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CMPS Annual Conference 2004 Freud and Modern Psychoanalysis

December 11, 10am-1pm

Auditorium of the New York Society for Ethical Culture
Two West 64th Street in New York City



Keynote Speaker

Phyllis W. Meadow, PhD, has demonstrated her commitment to the field of psychoanalysis as an analyst, supervisor, teacher, researcher and advocate for analytic training. She is founder and editor of the journal *Modern Psychoanalysis*. Her published works include: co-author of *Treatment of the Narcissistic Neuroses* and author of *Emotional Education: The Theory and Process of Educating Psychoanalysts*; *Selected Theoretical and Clinical Papers*, *The New Psychoanalysis* and *In the Interest of the Patient* (in press). She is a founder of four psychoanalytic institutes, and with her colleagues' collaboration, secured the accreditation to grant doctoral and master's degrees in psychoanalysis at the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis and its affiliates, becoming the first in the country to do so.

André Green, MD, is a writer, teacher, supervisor, lecturer and researcher, internationally recognized for his contributions to psychoanalysis. He has a profound knowledge of Freud's work and the seminal figures who followed. Author of many articles in a wide range of psychoanalytic journals, his published books include: *The Fabric of Affect in the Psychoanalytic Discourse*; *The Chains of Eros*; *Life Narcissism, Death Narcissism*; *The Work of the Negative*; *On Private Madness*; *Time in Psychoanalysis: Some Contradictory Aspects*. He is Honorary Member of the Paris Psychoanalytic Society and the British Psychoanalytic Society; Former Professor of the Freud Memorial Chair, University College, London; Honorary Professor, Buenos Aires University; Member of the Academy of Humanities Research, Moscow.

Join us on Saturday, December 11 to witness and participate in this important dialogue between two dynamic, internationally renowned speakers and the rare opportunity to see André Green in the United States. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu.

The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute (KPI) was founded in 1994 with two candidates in its first class. Its two founders, Paul L. Adams and B. Thomas Thacker, had the goal of developing a psychoanalytic program for mental health professionals in Louisville, Kentucky. Before KPI was founded, Louisville-area mental health professionals wishing to

be trained as psychoanalysts had a long commute to other areas to get training. With the opening of KPI, professionals in the mental health field were given the opportunity to study psychoanalysis in Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana.

As KPI's Bulletin states: "The Institute's mission is to become a community resource for humane and compassionate treatment by embodying training in a tried and true depth psychotherapy that often has been overlooked in the past two decades."

To carry out our mission, KPI's curriculum offers an eclectic approach to psychoanalysis, teaching both traditional and contemporary schools of psychoanalysis. KPI has also achieved two major goals that concern community outreach.

Our first goal was to offer low-cost outpatient treatment to individuals who could not afford mental health treatment and are unable to receive it in the private sector or through government mental health agencies. In 2002, we opened the Paul L. Adams Consultation Center to provide services according to individual need and fees in accordance with patients' financial resources.

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INSTITUTE NEWS

Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute

A Note from B. Thomas Thacker
Executive Director

Regulations for Licensing Psychoanalysts: Proposal Outlines Specific Requirements

by Angela Musolino

ON JANUARY 1, 2006, the regulations governing the licensing of psychoanalysts and other mental health professionals are due to become effective. David Hamilton, PhD, Executive Secretary of the Board for Mental Health Professions reported that the committee has met several times over the last twelve months and has developed regulations, policies and procedures for implementation of the new legislation.

THE COMMITTEE MET to discuss the regulations on Higher Education and Professional Practice on September 9, 2004. These regulations, scheduled to be adopted on November 4, 2004, will allow for the preparation and printing of the application for the new professions in 2005.

THE MOST RECENT PROPOSALS from the Board outline specific requirements in the areas of education, experience and examination in order to be licensed. The proposals also outline requirements for obtaining a limited permit to practice psychoanalysis as well as standards governing educational programs that grant a certificate in psychoanalysis.

HIGHLIGHTS of the regulations include specific issues relating to those who are currently practicing psychoanalysis and wish to be licensed without taking the examination. And, there are specific criteria outlined for certification and/or experience to take the place of the examination. Since the regulations are detailed, it is highly recommended that interested practitioners review them to get a clear understanding of what is required in order to be licensed. The proposals can be viewed on-line at the NY State Education Department web site:

www.op.nysed.gov/home.html

Click on the link under the heading "Mental Health Practitioners," to access proposal information.

