

7th Annual ClusterBuster Conference

September 21 - 22, 2012
Las Vegas, Nevada

Syllabus & Agenda

Speakers:

Mr. Andrew Cleminshaw	Mr. Dan Ervin	Dr. John Halpern
Mr. Carter Lee (Keynote Presentation)	Mr. Jason Magestro	Dr. Brian McGeeney
Mr. Bill Mingus	Panel on Advocacy	Potter
Ms. Kim Robbins	Ms. Teri Robert	Ms. Marsha Weil
	Mr. Bob Wold	

All Functions in the Amazon Rooms (C, D, E, & F)

Friday September 21:

Registration open at 8:00 am

Presidents Reception Brunch 10am to 12 noon – location to be announced

Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Concludes for day at 5pm

Saturday September 22:

Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Conclusion of conference 5pm

Lunch at noon, on your own

Bob Wold, President, Clusterbusters - - Doug Wright, Conference Chair

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Speakers:

- **Bob Wold**

Bob Wold is founder and President of Clusterbusters, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the research of cluster headache and to support people with cluster headache and their families. Based in greater Chicago with his wife and 4 children, Mr. Wold has talked to 1000s of cluster sufferers. In fact, over 25 years of his adult life was burdened with severe cluster headache that was resistant to all standard treatments. That all changed after he tried psilocybin, which has helped regain control over this illness for him... and now hundreds to perhaps thousands of other cluster headache patients all over the world. Bob will be speaking twice, a review of the last year and later on things to come.

- **Dr. Brian McGeeney**

Brian E. McGeeney, MD, MPH, is a neurologist at Boston Medical Center and full time faculty (Assistant Professor of Neurology) at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr McGeeney graduated from University College Dublin, Ireland before training in neurology at Boston University and obtained a Master of Public Health at Boston University (Epidemiology and Statistics). Dr McGeeney is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with the added qualification in Pain Medicine. Dr McGeeney is also boarded by the American Board of Pain Medicine and holds the United Council on Neurologic Subspecialties board in Headache Medicine. Dr McGeeney has a particular interest in Headache Medicine and on a personal note has much experience himself with migraine. Dr McGeeney has published in the headache and pain literature, lectures widely at Continuous Medical Education courses, has lobbied for Headache Medicine in Washington DC and is heavily involved with the neurology residency program at Boston University, where he is a site director.

Presentation: "Exploring Cluster Headache"

Dr. McGeeney will explore some historical aspects of this disorder, some important people in the initial description and treatment and how to make a good diagnosis.

The discussion will also review some related disorders that can mimic cluster headache. The treatment of cluster headache will feature prominently in the presentation

This will be an audience participation session, engaging the attendees early and often for comments and their own personal experiences, drawing on and tapping into the large wealth of personal experience in the audience.

- **Ms. Teri Robert** Author-"Living Well with Migraine Disease and Headaches"

Teri Robert is a well known patient educator and advocate in the field of Migraine and other headache disorders. Her career moved in this direction when her own Migraine spun out of control in the late 90s. Faced with debilitating Migraines and failed medical care, she hit the Internet for answers. She soon found that there was no one site that combined all she was looking for, and that there are sites with excellent information and sites with misinformation. In 2000, she went to work for About.com as an opportunity to produce the site she was looking for and support other patients with Migraine. In 2007, she left About.com and moved to Remedy Health Media's Migraine site on the HealthCentral Network, where she still writes today. She also writes for Migraine.com. Teri is a member of the American Headache Society Committee for Headache Education (ACHE), the International Headache Society, the National Headache Foundation, and was recently selected to chair a new nonprofit patient organization, the American Headache and Migraine Association. She is also a founding member and secretary of the Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy.

Presentation: **Patients As Advocates: Advocating for Ourselves and Each Other**

A look at the different aspects of advocacy in which it's important for patients to participate: lobbying and supporting lobbying; building awareness; and being our own advocates with our health care teams.

- **John Halpern MD:**

Co-Founder of Entheogen Corp, Chief Medical Officer, M.D.

