



Session I, July 12-14, 2017

6. It Goes Without Saying: Understanding and Applying the Still-Radical Insights of Edward T. Hall

Many interculturalists credit Edward T. Hall with inadvertently launching our field of “intercultural communication.” Some are aware that Hall was the first to use that term and how his perspectives and metaphors have contributed to the way we think and talk about our work. But few people are aware of the range and depth of his vision, or realize how current neuroscience research affirms and informs many of his insights. Hall believed that the human body is our most sensitive instrument for knowing and expressing our internalized culture, even though we may not be fully conscious of those influences. This intensive, highly interactive workshop will engage us in some of Hall’s least known and most practical insights, profound and helpful, which may serve us both professionally and personally.

Workshop Objectives

You will have the opportunity to:

- Distinguish and appreciate the breadth and depth of Hall’s approaches and insights about how we internalize cultural influences
- Tap into our feelings and our physical behavior and reactions to the physicality of others
- Increase our sensitivity to our perceptions of time, timing, and synchrony in culture and communication
- Explore how neuroscience, somatic, and kinetic research enhance our appreciation of culture as communication
- Identify alternative ways of learning, teaching, and training in our professional work

Learning Activities

- Balancing sedentary reflective, cognitive, and verbal ways of learning with physical interaction and exercises that engage all of our senses
- Learning through observation, video illustrations, and paired and small group discussions
- Exercises to expand our temporal and spatial self-awareness
- Exercises that increase our sensitivity to self and interactive synchrony
- Developing additional resources that may inform, stimulate, and aid our professional work



Dr. John (Jack) Condon, one of the founding faculty members of SIIC, was a friend of Hall for 40 years, as a colleague at Northwestern University, and as a New Mexican neighbor. Jack's professional career includes nearly 20 years of teaching in Asia, Latin America, and East Africa. He is an emeritus professor of communication at the University of New Mexico, and an award-winning author of many books in intercultural communication, including the first dedicated university textbook. As the founder and director of the Jemez Institute, he offers workshops and field trip seminars in New Mexico on intercultural relations. Jack is currently completing a book, *It Goes Without Saying*, on Hall's work.

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