QUESTIONS may be directed to: Lucy Holmes, SMP President at lucyholmes@nyc.rr.com and Vicki Semel, Chair, SMP Accreditation Board at: vwsemel@comcast.net.

By-laws Revised at SMP Annual Membership Meeting

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts on April 18, 2004, SMP President Lucy Holmes, proposed two amendments to the by-laws, which were adopted unanimously.

THE FIRST, designed to extend membership to qualified international candidates involved an addition to the definition of the Psychoanalyst ("P") designation. The definition now reads, "or a graduate of an international psychoanalytic institute with equivalent standards."

THE SECOND revision focused on clarifying the role of the Institute (Membership) Accreditation Committee. The new licensing law makes it clear that organizations accrediting psychoanalytic institutes be separate and independent from the boards of membership organizations, such as SMP. Therefore, the by-laws were amended to clarify the actual independence of the Institute (Membership) Accreditation Committee. Its activities were deleted from the list under "Duties of Committees" and put in a category titled, "Duties of Independent Boards." In addition, the Institute (Membership) Accreditation Committee was given a new name to further clarify its separation from the SMP Board. It will now be known as the **Accreditation Board of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts**.

Nicole Kirman, Rose McAloon, Katherine and James Morrell, Muriel Sackler, and Vicki Semel will serve on the Board.

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New Jersey Center for Modern Psychoanalysis is Back

by Demetria DeLia

We can make our minds so like still water
that beings gather about us that they may see,
it may be, their own images, and so live for a
moment with a clearer,
perhaps even with a fiercer life because of
our quiet.

THIS QUOTATION FROM W. B. YEATS hung on the wall of our library, reminding us how modern analysts aim to be with their patients. Two years ago when a fire devastated the building which housed our institute, nothing concrete remained of our school except these words. The frame, visible from the street, clung precariously to the scorched wall—a symbol of our determination to survive and continue our dedication to modern psychoanalytic training and education.

THE HISTORIC BUILDING in Fair Lawn, New Jersey has been rebuilt—rising like a phoenix from the ashes. The building has been our home since Stanley Hayden and his colleagues gathered to form the New Jersey Center for Modern Psychoanalysis (NJCMP) twelve years ago and we look forward with anticipation to returning to it by the end of October. We are also grateful to all of our colleagues who generously offered their assistance during this difficult time.

OUR FALL SEMESTER began with an Open Classroom Demonstration of modern psychoanalytic supervision. Dr. Hayden presented a long-term case of a patient whom he treated for Bipolar and Mixed Personality Disorders. It drew a standing room only crowd, with lively comments and exchanges among participants.

OUR SUNDAY LECTURE SERIES, which has been a successful program of presentations by faculty members, began again on October 3rd with Demetria DeLia's discussion on Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, concentrating on its function as a defense against aggressive impulses. On Sunday, November 7th, our guest lecturer, Barry Silverstein, author of *What Was Freud Thinking?* will talk on "Secrets of Freud's Irma Dream." Silverstein will fill in the gaps of an analysis of the famous specimen dream which Freud discretely omitted.

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS are open to professionals and to the general public. For detailed information about NJCMP and its programs call us at 201-689-1919.

Carol Brod's Dream:

BSMP celebrates twenty years of bringing Modern Psychoanalysis to Brooklyn



by Ernie Brod

MANY IN THE MODERN ANALYTIC community would have trouble answering this question: In addition to CMPS, name another institution in New York that has spread the word of Modern Psychoanalysis for at least twenty years. The answer: Brooklyn Seminars in Modern Psychoanalysis. BSMP WAS CONCEIVED by the late Dr. Carol Brod—then a CMPS student, later a graduate, faculty member and dean. Carol's dream was to bring the benefits of modern psychoanalytic concepts and techniques to the professional and lay populations of the Brooklyn community: to awaken psychologists and social workers to the benefits of treating patients with Modern Psychoanalytic approaches; to show teachers, parents, spouses, and employees how to improve their professional, workplace, family and personal lives by thinking, speaking, and acting therapeutically.