John H. Halpern, M.D. is a research psychiatrist evaluating the clinical impact of hallucinogen use and abuse. He is Director of the Laboratory for Integrative Psychiatry at McLean Hospital's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center, Medical Director of the McLean Residence at the Brook, and is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He has published extensively on various hallucinogen-related projects, including leading the research about LSD and psilocybin for cluster headache. Dr. Halpern co-discovered (with his colleague Dr. Torsten Passie of Germany) the use of 2-Bromo-LSD for the treatment of cluster headache - a discovery that has been patented and then licensed to Entheogen Corporation. Dr. Halpern has been profiled and appeared in multiple media outlets including National Geographic's Explorer and Taboo programs, Newsweek, Discover Magazine, The Sunday New York Times Magazine, and more.

Presentation: Dr. Halpern will update on the last year of development as well as review clinical advancements and answer any questions related to BOL and psychedelics, in general.

- **Ms. Marsha Weil**

Marsha Weil is an Occupational Therapist with a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. She worked most of her career in school districts or early intervention programs with children. She is also a cluster headache sufferer since the age of 16.

Presentation: Marsha will present preliminary results from the Cluster Headache Medication Survey completed in 2012 with 496 Cluster Headache participants. The focus of the survey is on what medications are working for those with Cluster Headaches, what are the best abortives and what are the best preventatives for cluster headaches according to the respondents.

- **Potter** Clusterhead, cowboy poet, story teller and knower of things.

Presentation: Potter will tell stories of his personal experiences with cluster headache and other issues (“the system”). This will be a witty and humorous time.

- **Ms. Kim Robbins**

Kim is a chronic clusterhead and a Clusterbusters trustee. She is the Resource and Development Officer for a National Non-Profit Organization representing the homeless and low income. Also, she is a Certified SSI/SSDI Federal Benefits Specialist and Trainer and has conducted extensive advocacy work in Washington DC and the state of Nebraska on behalf Domestic Violence victims, and the Low-Income Sector, and C.H. patients.

Presentation: a brief overview of SSI/SSDI issues as they generally relate to cluster headache.

- **Andrew Cleminshaw:**

Andrew is a chronic Cluster Sufferer since age 12 (8 Years).

Clusterbusters is pleased to have Andrew participating in this year’s conference.

Presentation: **Looking Past the Pain of Cluster Headaches**’. Insight into how Cluster Headache sufferers and their advocates can remain positive when the future looks bleak.

- **Mr. Jason Magistro**

Jason is currently a graduate student finishing his Master’s degree in psychology at the University of West Georgia. He is currently employed at a mental health hospital in Atlanta, GA where he co-facilitates group and individual counseling sessions with both men and woman, ranging in the ages between 12 to 102. Most of the individuals he works with suffer from depression, substance abuse and psychosis. In his final semester of Master’s level work he hopes will lead him into a new dimension of practice where he can focus on more dynamic approaches to the healing process. In particular, he is currently focusing most of his academic energy to the understanding the human potential; the process to reach potentiality along with what conditions may help propel that process.

Presentation: The Quality of Experience: An observation into the inner experience of cluster headache sufferers and the medicinal psychedelic.

The questionnaire he created is a tool to hopefully better understand the process that an individual has using a psychedelic substance. He hopes to gain a better understanding and theorize on what exactly can propel an individual into having what Abraham Maslow defines as a Peak Experience. A Peak Experience is an induced experience that has the potential to propel the experiencer into a heightened awareness.

Special Presentations:

Mr. Dan Ervin – National Geographic TV Show

**Mr. Bill Mingus – Oxygen Review and Demo
Panel – Cluster Headache Advocacy**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

• Mr. Carter Lee

Carter Lee is the president of Innovative Social Dynamics, LLC, the author of When Jonathan Cried for Me, columnist of In That Moment of Space for the Communities at the Washington Times senior editor for WTV, professional speaker, and an overall public personality.

As a columnist Carter has written articles covering many topics from self-improvement to current events, and has conducted riveting interviews with many interesting personalities, including Donald Trump. As a speaker, Carter is known for his charismatic style, edgy philosophy, and strong self-confidence. He presents his messages with an eloquent diction and style as only he can deliver.

