

Brief Encounters from the Taos Institute – May 2013

This month we share with you some of the wonderful comments that have been pouring in after our Taos 20th celebration!

An Amazing, Fantastic, Awesome Time was had by All!

Thanks to all who helped to make this and the past 20 years full of sharing relational, collaborative and appreciative theory and practice!



The Taos Institute Founders

- It was awesome and inspiring---cheers everyone!
- *Just catching my breath, and feeling: Wasn't that FANTASTIC!*
- It was a real "high." A great experience. Thank you for all you did to make it such a grand success.
- *Let me add another Hurrah! I have a feeling this was an important watershed meeting. Our beginnings have been marked and the future stands ready. Themes that continue to bubble within me: (1) the increasingly important role of social media, (2) greater diversity in TI as a growing issue (age, race, and culture), and (3) more everyday languaging of "social constructionism." Conversations I had opened these topics even wider! Cheers!*
- Thank you for a wonderful conference with great speeches, theme groups and dialogue spaces. We returned home to Denmark with new ideas and connections to quite a number of people, whom we want to visit and who would like to visit us. So our participation in the conference clearly stretches out to the future.
- *Sunday (day after conference) night I'm holed up in an airport hotel for an early flight tomorrow morning and asking myself what makes someone submit themselves to a 30 hour journey having just gotten over the effects of the outbound and I can tell you - it's the opportunity to share in all that you have achieved with the Taos Institute. I enjoyed the workshop/conference and felt very privileged to be there for the anniversary - you and your colleagues have been co-creating something very special and I want to say congratulations. Thank you.*
- It was so nice to meet you all in Taos, Thank you for organizing such an amazing event.
- *I do want to say how much I appreciated that there WAS an online component to the conference - I think it was an awesome addition and I ended up being really surprised by how connected I felt and how much I was able to connect with people. I know you already know, but Kristin did an amazing job of coordinating everything. Hopefully, this is a component that Taos will decide to keep, for future conferences!*
- I hope you have had a moment to reflect on the success of Taos 20. Not a day has passed since then that I have not thought of a conversation or a smile or a spark of understanding exchanged verbally and non-verbally! I am so grateful for the shared experience and the rich dialogues.
- *Great gathering, great conversations, great possibilities! I'm still trying to recover from the nonstop pace (!), but other than that I'm still glowing.*
- I was so thrilled to be in New Mexico and am still quite high from the experience. So many interesting people, such diversity, so much energy and so many good authors!! I feel rich having been a part of it.
- *It was lovely to spend time re-connecting with so many wonderful like-minded colleagues in a wondrous setting. It was a great celebration.*
- I was in Taos with my group of colleagues. You did an amazing job coordinating a lovely and inspiring gathering. Still buzzing!
- *We want to show our gratitude to you, the experience of participating in Taos Conference not only gave us so much harvest and happiness, but also we believe it will impel us to understand deeper the mission and responsibility of TI. In addition, the Conference let us make a lot of friends, and provided us a good chance and great convenience to get many helpful books.*
- It was an important weekend for me, personally and professionally, and it is exciting to see conversation about spirituality emerging in new ways. I've yearned for that for a long time!