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BIO:

Ronald Boyer, M.A. is currently a doctoral student in Art and Religion at the Graduate Theological Union and UC Berkeley. He holds an M.A. in depth psychology from Sonoma State University. Ron is a close friend, protégé and colleague of Dr. Stanley Krippner and helped Stan to create the original curriculum model for the Humanistic Psychology Institute (now Saybrook University). Ron was the director of The Sonoma Institute, the first accredited graduate training program in the nation for psychotherapists trained in the humanistic-transpersonal framework. His faculty included Carl and Natalie Rogers, Gordon Tappan, Art Warmoth, Joan Halifax-Grof, Theodore Roszak, Frances Vaughn, James Hillman, Arthur Deikman, Robert Bly, Robert Hall, Virginia Satir and many other early iconic figures in humanistic psychology.

Ron is the current founder of Sacred Hoop Institute and the Krippner Center for Indigenous Studies, an agency of Center for Sacred Studies (a church representing Indigenous leaders and traditions throughout the Americas and beyond) and was formally initiated by shamans and Indian doctors of many Indigenous tribes including the Huichol, Shuar/Jivaro of the Ecuadorian Amazon, the Siberian "Warriors of Light" of the Altai mountains and many other tribes and traditions. With anthropologist Joan Halifax-Grof, Ron created the first bridge between Indigenous (Huichol) shamanism and Western psychotherapy in 1979 at The Sonoma Institute and has been bringing Indigenous spiritual leaders from around the world to the Bay Area for approximately 40 years. Ron spent more than a year conducting ethnographic fieldwork as a participant in intertribal ceremonies at an intertribal center near Ashland, Oregon.