

psychoanalysis, psychoanalytic anthropology, psychogeography, and poetry: each of these fields and all of us are better because Howard has been walking with us through life.

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You Can't Make Up Howard Stein

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Allow me to begin by saying, you can't make this stuff up. I am sure Howard is smiling. His exceptional creativity and productivity are in the zone of not being able to make it up. Our over 30-year friendship and ever-evolving collaboration exploring leadership and organizational dynamics that you could not in fact make up have challenged him to make sense of the dynamics by drawing on his multidisciplinary knowledge. Most recently, our *Psychoanalytic Insights into Social, Political, and Organizational Dynamics: Understanding the Age of Trump* (2022) presented him as a worthy challenge after exploring how applied poetry informs understanding of lived experience in organizations. Now, a short book of collaborative poetry just accepted for publication, *Whiteboardings – Creating Collaborative Poetry in a Third Space*, is yet another “outside the box” boundary-breaking project.

Our friendship and collaboration led me to deeply appreciate his humanity as well as his thought archived in his list of publications. Howard has always embraced the possibilities of new ideas and he dares to develop new and different projects such as writing his play *Irv* incorporating many of his workplace poems.

His humble approach to making sense of social, cultural, political, and organizational dynamics is accompanied by the true spirit of an explorer willing to face the uncertainty and the associated anxiety of not knowing where his path is leading. There is resident in this an appreciation of a sense of freedom and joy that he brings to exploring the many possibilities strewn about in dysfunctional organizations with toxic leaders. You can't make this stuff up. In doing so, he provides important insights for all of us that would not be possible without his exceptional interdisciplinary approach to sense-making. This occasion celebrates his courage to create and his joy of discovery that have made possible his biography and CV. You could not, in fact, make this stuff up.

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A Personal Tribute to Howard Stein

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Howard Stein is an extraordinary, unique, and special person, not only because of his outstanding intellectual and academic work but also due to his personal qualities. In addition to being extremely intelligent, gifted, and knowledgeable about so many aspects of human life, he also has “emotional intelligence” that enables him to understand his fellow human beings, which makes him so special to read, talk to, and correspond with. His extensive list of publications, including articles, books, edited books, and book chapters is awesome.

Human life and endeavor have infinite aspects and expressions that, in the humanities and social sciences, are compartmentalized into disciplines. There are separate departments of history, psychology, political science, sociology, anthropology, etc.