLES' CONFERENCE MEISATRISK.



#### Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

Day 1 June 20th

9AM Registration and Networking

Conference Welcome/Opening Remarks 10AM

10:15 AM Keynote: Darby Penney (confirmed)

11AM Break

Workshop Session 1 11:15AM Lunch (On you own) 12:45PM Workshop Session 2 2:00PM Workshop Session 3 3:30PM Dinner (on your own) 5:00PM

6:00PM Movie

7:30-9PM Speak-Out Action Planning Part 1

#### Conference Day 2 June 21st

9AM Registration & Networking

10AM Opening Day 2

Keynote: Robert Whitaker (Confirmed) 10:15AM

**11AM Break** 

Workshop Session 4 11:15AM Lunch (On your own) 12:45PM

Keynote: Jim Gottstein (confirmed) 2PM

2:45PM Workshop Session 5

4:30PM Speak-Out Action Planning wrap-up Part 2

Conference close 6:00PM























### **HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!!**

PARTICIPATE IN THE
OPEN MIC PERFORMANCES
SLAM POETRY. SING,
SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS!

AND/OR

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ORGANIZING RESISTANCE AGAINST PSYCHIATRY DURING THE SPEAK OUTS!

SIGN UP AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

OPEN MIC PERFORMANCES

JUNE 21, 2011 3-4:30

WORKSHOP SESSION 5

AUDITORIUM

**SPEAK OUTS** 

JUNE 20, 2011 7:30 - 9PM AUDITORIUM JUNE 21, 2011 4:30 -6PM AUDITORIUM

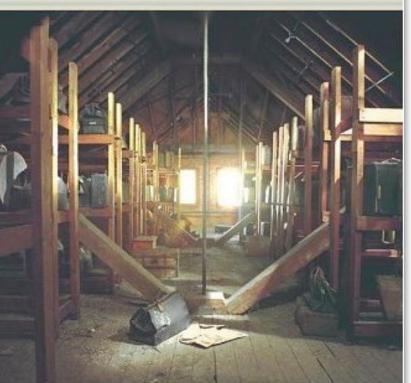
# KEYNOTE::: Darby Penney Interrupting the Cycle of History 6/20/11 10 AM

Darby Penney is a long- Peter Stastny, of *The* time activist in the human rights movement for people with psychiatric labels and is co-author, with

Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic (Bellevue Literary Press, 2008).

## THE LIVES THEY LEFT BEHIND

SUITCASES FROM A STATE HOSPITAL ATTIC



DARBY PENNEY PETER STASTNY

LISA RINZLER



Darby Penney

She is a Senior Research Associate with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., where she currently works on projects related to trauma-informed practices. She is president of The Community Consortium, a nonprofit organization of psychiatric survivors and their allies.

Darby was formerly Director of Recipient Affairs at the New York State Office of Mental Health, where she brought

the perspectives of people with psychiatric histories into the policy-making process. She also served as OMH Director of Historical Projects, where she worked on state hospital cemetery restoration, oral history projects, and the Suitcase Project.

In 2005, she was honored for her social justice work by being named a Fellow of the Petra Foundation. An Albany, NY, resident, Darby received a 2007 fellowship in Nonfiction Literature from the New York Foundation for the Arts.



Darby Penney at 1-11-11 WE SPEAK FOR OURSELVES, The Egg. NYS

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# Grooked Beauty

Crooked Beauty chronicles artist-writer Jacks McNamara's transformative journey from psych ward patient to pioneering mental health advocacy.

This poetic documentary reshapes mental health stigmas and stereotypes into a new healing culture and political model for living with madness as a tool of creativity, inspiration and hope.

www.crookedbeauty.com

FILM & DISCUSSION WITH SAN FRANSCISCO BASSED FILM MAKER, KEN PAUL ROSENTHAL

AUDITORIUM

6/20/11

6 PM

## KEYNOTE::: Robert Whitaker

Anatomy of an Epidemic: 4

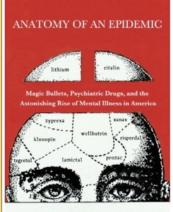
History, Science, and The Story of

How the Medical Model Has Failed Us All

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6/21/11 10:15AM

Robert Whitaker is the author of four books.



ROBERT WHITAKER

His first, Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill was named by Discover magazine as one of the best science books of 2002, while the American Library Association named it one of the best history books of that year. His second, The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder and Survival in the Amazon. was named by the American Library Association as one of the best biographies of 2004.