Formerly an actor, stand-up comedian, and involved in the sports-entertainment industry, Carter was a licensed professional wrestler, promoter, and booker. Yet, despite his success, like so many of us, he struggled with the challenges and stress of life.

After a childhood filled with sexual abuse at the hands of a pedophile, violence, and intimidation, Carter was destined to become a monster. He suffered from PTSD, depression, weight, and anger issues. Against all odds, he took control of his destiny and turned his life around. He no longer struggles with his weight or anger, has no signs of PTSD or depression, and is free of medication.

In his book Carter reveals his story and how he achieved such a dramatic change. In his business he spends his time helping others obtain a positive transformation through the knowledge of the mind, science, and innovative philosophy. He believes and teaches that the tools for transformation and personal greatness exist inside of everyone; they only need to be discovered and used.

Carter recently went public about being a chronic cluster-headache sufferer in his article, Cluster Headaches, the King of Pain. He is honored to speak at the Clusterbusters 2012 Conference in Las Vegas, and released this statement: “I am very excited to share the methods and mindset that I use to endure such pain, while maintaining a positive outlook on life. It’s important that we don’t allow such a dreadful disease to incapacitate us to the point that we no longer can enjoy life for what it truly is, the greatest gift we will ever receive.”

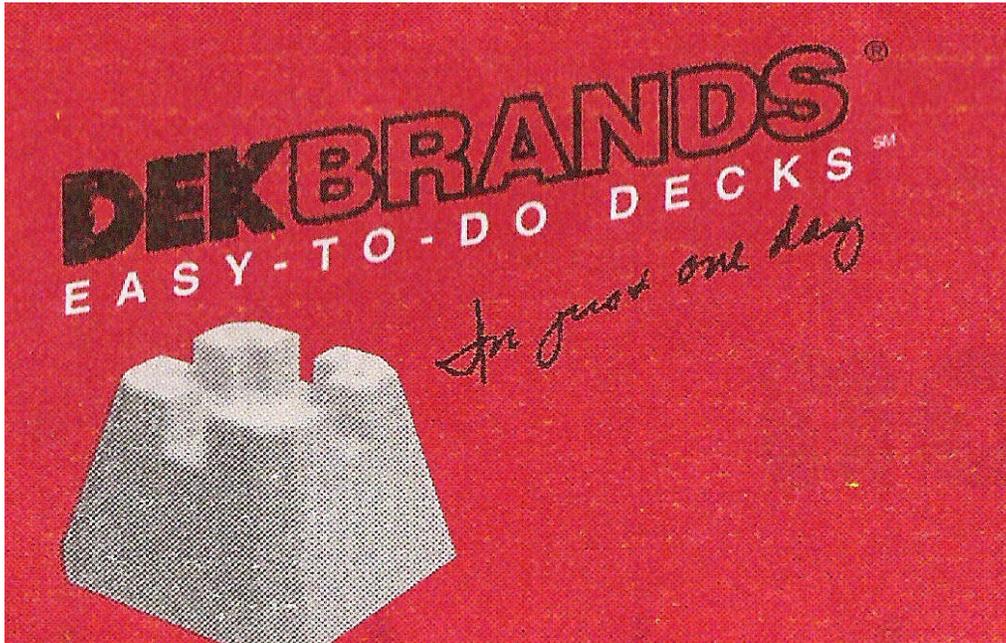
Presentation: Mindset over Matter

Carter Lee once struggled with his self-esteem, confidence, and battled weight issues. He was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and chronic depression. Carter went through a complete transformation after studying quantum mechanics, the mind, and various philosophies. He no longer battles his weight, shows no signs of PTSD or depression, and is not on any medications. Of all the techniques and philosophies that Carter has used, including his own, he always emphasizes “*mindset*.”

The same mindset that helped him overcome his past demons is the same one he uses to get through the painful disease of chronic cluster headaches. He will talk with us about achieving the right mindset for success and survival, and what the hidden power of the mind can achieve.

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