ENLISTING THE HELP of several CMPS students who lived in Brooklyn, and her skeptical husband, Carol launched BSMP in the fall of 1984. Drs. Michaela Schaeffer, Gideon Freudenthal, Elliott Schuman, and Ellen Greer, joined later by Ed Iuzzini, Phil Katz, Angela Musolino, Eileen Klein, Camille Nicastro, and Alice Weintraub formed the planning committee. Twenty years later, some 2,000 people have attended BSMP's programs and workshops. More than a dozen training analysts and recent CMPS graduates have acquired experience in conducting groups. A number of attendees have registered for CMPS courses and Extension Division programs. Many credit BSMP for life-altering experiences, including reconciling with family members and making beneficial career changes.

BSMP'S FIRST EVENT was held in the Brod family kitchen—Dr. Schaeffer cooked lasagna while leading a discussion about oral stimulation. The "food for the body and food for the mind" theme was so successful we quickly moved to the Schaeffer's landmark Flatbush house and adopted the "Brunch" format. In the intervening years, Dr. Schaeffer has prepared at least five dishes for each of four programs a year—without ever repeating one! The warmth and cuisine of the Schaeffer home have become an integral part of the BSMP experience. Programs often attract 30 to 50 people. Interactive workshops are conducted in the style of Modern Psychoanalytic groups, as are planning committee meetings.

THE EARLY YEARS were difficult for Carol. She had to deal with differences within the group about whether BSMP should become an institute and, she also had her own

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SMP Community Calendar

Fall • Winter • Spring • 2004/2005

Full name and address of institute is listed with the first entry only. Please submit all calendar dates to Charlotte Melnik at Melnicks@hotmail.com for inclusion in the Analyst. (No ads will be taken.)

Sunday, November 7

New Jersey Center for Modern Psychoanalysis (NJCMP) Sunday Lecture Series presents, "Secrets of Freud's Irma Dream," with Professor Barry Silverstein. 1:30-3:00pm at the Ridgewood Public Library, 125 North Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. Information: 201-689-1919. NJCMP

Sunday, November 7, 2004, January 9, 2005

Cyril Z. Meadow Institute (CZMI) Information Sessions, at 1pm. Come to Dummerston, Vermont to learn about our PsyD doctoral program in psychoanalysis and get a tour. Visit CZMI at 40 Tucker Reed Road, Dummerston, VT. 802-257-0919 or 617-277-3915. CZMI

Wednesdays: November 10, December 8

Open Houses at the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies (CMPS). 5:45-6:45pm. Small group meetings for those interested in learning more about our innovative clinical training program and how it might meet their needs. Held at CMPS, 16 West 10 Street, NYC 10011. 212-260-7050; e-mail: ad@cmps.edu or www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Fridays: November 12, 2004 and January 21, 2005

CMPS Friday Night Clinical Seminars, 5:30-7pm. Informal case discussion held one Friday a month at CMPS. Students, faculty and clinical practitioners discuss new ideas, present difficult cases, and hear what others are discovering. Information: 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

November 13, 2004 and February 19, April 12, 2005

BGSP Information Sessions. Open to the public. 11am-12:30pm at BGSP, 1581 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02446. Information: 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Thursday, November 18

BGSP Art Gallery: Student artists and their families exhibit. Coincides with Washington St. Fair First Light Festival, runs through the New Year. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Friday, November 19, 8pm

BGSP: Janet Sayers, PhD, visiting psychoanalytic scholar, Kent University, England, speaks on "Art and Psychoanalysis: Inter-Active Image-Making." Her books include: *Biological Politics*, *Sexual Contradictions*, *Mothering Psychoanalysis*, *Freudian Tales*, *Boy Crazy: Remembering Adolescence*, *Kleinians*, *Divine Therapy: Love, Mysticism & Psychoanalysis*. 8pm at BGSP Open to all. No Fee. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Saturday, December 11, 10am-1pm

CMPS Fall Conference 2004: André Green, internationally acclaimed Freud scholar and author begins the dialogue with "Is Freud Compatible with Modern Analysis?" Phyllis W. Meadow, pioneer in psychoanalytic training and author of seminal works on psychoanalytic theory and technique responds with "Freudian Theory and Technique." A dialogue with speakers and audience concludes. Auditorium, NY Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W. 64 St. NYC. 212-260-7050.