It was translated into eight the Anthony J. Lukas foreign languages. In 2008, Crown published On the Laps of Gods: The Red Summer of 1919 and the Struggle for Justice that Remade a Nation. which the San Francisco

work-in-progress prize. His newest book, Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of

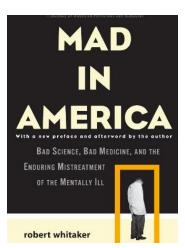
Mental



Chronicle selected as one of the best 50 non-fiction books of that year. On the Laps of Gods was also awarded

Illness in America, was published by Crown in the spring of 2010.

Prior to writing books, Robert Whitaker worked as the science and medical reporter at the *Albany* Times Union newspaper in New York for a number of years. His journalism articles won several national awards, including a George Polk award for medical writing, and a National Association of Science Writers' award for best magazine article. A series he co-wrote for The Boston Globe was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1998.



Jim Gottstein

# KEYNOTE::: James (Jim) B. Gottstein, Esq. PsychRights Strategic Approach to End Psychiatric Oppression 6/21/11 2 PM

Law Project for Psychiatric Rights

www.psychrights.org

Jim Gottstein is a Harvard Law School graduate, who has practiced law in Alaska for over 30 years. Since its founding in late 2002, he has devoted the bulk of his time *pro bono* (without pay) to the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights) whose mission is to mount a strategic litigation campaign against forced psychiatric drugging and electroshock in the United States. Mr. Gottstein has won reversal of four trial court decisions running roughshod over people's rights in these proceedings through appeals to the Alaska Supreme Court, including three on

constitutional grounds. These decisions substantially limit the State's legal right to lock up and drug people labeled as mentally ill against their will. Mr. Gottstein is perhaps best known for subpoenaing and releasing the "Zyprexa Papers," which documented Eli Lilly's suppression of information about Zyprexa causing diabetes and other metabolic diseases and illegal off-label promotion; Eli Lilly eventually paid \$1.4 billion in criminal and civil penalties (of which Jim received

none). Currently, Mr. Gottstein is spending most of his time on PsychRights' Medicaid Fraud Initiative Against Psychiatric Drugging of Children and Youth. While Jim concentrates on United States' legal efforts to end psychiatric oppression, he has also worked with people from other countries and believes international law is a potentially powerful tool to curtail psychiatric oppression. In addition to his legal advocacy, Jim has co-founded a number of psychiatric survivor run organizations, including the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web, CHOICES, Inc., Soteria-Alaska, and Peer Properties,



which as a whole created non-coercive, non-medical model options in Alaska.



#### **Conference Schedule**

#### Day 1 June 20th

Conference Registration/Networking 9-All Day Concourse Lobby

Opening remarks 10

Keynote- Darby Penney Interrupting the Cycle of History 10:15

Session 1- Performances and Showings 11:15 – 12:45

Kestryl Lowrey Performance Auditorium

# STOP FORCED "MENTAL HEALTH" TREATMENT

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In this critically acclaimed solo performance, transgender teenage rebel Cael cannot catch a break. Her Hot Topic proclivities land him in a lock-down institution that borrows discipline from Guantanamo and staff from the Church of Latter Day Saints. As Cael realizes why her mother locked him up, she wrestles with retribution, isolation, atonement and the meaning of madness in America.

Wallace Malay Toronto, Canada Concourse Lobby

Stigma

Showing and discussion of stigma painting

Lunch Break (On Your Own) 12:45- 1:45

Session 2- Workshop Panels 2:00-3:30

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 1 Room C201

The Power of Dialogue: Envisioning and Creating Alternative Client-Centered Therapy. Keith Cunningham Toronto, Canada

Replacing the Medical Model of Psychiatry and Psychology with a Coaching Model of Psychology Harry Bentivegna Lichtenstein New York, USA

Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 1 Room C202

ADA and Psychiatric Disabilities

Overview of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as it pertains to psychiatrically labeled persons

Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA



#### Challenging the Power/ Anti-Psychiatry Panel 1 Room C203

Social Work Programs: Valuing Social Justice or Promoting Social Exclusion? Jenna Reid Toronto, Canada

Strategizing to Ban Electroshock Helene Grandbois, Activist to Ban Electroshock Quebec, Canada

#### Consciousness Raising Initiatives Panel 1 Room C204

Student Behavior Threat Assessment Teams and Their Misuse on College Campuses Tina M. Bonneau

Pediatric Bipolar and the Media of Madness Jonah Bossewitch The Icarus Project New York, USA

