

## *A New Year Note from the Windbridge Institute*



January, 2010 — At the start of this brand new year, we are remembering with gratitude everything we were able to accomplish at Windbridge over the last year.

In 2008, Windbridge researchers focused on publishing new methods and research. In 2009, we continued to conduct research and to publish, but we also made a dedicated effort to present at scientific conferences and provide interviews and articles to the media.

In this note, we have included a 2009 Year-in-Review including highlights of Windbridge news, research, conferences, publications, media, and members' newsletter features with links to the original materials.

We have also included a peek into what is in store for Windbridge during 2010.

Please feel free to pass this note on to others who may be interested.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the coming months.

Best wishes for a year filled with stability, tranquility, and civility,

*Julie and Mark*

Julie Beischel, PhD  
Director of Research

Mark Boccuzzi  
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### 2009: A Year in Review

#### Research

Early in 2009, we launched several **new and exciting research initiatives** including the Technology-Enhanced Communication and Interaction with the Afterlife (TECIA) project, the Non-Human Animal Consciousness Research program, and the Mediumship and Grief program. We will be publishing and presenting our findings in these areas in 2010.

Throughout the Fall, we continued to collect data for our two-year (2009-2010) project titled "Process- and Proof-focused Investigation of Anomalous Information Reception by Mediums: A Two-Part Quantitative Study" funded by the **Bial Foundation**. This project involves the screening of new prospective Windbridge Certified Research Mediums (WCRMs) and a quintuple-blind study of WCRMs' abilities to report accurate and specific information about the deceased.

In addition, we completed data collection and analysis for our project "Real-time EVP Conversations: A Pilot Study" funded by the **American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena (AA-EVP)** and will be publishing the results later this year.

#### Institute News

At the start of 2009, we welcomed counseling psychologist (and musician) **Dr. Chad Mosher** to the Windbridge research team. For info about all of our investigators, see: <http://tinyurl.com/WindInvest>

In the summer, we were pleased to welcome **six new members** to our Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) to address our expanding research interests. For more info about the SAB, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/WindSAB>

In the Fall, Windbridge unveiled a new line of **unique products and gifts** including apparel, bags, magnets, buttons, greeting cards, mugs, and bottles available at: <http://www.cafepress.com/windbridge>



## Conferences and Presentations

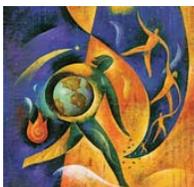
In March, Windbridge Director of Research Dr. Julie Beischel spent several days in **San Diego**, CA, where she spoke to a number of key grief and hospice care professionals at meetings at Odyssey Hospice, VITAS Hospice, and the San Diego Bereavement Consortium. Dr. Beischel also gave a seminar to a public audience.



In mid-May, Julie Beischel and Mark Boccuzzi were invited by the **Rhine Research Center** to present their research at a two-day event titled "Spirit Talks and Spirit Walks: Mediumship and Hauntings in the Laboratory" in Durham, NC.

In late May, Dr. Beischel was an invited speaker at the 28th annual meeting of the **Society for Scientific Exploration** in Charlottesville, VA.

In June, Dr. Beischel, Windbridge Scientific Advisory Board Member Dean Radin, PhD, and Windbridge Certified Research Medium Dave Campbell participated in a full-day seminar titled "Survival of Consciousness: A Matter of Life and Death" at the **Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS)** 13th Annual International Conference. Audio CDs of the presentations by Drs. Radin and Beischel (PW5) are available for purchase from ConferenceRecording.com: <http://tinyurl.com/yaatqrb>



In August, Dr. Beischel presented a paper co-authored by Windbridge Adjunct Research Fellow Adam Rock, PhD, titled "Addressing the Survival vs. Psi Debate through Process-Focused Mediumship Research" in Seattle at the University of Washington for the 52nd Convention of the **Parapsychological Association**.

In October, Dr. Beischel attended the 2009 **International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS)** Annual Conference where she manned a Windbridge sponsorship table generously acquired (and co-manned) by Windbridge Member David Jespersen who also helped offset the cost of Dr. Beischel attending the meeting.



## Publications

Rock, A. J. & Beischel, J. (2008). Quantitative analysis of research mediums' conscious experiences during a discarnate reading versus a control task: A pilot study. **Australian Journal of Parapsychology**, 8, 157–179. To read this paper, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yz7pknk>

Rock, A. J., Beischel, J., & Schwartz, G. (2009). Is there madness in our mediumship methods? A response to Roxburgh and Roe [Letter to the editor]. **Journal of Scientific Exploration**, 23, 351–357.\*

Beischel, J. & Rock, A. J. (in press). Addressing the survival vs. psi debate through process-focused mediumship research. **Journal of Parapsychology**.\*

Rock, A. J., Beischel, J., & Cott, C. C. (in press). Psi vs. survival: A qualitative investigation of mediums' phenomenology comparing psychic readings and ostensible communication with the deceased. **Transpersonal Psychology Review**.\*

\*Copies of these papers will be posted on the Windbridge website at <http://tinyurl.com/WindPub> when they become available.

