



BIOGRAPHY

CARL HAMMERSCHLAG MD

Carl Hammerschlag, MD is a master storyteller and internationally recognized author, physician, speaker, healer, and humanitarian clown. A Yale-trained psychiatrist; he has spent more than twenty years working with Native Americans. He is an expert on community-based health care, how to survive in rapidly changing cultures, and a leading authority in the practical applications of Psychoneuroimmunology (mind-body-spirit medicine). A faculty member at the University of Arizona Medical School, the Chief of Community Mental Health, Gesundheit! Institute, and founder of the Turtle Island Project, a non-profit, multidisciplinary organization whose programs integrate the principles of mind/body/spirit medicine with Native American rituals and ceremonies.

Dr. Hammerschlag's life work has been chronicled in five critically acclaimed books: *The Dancing Healers*, *The Theft of the Spirit*, *Healing Ceremonies*, *Kindling Spirit: Healing From Within*, and two children's books.

For the last 25 years he has been a humanitarian clown, joining Patch Adams MD the world's most recognized humanitarian clown/doctor, spreading clown joy and healing in disaster areas, refugee camps, and institutions all over the world. He is a recipient of the National Caring Award. Selected by the Caring Institute of Washington D.C. from more than a quarter million nominations, the award honors "the ten most caring adults in America." In his presentations, Dr. Carl Hammerschlag brings his gift of storytelling, a wealth of legends, and unique insights which bridge the worlds of science, spirit, and culture. With poignancy and humor, he leads his audiences on a joyful journey that will stimulate and renew their creative potential.