#### **Cultural Diversity Panel 1**

#### Room C205

Resisting Representations of "Tiger moms": Mapping and decolonizing how we understand racial hybridity for critical interventions in Multicultural Mental Health Louise Tam Toronto, Canada

The Invisible Straight Jacket: Theorizing and Teaching Saneism and Sane Privilege PhebeAnn Wolframe Hamilton, Canada

#### **Session 3- Workshop Panels**

#### 3:30-5:00

#### Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 2 Room C201

Partners in Crime: An In-Depth Discussion of Unhealthy Connections between Food, Mood and Mental Health Systems
Emma Heath-Engel Hamilton, Canada

The Therapeutic Possibilities of Being Unproductive Dr. Bradley Kaye New York, USA

#### Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 2

#### Room C202

The Sense of Sensitivity- on repealing "Insanity" Plea April Scheller Connecticut, USA

Using Law to Defend Rights of People with Psychiatric Disabilities or Sue the Bastards: lessons from 3 Decades of Litigation against Involuntary Commitment Aaron Frishberg, Esq. New York, USA





















#### **Challenging the Power/Anti-Psychiatry Panel 2**

Room C203

Benzodiazepine Addiction in the Psychiatric Community Amy Upham New York, USA

Doctors, Patients, and Suicide: Symptoms of a "Sick" Society

Adinah Caro-Greene, BA

**Consciousness Raising Initiatives Panel 2** 

Room C204

The Impact of Violence, Society, and psychiatry on Women and Children: Changing attitudes and policies to create change.

Meghan Hogg Toronto, Canada

Creating a Space for Dialogue Between Psychiatrized Children and Youth and Adult Members of the

Psychiatric Survivor, Anti-psychiatry and Mad Communities

Brenda LeFrancois Canada

#### **Cultural Diversity**

Room C205

The Out Crowd- Mask Making LGBTQ Group Recovery Empowerment Network Elizabeth Johnson Arizona, USA

Dinner Break (On Your Own) 5:00-6:00

Movie Viewing and Discussion 6:00-7:15

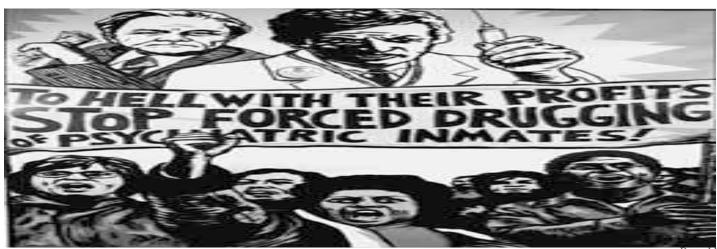
Auditorium

Crooked Beauty: Navigating the Space between Brilliance

Ken Paul Rosenthal-Film Maker California, USA

Speak-Out and Action Planning Part 1

7:15-9:00 Auditorium



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TREATMENT
on <u>children</u>



#### **Conference Schedule**

June 21st Day 2

Conference Registration/Networking 9-All Day Concourse Lobby

Magic Act- Vince Boehm Delaware, USA 10 Auditorium

Keynote 10:15 Auditorium

Robert Whitaker

Anatomy of An Epidemic:

History, Science and The Story of How the Medical Model Has Failed Us All

Session 4-Workshop Panels 11:15-12:45

Performance Auditorium
Revealing Bigotry: The National Theatre School of Canada
Araxi Arslanian Toronto, Canada

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 3 Room C201

The Goals of the Foundation for Excellence in Mental HealthCare: Building a new Humane Paradigm of care

Robert Whitaker Massachusetts, USA

Hope's Door- Peer Support Ann Rider, Recovery Empowerment Network Arizona, USA

#### Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 3 Room C202

Psychiatric Torture and Violence against Prisoners, Liberty and Justice for All, Human Rights and Advocacy

Daniel Hazen, Voices of the Heart New York, USA

Developing an Inclusive position on psychiatric drugs Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA





















#### Challenging the Power/Anti-Psychiatry Panel 3 Room C203

On the Importance of "Being Compliant" Lisa Greco-Joseph New York, USA

PSYCHIATRYLAND: How to Protect Yourself from Pill-Pushing Psychiatrists and Develop a Personal Plan for Optimal Mental Health Dr. Phillip Sinaikin, MD Florida, USA

#### Cultural Diversity Panel 2 Room C205

From Patient to Citizen: A Reflection on Mental Health Movement in Taipei Shulan Tien Taipei, Taiwan

Creation of New Services, an abstract from Iceland Elin Ebba Asmundsdottir, Univ Akureyri, Iceland

#### **Lunch Break (On Your Own)**

12:45-1:45

Keynote 2:00-2:45 Auditorium James (Jim) B. Gottstein PsychRights' Strategic Approach to End Psychiatric Oppression

Session 5- Workshop Panels 3:00-4:30

OPEN MIC Auditorium

Poetry, slam poetry, sing, dance, perform show us your stuff!

