

## **The Rich and Meaningful Life of Paul Wong**

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Paul's impact has been remarkable. In addition to his large body of scholarship, I have always been astonished and impressed by Paul's ability to bring together people holding vastly different perspectives on meaning-making. Attendees of Paul's International Network on Personal Meaning (INPM) conferences found themselves engaging concurrently with psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, counselors, sociologists, filmmakers, religious scholars, quantitative researchers, qualitative researchers, psychoanalysts, Jungian psychologists, logotherapists, existentialists, feminists, indigenous psychologists, social justice advocates, and constructivists—just to name a few! My first INPM conference was in Toronto in 2012. Paul invited me to participate on a panel entitled “What Makes Life Worth Living.” The esteemed panel included Harris Friedman, Emmy van Deurzen, Christopher Peterson, Jordan B. Peterson, Richard Ryan, Alan Waterman, Dov Shmotkin, and Louise Sundararajan. Paul served as facilitator and all-around master of ceremonies. It was, by far, the most free-wheeling and intellectually diverse panel I have ever been on—producing the kind of thoughtful exchange among people with different worldviews that is all too rare these days. Even when panelists clashed, Paul handled it with grace and aplomb. Paul and Lillian's organization-building has provided a major contribution to the study of meaning-making worthy of acclaim. Thank you and happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Paul! Your life continues to be rich and meaningful, one from which we have all benefitted.