

NOVOKOWSKY CONSULTING: FROM FUNDAMENTALS TO MASTERY

NEWS

Recent Highlights...

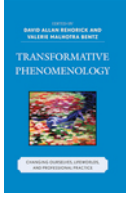
Higher Order “Beta Sessions” Completed. A few milestones have recently been achieved. Following a few years of both scholarly and consulting research, plus designing and development, the following trial beta versions were conducted for the future higher order program offerings. Beta sessions conducted were:

- Higher Order Political Acumen in Dec 2009
- Higher Order Wisdom in Feb 2010
- Higher Order Emotioning in March 2010

Fielding Graduate University (FGU) Winter Session 2010. Bernie, and colleague Dr. James Webber, presented a half-day session on “Wisdom and Humour” at FGU on January 13, 2010. It was a seriously playful, interactive exploration of the wisdom in humor and humor in wisdom. The session included an overview of the three meta-theories of wisdom, plus provided a framework for constructing the fourth. Also included was the pragmatics of humour using work reported by the International Society of Humour Studies. Finally, links between humour and wisdom were provided, including storytelling, and the archetypal roles of the Jester and the Sage. Implications for personal and organizational life closed the well-received session.

Strategic Capability Network Presentation. Bernie accepted an invitation to present to the local Calgary chapter of the Strategic Capability Network (SCN) on April 27, 2010. His talk was titled “From Huh? To HOT** and Back Again (**Higher Order Thinking)”. It was flattering that SCN had to cap attendance at 60, with a waiting list. Besides spreading the word about HOT, Bernie enjoyed meeting some old acquaintances not seen for some while, plus meeting new professionals working in the field. In lieu of an honorarium for the talk, SCN made a donation on behalf of Bernie to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

New Book Is Now in Paperback. Bernie Novokowsky’s 1998 dissertation on *Personal Power: The Realization of Doing and Being* was condensed into a chapter and included in a new Lexington Book published July 2008. The compilation book is titled “*Transformative Phenomenology: Changing Ourselves, Lifeworlds, and Professional Practice*” edited by David Rehorick and Valerie Bentz. The book’s original hardcover cost at US \$75.00 was a bit prohibitive. The new paperback edition is a value at US \$29.95. The book may be viewed at www.Amazon.com or at www.lexingtonbooks.com



Selected as a “Spotlight” Fielding Graduate University (FGU) Alumni. Bernie was recently selected to be profiled as one of FGU’s distinguished Alumni for profiling on the FGU website. You may view by clicking on the following link: www.fielding.edu/whyFielding/spotlights/spotlightArchiveAlumni.aspx

Geoff Bellman Launches New Book. Geoff Bellman has been a wonderful, role model for many consultants. He has had a significant positive impact on Bernie’s consulting endeavors, particularly in the early years because of Geoff’s seminal book “The Consultant’s Calling: Bringing Who You Are to What You Do” (the subtitle is a higher order exemplar!). Geoff has recently released a new book, co-authored with Kathleen Ryan, titled “Extraordinary Groups: How Ordinary Teams Achieve Amazing Results”. An intro to this book, as well Geoff’s other five books, may be seen at the following link: <http://extraordinarygroups.com/library-geoffrey-bellman/#cc>

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

The Ad Hoc “Executive Summary” Series of 8 Higher Order Programs has been launched!

There is growing excitement and anticipation for the new 9-month series of the next generation of Higher Order offerings. Click [here](#) to learn more about this wonderful new offering.