Hosted by: Laura Ziegler Vermont, USA

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Room C201

From what's wrong? To What happened?: Moving Towards Trauma-Informed Holistic Approaches Eva Dech & Dally Sanchez New York, USA

Proposal for Centres for Sustainable and Creative Maladjustment Emma Heath-Engel Hamilton, Canada

#### Human Rights/CRPD/ADA Room C202

The Illegality of Psychiatric Imprisonment, Forced Drugging and Forced Electroshock in the United States

James (Jim) b. Gottstein, Esq. Alaska, USA

What Would It Take to Repeal Mental Health Laws? Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA



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**Consciousness Raising Initiatives** 

Room C204

Dispelling the Myth of "Mental Illness": Hormone Imbalances, Memory, and Trauma Sheila Sullivan Massachusetts, USA

Working as a MH provider from a Non-medication perspective within a medical model environment: How to provide services with integrity and change the system from within.

Jennifer Kinzie New York, USA

#### **Cultural Diversity Panel 3**

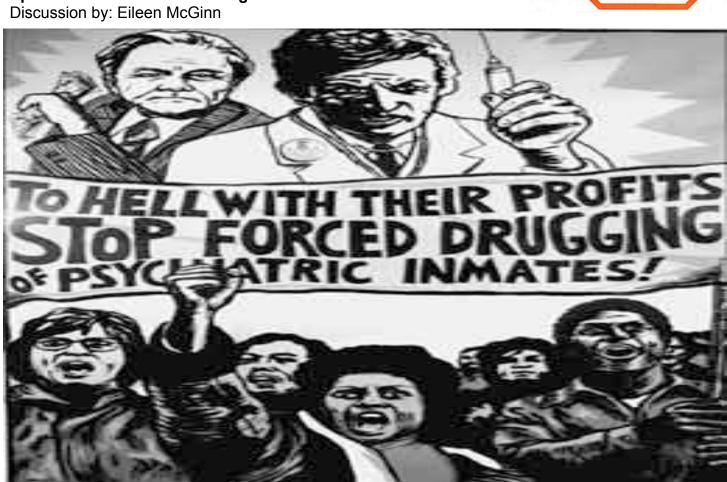
Room C205

The Cultural Legacy of Shame Tania Jivraj Toronto, Canada

Religious Minorities, Dietary Restrictions and the Psychiatric System Beth (Malka) Wendy Grundfest New York, USA

Speak-Out and Action Planning Part 2 4:3

4:30-6:00



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Trains Stations	Shake Shack 11 Madison Ave	New York Burger Co. 303 Park Ave	Bread Factory Café
Nearby	Madison Park  White Castle	BAR/ RESTAURANTS	470 Fashion Ave  Melanie Café
1,2,3,A,C,E 34 <sup>th</sup> St – Penn Station	525 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	T.G.I. Fridays 761 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	177 Madison Ave
	Supermac 348 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	484 8th Ave	Starbuck's 350 5th Ave
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	KFC 47 E 42 <sup>nd</sup> St	234 W 14 <sup>th</sup> St <b>Dave and Busters</b> 234 W. 42nd	GC EXPRESS  1st floor of the Graduate Center
	McDonald's	Applebee's Neighborhood Griff	PIZZA
,6 28 <sup>th</sup> St &	401 Park Ave South	205 W. 50 <sup>th</sup> St	Two Boots Grand Central 109 E. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Ave
4,6 33 <sup>rd</sup> St & Park Av	280 Madison Ave 451 Lexington Ave 335 8th Ave	O'Reilly's Pub 35th between 5th	LaBella – New York 581 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave
		& 6th Ave	JOI Z AVE

#### **Fast Food**

Maui Taco 330 5th Ave

**Qdoba Mexican** 

208 E 34th St

#### Dimple Indian Fast Food

11 West 30th St

**Energy Kitchen** 

300 East 41st St

Wendy's 447 Lexington Ave **COFFEE** 

**Madison Bistro** 

238 Madison Ave

Penelope Café

159 Lexington Ave

99 Fresh Pizza

151 E. 43rd. St

Redstone Pizzaria

500 Lexington Ave

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