January 2005

CMPS Extension Division is planning its 2005 programs. Courses and workshops designed to bring modern psychoanalytic perspectives to a broad range of topics. Workshops are open to the public. Look for brochure. For information: 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

BGSP Extension Division to offer clinical workshops, writing groups, films series, adult education workshops, and more. This season, our focus is on ADHD. Under Mrs. Joanne White's direction we will work on programs with local schools, on "fostering connections." www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

January 13, March 2, April 4 — 7:30-9PM

Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis (ACAP) presents Open Clinical Discussions. Join our faculty and students to discuss ideas or present cases of your own. ACAP, 769 Northfield Ave, LL2, W. Orange, NJ. 973-736-7600; e-mail: speud@aol.com or www.acap-online.org. ACAP.

January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 15

BGSP is sponsoring Modern Psychoanalytic Seminars for New Hampshire: "Everyday Clinical Dilemmas," a series of brown bag lunch case discussion seminars, to be held monthly at noon at the First Church, Nashua, NH. Organized by Patricia Hugenberger, BGSP faculty present and discuss cases focusing on common treatment issues. Series also to run at BGSP. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Saturday, March 12, 2005

ACAP Spring Conference. 8:30-5pm at ACAP. "Intimacy: The Porcupine's Dilemma." For Freud, the Porcupine's Dilemma mirrored the paradox of human intimacy: to love and be close one must learn to tolerate uncomfortable feelings. Information or reservations: telephone: 973-736-7600; e-mail: speud@aol.com or www.acap-online.org. ACAP.

2005 Calendar continued...

Sunday, March 2005

CMPS Alumni Association Scientific Presentation and Brunch: Students from CMPS and other psychoanalytic doctoral programs present current research. Everyone welcome. Have brunch and hear what's going on in modern psychoanalytic research. At CMPS, 12-2pm on a Sunday in March - Information: 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Spring 2005

BGSP's Spring Conference is being organized now for an **April or May 2005 date**. For information or updates call: 617-277-3915 or www.bgsp.edu. BGSP

SMP Conference Tour: July 1-12, 2005

SMP's Greek Island Conference and Trip is tentatively scheduled for two nights in Venice, a 7-night cruise on the Costa Cruise Line, one night return in Venice, then to NYC and Boston. Conference Tour coordinators, Ted Laqueria and Bob Laub will arrange professional meetings, presentations and discussions. Detailed itinerary with dates and times to come. **The initial roster must be established at this time.** To add your name please contact Ted Laqueria, **phone:** 212 242-1107 or **e-mail:** tlaqueria@aol.com.

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CMPS Alumni Association Changes Officers



By Marc Tallent

The CMPS Alumni Association elected new officers in June, 2004. Outgoing president, Angela Musolino, vice president, scientific affairs, Marc Tallent, treasurer, Lucie Grosvenor, and secretary, Charlotte Melnik, passed the torch to new president, Alma Weisberg, vice president, scientific affairs, Ronald Okuaki Lieber, treasurer, Cynthia Kaplan, Secretary, Carol Citarella-Garvey, and student liaison, Raul Plasencia. Building on the considerable achievements of the previous administration, including the glamorous holiday bacchanal and two stimulating scientific meetings, the new officers are already hard at work planning activities for the coming months. The first scientific meeting is scheduled for a **Sunday in March 2005 (12am-2pm)** and will focus on research projects currently in process. Call: 212-260-7050.

The new officers have also set the goal to build up the Ethel G. Clevans Scholarship fund to help students with tuition.

Institute News & Notes

Dr. Dena Reed was officially appointed as the new President of Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (**BGSP**) by the Board of Trustees in June, 2004. An inauguration ceremony will be held soon. This past summer Dr. Reed worked with a team to submit the self study to offer the clinical doctorate in Boston.

BGSP Art Gallery: A very successful opening, directed by the Art and Life Committee has made the walls of BGSP absolutely beautiful. The next exhibition with work by student artists and their families will be held **Thursday, November 18**, coinciding with Washington Street Fair First Light Festival and will run through the New Year.

BGSP list-serv has been sending information to interested subscribers of their "**BGSP News & Notes**" developed by Dr. Stephen Soldz. To subscribe and receive quarterly news and information, send an e-mail to bgsp@bgsp.edu.