## Media



In January, Windbridge Co-founder and researcher Mark Boccuzzi was a guest on Forever Family Foundation's **Signs of Life Radio** where (amidst some technical difficulties) he talked about his experience with controlled paranormal investigations. To listen to an archive of the show, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ydf2e32>

In March, the NBC affiliate in Phoenix, Arizona, **KPNX 12 News**, aired a story about child mediums which featured Windbridge Director of Research Dr. Julie Beischel and Windbridge Certified Research Medium Debra Martin. To see a video of the newscast, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/12child>



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In March, Dr. Beischel contributed an article titled "Spirit under the Microscope: What Science Can Tell Us about the Afterlife" for the current issue of **Vision Magazine**. To read the article online, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yc4587y>

In March, **The Light Connection** interviewed Dr. Beischel in an article titled "Is There Life After Death?" as part of their current issue. To read the article, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/nkctec>

In April, Windbridge Co-Founders Julie Beischel and Mark Boccuzzi were guests on Forever Family Foundation's **Signs of Life Radio** and talked on a variety of topics. To listen to an archive of the show, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yc3js8b>

In April, an article titled "Death and dying: what science tells us about the afterlife" by Roger Marsh, the Paranormal News Examiner for **Examiner.com**, featured the research performed at Windbridge. To see the article, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/cdcm75>



In June, Stephen Hawley Martin interviewed Dr. Beischel for "The Truth About Life" on **WebTalkRadio.net** in a piece titled "Is It Possible to Communicate with the Dead?" To hear an archive of the show, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/truthmartin>

In September, Dr. Beischel was interviewed as the lead story for the new format of **The Daily Grail** website. To read the story, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/TDGJB09>



In September, Dr. Beischel was interviewed by Pamela Marie Edmunds on **Contact Talk Radio's** "Bridge Between Two Worlds." To listen to an archive of the show, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/JB91409>

In November, Dr. Beischel was a guest on **Spirit Chat** with host Windbridge Certified Research Medium Joanne Gerber. <http://tinyurl.com/WCRMs>

## 2009 Winds of Change Features from the Windbridge Members' Newsletters

<http://www.windbridge.org/members.htm>

*Academic Negligence or Economic Reality?*, and  
*Mobile Synchronicity with SyncTXT®* by Psyleron, Inc.  
by **Julie Beischel, PhD**

*New Research Initiative: Technology-Enhanced Communication and Interaction with the Afterlife (TECIA)*  
by **Mark Boccuzzi**

*Children and Spirit Contact*  
by **Athena A. Drewes, PsyD**

*The Emergence of the "Indigo Children" Construct*  
by **Chad Mosher, PhD**

*The Waking Dream*  
by **Rubin Naiman, PhD**, author of the book  
*Healing Night: The Science and Spirit of Sleeping, Dreaming, and Awakening*  
<http://tinyurl.com/ybncxpu>

*Tarot: A Convergence of Jungian Synchronicity and Absolute Knowledge*  
by **Art Rosengarten, PhD**, author of the book  
*Tarot and Psychology: Spectrums of Possibility*  
<http://tinyurl.com/ycoyqz>  
and the tarot deck *Tarot of the Nine Paths: Advanced Tarot for the Spiritual Traveler*  
<http://tinyurl.com/ydzmkhn>

*Synchronicity and the I Ching*  
by **Lance Storm, PhD**, editor of the book  
*Synchronicity: Multiple Perspectives on Meaningful Coincidence*  
<http://tinyurl.com/ychw6om>  
and author of the book *The Enigma of Numbers*  
<http://tinyurl.com/yj85629>

*Medical Materialism: Exploring the Allopathic Paradigm through Shamanistic Practices*  
by **Shawn Tassone, MD**

*Lucid Dreaming: A New Way to Investigate Survival of Consciousness?*  
by **Robert Waggoner**, author of the book  
*Lucid Dreaming: Gateway to the Inner Self*  
<http://tinyurl.com/yd6zohn>



## 2010: Looking Forward

It looks like 2010 will be another productive year for Windbridge. In addition to several events and the research projects we are currently working on, we will be launching several new research initiatives. For updates, please join our email list at: <http://tinyurl.com/WindList>

### Upcoming Events

In April, Julie, Mark, and Chad are all planning to attend the ninth biennial Tucson conference “**Toward a Science of Consciousness**” sponsored by the University of Arizona’s Center for Consciousness Studies. For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ya6fzke>

Windbridge researchers have been chosen to participate in the Members Choice Forum at the 20th annual conference of the **International Society for the Study of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine (ISSSEEM)** in June. For more info, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yjl563r>

### Research Projects

During the upcoming year, we will continue to collect data for: (1) the two-part study funded by the Bial Foundation, (2) the Technology-Enhanced Communication and Interaction with the Afterlife (TECIA) project, (3) the Non-Human Animal Consciousness Research program, and (4) the Mediumship and Grief program.

In addition, we will forge ahead with new research on the following topics:

- anomalous photography,
- electronic voice phenomena (EVP), and
- near death experiences (NDEs).

## About Windbridge

**The Windbridge Institute for Applied Research in Human Potential** is an independent research organization consisting of a community of scientists of varied backgrounds, specialties, and interests investigating the capabilities of our **bodies, minds, and spirits** and how that information can best serve all living things.

Members of our international **Scientific Advisory Board** review research questions and protocols and provide feedback and suggestions based on their expertise.

At this time, Windbridge is primarily interested in research regarding the **survival of consciousness** hypothesis; that is, the theory that an individual's consciousness or personality continues to exist, separate from the body, after physical death. The principal methods for carrying out survival research include: (1) investigating **technologies** that may be useful in enhancing communication with deceased individuals, (2) addressing reports of **haunting** phenomena using both field and laboratory methods, and (3) studying **mediums** (individuals who experience regular communication with the deceased) and the information they report as well as their experiences during the communication.

In addition to survival research, we are also interested in **animal** consciousness, applied **intuition** and **intention**, and complementary and alternative therapies for personal and planetary **health**.

For more information, visit [www.windbridge.org](http://www.windbridge.org) or email us at [info@windbridge.org](mailto:info@windbridge.org)

## How can you help support the important research that takes place at Windbridge?

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