

# Toward a Research Framework for the ICA Global Research Network

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## The Collection Framework of Historical Research in the Global Archives

The collections framework organizes the **Historical Records** of the archives into the 3 traditional strategies of the Institutes: **Structural Re-formulation**, **Contextual Re-education**, and **Spirit Re-motivation**.



The collection framework represents the current organization of the Global Archives, both physically (in Chicago) and on the website. The organizational scheme around the 3 strategies goes back to the work of Lyn Mathews, Marge and L.E Philbrook in the 90's. This work is encapsulated in the Golden pathways CD. The 3x3 came out of that work and was a way of providing digital access to the assets. Since 2015 and Gordon Harper's work along with Steve

Harrington, 10 collections were identified in the digital material and an initial website on [wedgeblade.net](http://wedgeblade.net) was created around those collections. As we moved to a new prototype in 2017 the current 3x3 framework was created: the 10 collections became 9 and related to the historical strategies of the ICA.. All this work became the basis of a more [fully implemented website](#).

## The Future of our Past



Since the 1990's, the task of the Global Archives has been on **organizing and digitizing key archival material documents** of the Order Ecumenical, The Ecumenical Institute and the Institute of Cultural Affairs. We are now embarking on a new initiative to **engage the globe in developing and sharing knowledge** that is **creating the future of our past** through a virtual ICA Global Research Network.

## Building a New Global Research Network

- Encourage a global conversation on multiple fronts by providing a calendar for online conversations/events/training where participants would pay to participate
- Corporate reading research project (CRRP) - documentaries revealing truth - CRRP was an effort in 1971 to read and document books to help build a database of information we used in creating the social process triangles. This is organizing by theme or topic research efforts to locate additional insights and learning beyond our own heritage and practice.
- Research methods of ICA
- Virtual Opportunities
- Digital Habitat Design
- Building Research Component into what we do
- Peer Review Process to enhance collaboration

# Research related to Structural Reformulation



This research area raises the question: How do you assist social structures in realizing their potential by overcoming apathy and powerlessness through just and effective decision making? Collection areas in this arena are Human Development, Social Change and Awakening Forums.

## Demonstrating New Forms of Structural Participation

- Continuous reexamination and evolution of approaches and technology
- Committed Engagement in Demonstration Projects and Programs
- Community Dialogue project - transforming authentic conversations - How would you work with the far right to do a shift in image? Changing from a need to agree to a need to authentically understand - What to do about this? Help people discern the truth? How do you ever take the far right wing to have a conversation - Racial is becoming an accepted conversation. From positionality
- Action Research on Dialogue Methods

## Emerging Narratives for Change

- Articulating an ecological systems/framework to enable adaptive responses
- What is the new inclusive narrative that transcends the power of greed-driven consumerism, racism, environmental domination. (What is pointing toward a new inclusive narrative; how do we support its emergenc
- Social Process triangle to make it understandable (language challenges) what does it look like - How do we use pictures and images to communicate the dynamics - review imbalances - rethink the systemic work - Whistle points (Moments of catalysis and strategic change)
- More fully articulate what we are pointing to with 'culture'; highlight processes and practices to design a new planetary culture
- Focus on Destinal Challenges and Depth Questions in Human and organizational lives (contradictions?)
- Translating applicable historical wisdom for 21C use

# Research related to Contextual Re-education



This research area raises the question: How do you allow individuals to respond creatively to modern complexity through methodology, curricula and collaboration? Collections in this arena are Imaginal Education, Facilitations Methods, and Collaborative Networking.

## Update and integrate Facilitation Learnings

- Documenting the social impact of ICA (ToP) facilitation
- Collecting what is being used and done with our methods - Assessing the from to - what's missing?
- The convening role and healing power of facilitation
- Effective human interaction demonstrated in projects, events and teams

## Discerning the New Images

- Image change - From to toward (Historic and current looking from the future)
- Articulate the new cultural evolution
- Develop an inquiry into inter-spiritual language/perennial wisdom, practices, dialogue
- Spirit and Culture
- New Inclusive
- Narrative
- for our
- Times

# Research related to Spirit Re-motivation



This research area raises the question: How do you open possibilities for significant individual and corporate engagement in life by freeing people's imagination from cynicism, despair and hopelessness? Collections in this arena are Institute Foundations, Inner Life, and Spirit Movement.

## Documenting our Journey and Learning

- Story telling (history telling) opportunity in the linked world to record and share owning our history allows us to expand the context. Jo Nelson Book on Conversations - pioneering mode of research is ORID - Writing a book - series of conversations on the 7 pandemics - Gather conversations people are having. Gather responses from different conversations - existential aim. Kay and Priscilla's book - collection on the site. David Dunn Circle of Life, Donna Z Video 2000 conference
- Research from our past 60 years experimenting with the cultural revolution/evolution, e.g., a GRA on our lives for the last half century
- Developing a new elderhood
- My journey — Our heritage
- ADD: Conduct Research on our own insights, wisdom from implementing 50 years of care for the planet
- Mapping the cultures of ICA

## Foundation of the New Spirit Movement

- Determining the form and function of the Spirit Movement today
- Inculcates and sustains a standing point of profound human responsibility
- Forming a Broad network of sensitive, responsive, dedicated colleagues
- Development of Language, Contexts Spirit bursts, short courses and Metaphors with power to Open the Moment and our world to people
- Translate our 'spirit' wisdom into new language for young people and the times
- Connecting to the generations and regions that are not our foundation