CMPS Library Open House, on Tuesday, October 12, co-sponsored by the Library Committee and the Alumni Association, was a wonderful opportunity to browse the collection, talk with Ms. Covino about the library and make appointments for tutorials. Lots of socializing, delicious finger sandwiches, coffee, tea and wine were shared among students, faculty, and alumni, fellows, advisors, and advisees.

CMPS sponsored a **Child Abuse Identification and Reporting** training session on Wednesday, October 27. Steve Forrester presented again for those who needed it for licensure.

Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute (KPI) celebrated its tenth birthday on October 15 with an open house and a very lively party. To further celebrate the event Dr. James Gorney presented a 3-hour workshop on "In dreams begins responsibilities: Adolescence and Potential space."

NJCMP presented, "Reporting Child Abuse: Ethical and Legal Responsibilities," October 18 with Demetria DeLia. Their Sunday Lecture Series began October 3 with Demetria DeLia's discussion on Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. (See article on page 3.)

CMPS Extension Division Education Conference

By Rose McAloon

On May 15th, 2004, the CMPS Great Hall was filled with teachers, psychoanalytic candidates and psychoanalysts gathered to address the topic, "Connecting and Disconnecting: Life and Death in the Classroom." The discussion, was in the round and was led by distinguished analysts and educators, Dolores Welber, Robert Welber, and Janet Rotter. After some preliminary remarks by the speakers, the discussion was opened up to case presentations and other areas of concern to audience members. A lively discussion ensued around the case of "the back seat boys," a group of recalcitrant New York City Public School students who were driving their teacher to distraction by their refusal to participate in the class process. After exploration of some possible causes for this uncooperative behavior, strategies to engage these difficult adolescents were formulated by the entire group. The topic: "Connecting and Disconnecting" proved so appealing that the Welbers decided to offer a June workshop with the same title. The seminar was well attended and several students who enrolled the workshop subsequently applied for admission to the CMPS training program.



Puget Sound Group Psychotherapy Network's Annual Spring Psychoanalytic Conference

by June Bernstein and Eva Silver

In May, 2004, a small group of faculty and alumni from BGSP, CMPS, and CZMI attended the Puget Sound Group Psychotherapy Network's Annual Spring Psychoanalytic Conference in Seattle where Dr. Meadow introduced her approach to a spellbound audience of professionals who insisted that she end her presentation by giving them an experience of actually being in a group with her. Their response was so enthusiastic that many tried to convince her to continue to run a group for them in Seattle. She agreed to work with Eva Silver, a BGSP alumnus, now in practice in Seattle, to give them a continued modern group experience. Those who accompanied Dr. Meadow: June Bernstein, Jane Snyder, Beth Dorsey, and Chris Healy were wined and dined by Eva Silver, who provided accommodations, sight seeing, shopping expeditions, a party, and an afternoon of yachting on the lake (including a view of the Bill Gates compound). Our yachtsman and host, Dan Barr, provided a gourmet lunch of salmon caught by him in Alaska as well as a parting gift of his own canned salmon. The weather was perfect, the shopping great, the trees and scenery breathtaking, and the enthusiasm of the audience inspiring. We reluctantly returned to New York and Boston. The enthusiasm generated by Dr. Meadow at the conference did in fact lead to the establishment of an ongoing modern analytic group for therapists, which is being led by Eva Silver.

Liberating Desire on Cape Cod

By Jane Snyder

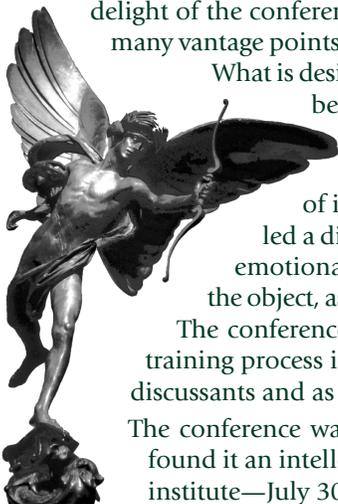
THE ANNUAL BGSP SUMMER INSTITUTE, co-sponsored this year by BGSP and CMPS, returned to Cape Cod, much to the delight of the conference participants. The week-long event, August 7 through 13, focused on **liberating desire** from many vantage points—theoretical, emotional, and considering various contexts. The week began with discussions of:

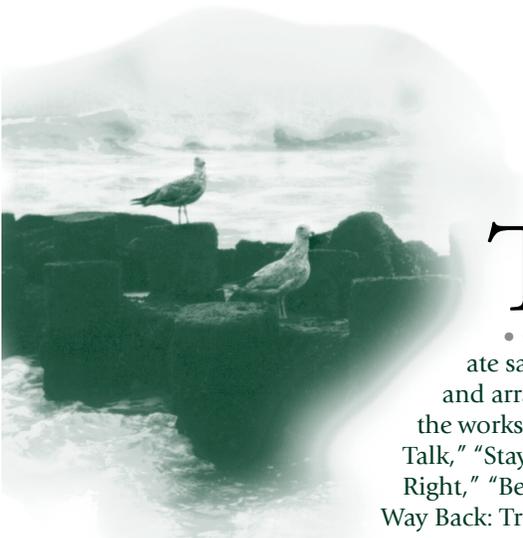
What is desire?; Is the goal of analysis to liberate desire or to be liberated from desire?; What is the relationship between drive theory and desire?; Is deprivation necessary to desire? and What is the connection between death and desire?

Presentations on the psychobiology of desire by Mrs. Mary Shepherd, and desire and inhibition of impulses by Dr. Goldwater (the role of the negative in desire) were well received. Dr. Dena Reed led a discussion on the New Psychoanalysis and Desire, as Dr. Phyllis Meadow was unable to attend. An emotional discussion ensued on of the role of the object, the absent object and projections of desire onto the object, as well as death and desire. This was followed by a day of excellent case presentations and discussion.

The conference concluded with discussion of student and graduate presentations of liberating desire in the training process in light of the week's themes. Boston and New York faculty were actively involved as presenters, discussants and as luncheon roundtable leaders.

The conference was well attended by approximately a hundred participants. Those who attended the full week found it an intellectually stimulating and emotionally full experience. We have now only to anticipate next year's institute—July 30 to August 6, 2005—again scheduled to take place in Wellfleet.





ACAP Summer Conference

By Patricia Harte Bratt

Intimacy—If you haven't contemplated murder, you haven't been in love.
—Comedian Chris Rock

The Porcupine's Dilemma headlined ACAP's Summer Conference brochure warning participants what they were in for. ACAP's 13th Annual Summer Conference at Long Beach Island drew more registrants than any previous . . . year. At the Conference Center, attendees selected seminars, bought books, ate sandwiches brought by the Conference Committee, made plans with new friends and arranged carpools for evening events. The fun times balanced the serious nature of the workshops: "Don't Go Mad: Get Angry," "Embracing The Action Hero: Raising Boys to Talk," "Stay Away: Difficult Personalities Longing For Closeness," "Sweet Revenge: Getting it Right," "Becoming the CEO of Yourself: Three Obstacles to Professional Success," "On the Way Back: Traumatic Stress Reaction—9/11, Iraq, and Life on the New Jersey Turnpike."

THE CONFERENCE SUCCESS came from a topic that addressed universal issues, an excellent faculty team and, of course, the hard-working alumni and students on the Conference Committee. Enthusiastic and welcoming, they brought their friends and chatted with newcomers. We got people to come, they made them feel comfortable and involved, bringing the event to life. —"It's my third year back," said a participant from Connecticut, "It's become a special opportunity to connect with people I don't see during the year. I walk away re-energized and looking forward to trying out what I've learned."

DR. HARRIET GADDY, Director of Centenary College's Counseling Psychology Department, the liaison for ACAP's graduate program in Psychoanalysis and a major in the Air Force Reserves, taught along with ACAP faculty. In her seminar: "On the Way Back: Traumatic Stress Reaction— 9/11, Iraq, and Everyday Life on the New Jersey Turnpike," Gaddy gave participants her first-hand impressions of the stresses and needs of U.S. troops in war zones and new perspectives on trauma symptoms.

TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM, stay connected and respond to requests, ACAP will hold a condensed version of the conference in New Jersey on **Saturday, March 12, 2005**. "Intimacy: the Porcupine's Dilemma" will be an all day conference. Participants will receive 9.5 CEU/Professional Development credits for the day. ACAP's Master of Arts and Certificate students can apply these hours toward their outside clinical requirements. "This is Modern Analysis at work," says Dr. Charles Pumilia, Conference Committee Co-Chair with Dr. Laurie Lindner, "Finding a way to learn, make new friends, meet requirements, and have fun."

Fourth Annual International Neuro-Psychoanalysis Society Conference in Rome, Italy

by Sara Sheftel

The International Neuro-Psychoanalysis Society held its fourth Annual Congress, "Splitting, Denial and Narcissism: Neuro-Psychoanalytic Perspectives on the Right Hemisphere," in Rome Italy, September 2 through 5, 2004. Neuro-scientists can be divided into two camps— affective and cognitive. Prominent among the former is Jaak Panskepp, whose work was successfully presented by Mary Shepherd (BGSP) at this year's Cape Cod Summer Institute. This group considers neuro-psychoanalysis a new discipline and believes it will validate psychoanalysis scientifically. While some might see the developments in neuroscience as a challenge to psychoanalysis, others see it as a further development of Freud's pursuit in "Project for a Scientific Psychology." Psychoanalysis has its own methods of validation, and how neuroscience can contribute to psychoanalytic thought is still under discussion.

Most speakers were neurologists and neuroscientists who presented cases of patients with right brain lesions suffering from anosognosia, neglect and other symptoms. I found the use of terms such as *denial*—which has its origin in psychoanalysis—did not apply to the phenomenon described. This is, I believe, because the etiology is different and requires different operational definitions.

The final speaker, Anne Alvarezq, a London psychoanalyst presented a paper that spoke movingly and eloquently of her work with patients in the autistic spectrum.

Modern psychoanalysts have been interested in neurobiology, following Freud, who searched for a connection between neurobiology and psychoanalysis. When Hyman Spotnitz, wrote "A Neurobiological Approach to Communication," chapter 4 of his seminal work, *Modern Psychoanalysis of the Schizophrenic Patient* (1985), he began thinking about the role neurobiology plays in the conception of the illness and the application of psychoanalytic technique.

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ambivalence about the effort required to make BSMP successful leaving her less time to contribute to CMPS. It was Dr. Ted Laqueria's consistent support and wise supervision that enabled her to move forward during these years. Working with Ted, Carol was able to deal with the issues that worked against BSMP's survival. From the first conference at the stately Montauk Club in Park Slope, with Dr. Laqueria as keynote presenter, to the current Brunch in Brooklyn programs, Modern Psychoanalytic professionals have presented themselves to the Brooklyn community to significant appreciation. At the conference—which also featured such Brooklyn-based practitioners as Dr. Phyllis Cohen and such CMPS attractions as, Drs. June Bernstein, Elliot Zeisel, and Estelle Borowitz—some 100 attendees became more familiar with Modern Psychoanalysis and helped BSMP down the road to success.

After Carol's death in 2000, her no longer skeptical husband—who by now had long been using Modern techniques in his professional life with great success—took over BSMP's directorship with the invaluable help of Angela Musolino. We planned our programs around year-long themes. Last year we explored, "Being Successful in Spite of Your Feelings," and even carried the topic over to a CMPS Extension workshop.

THIS SPRING WE CELEBRATE our 20th anniversary with a major conference and celebration. This year's topic: "Living In Harmony" is an appropriate theme to reflect on the remarkable benefits that have come from Carol Brod's dream.

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Secondly, KPI wished to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about psychoanalysis. To this end, KPI has developed a public education program that includes a speakers bureau and low-cost educational opportunities.

With the establishment of *Psychodynamic Perspectives: A Journal of The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute*, our on-line journal, the Institute further expanded its community outreach program. The journal is eclectic in perspective and encourages a multidimensional approach to understanding human nature. We have been fortunate in having a number of gifted psychoanalytic students and scholars who have shared their ideas in articles that are both thought provoking and relevant to the psychological issues of our time. We invite colleagues to submit articles to *Psychodynamic Perspectives* for consideration for publication. We encourage new psychoanalytic perspectives, revisited psychoanalytic ideas, and alternative visions. I hope you will enjoy this first edition. KPI Information: 502-637-2639 or e-mail us at kpi@bellsouth.net.

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