

A woman in a yellow dress is lying in a field of large green leaves. She is holding a glowing orange light in her hands. There are several other glowing orange lights scattered around her. The background is a dense field of large green leaves.

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ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

MEETING ROOM LEVEL FOYER

Wednesday, April 3: 12:00PM - 5:00PM

Thursday, April 4: 7:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday, April 5: 7:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday, April 6: 7:00AM - 12:00PM

Book Exhibitors and Postgraduate Tables

Exhibitors and post graduate tables will be located in the Potomac Foyer starting Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM.

Technical Support

To get technical support during the Spring Meeting, send an email to: support@designseed.zohodesk.com or visit us at the table in the conference room area/registration area.

Continuing Education

In order to obtain continuing education information, please note the following:

- All CE certificates will be issued at the end of the Spring Meeting and will contain the total number of credits earned for all sessions attended.
- In order to receive credit for a session, you must be checked in and checked out of the session. A door monitor will scan your badge when you enter and exit each session. **An evaluation (survey) must be completed before you will receive credit for the session.** Evaluations (surveys) are available in the conference event mobile app. If you do not get your badge scanned and you do not complete an evaluation, you will not get credit for the session.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I access the Spring Meeting mobile app?

- Look for SPPPEvents in the appstore for your mobile device (Apple store or Google Playstore).
- Download the app to your mobile device.
- When you open the app, click on the right arrow beside the event name. You can use the link below to view helpful videos of the various mobile app features.

2. I didn't get my verification code to login.

Your verification code will come by email and it may take a few minutes. It may also go to your spam/junk folder, so be sure to check there. If you do not enter your first name, last name, and email address exactly as they appear on your registration, the system will not be able to verify your registration. If you used a mobile phone # when you registered, the code will also be texted to you. **Please note that it takes several seconds after you enter your information for the code to come to you by email. Please be patient and do not use an old code.**

If you have checked all of these things and still can't get logged in, reach out to support at support@dezinseed.zohodesk.com

3. How do I obtain continuing education credit for the sessions I attended?

Continuing education certificates are provided at the end of the conference and will have an aggregate total # of credits you've received for all sessions you've completed. You will receive credit for a session once you've completed the survey for that session (some communications we've sent have also called these evaluations. We are using the terms "survey" and "evaluation" interchangeably). NOTE: You will not receive the session survey if you did not attend the entirety of the session; full attendance is required to obtain your credit for the session. **You must be checked in and checked out by having your badge scanned at the door in order for your attendance in the session to be recorded properly.**

4. When do I get my CE certificate?

For the live Spring Meeting sessions, certificates will be issued at the end of the conference, and they will contain the total # of CEs awarded based on all sessions attended where a survey was completed.

5. Where do I access the session survey?

If you attended the full session in its entirety, you will see a survey button appear inside the session description. upon the session ending.

NOTE: If a session survey does not appear, it's because your attendance was not recorded. This could be for a variety of reasons, such as arriving late to the session, leaving early, or leaving the room while the session is happening. Reach out to us if you need assistance or think this is in error: support@dezinseed.zohodesk.com

6. Is the Spring Meeting accessible for my body? Will I be able to go to the bathroom? Will I be able to child feed and/or pump?

There are ADA-compliant bathrooms available on each floor, where conference events will be held; all floors have elevators.

The Spring Meeting will create an All Gender restroom throughout the conference, please look for signs.

There are no formal breastfeeding or pumping stations/stalls in the conference area. Please reach out to jessica.a.joseph.phd@gmail.com and they'll support, as the staff at The Westin noted capacity in finding private spaces for pumping and feeding. We also enthusiastically support you pumping and/or feeding in public, only if that is preferred!

We unfortunately do not have control over which chairs are supplied for the conference; the supplied chairs can support bodies that weigh up to 350-400lb. They will likely not have arm rests, but we cannot confirm. If you need more accessible seating, please email jessica.a.joseph.phd@gmail.com.

Not seeing what you need to make this conference accessible? Reach out to jessica.a.joseph.phd@gmail.com, and we'll do our best to support.

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APRIL 3, 2024

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SPPP Board Meeting

1:00PM - 8:00PM

MEETING ROOM 5

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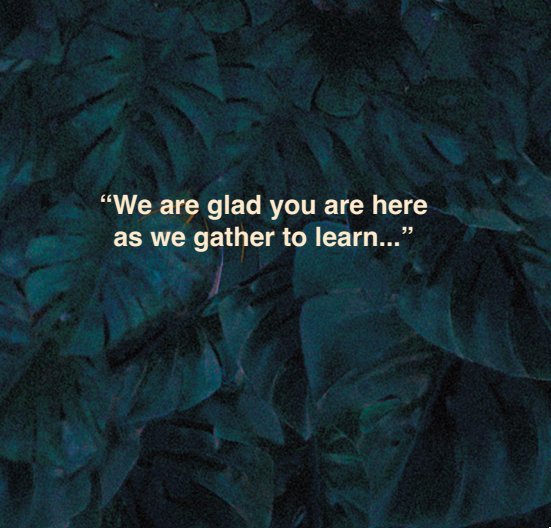


**A WELCOME NOTE
FROM THE CO-CHAIRS**

Welcome to the 2024 SPPP/Division 39 Spring Meeting! With this year's theme, we are revisiting one of the most foundational and radical roots of psychoanalysis—SEX. When Freud first insisted, not only that adult sexuality was inevitably perverse, but that children possessed an infantile, polymorphously perverse sexuality, he introduced a radically humane conceptualization of the psyche. Psychoanalysis forced a confrontation with the permeating force of sex in psychic life and of sexual violence in political life, imagining a social reality in which moralizing prohibitions are replaced by curiosity and the pursuit of understanding the darkest parts of the mind. As Élisabeth Roudinesco puts it in *Freud: In His Time and Ours*, psychoanalysis appeared as “an act of transgression [...] a bizarre discipline, a fragile combination of uniting soul and body, affect and reason, politics and animality” (p. 81).

As historical and political forces shaped and censored psychoanalysis, however, psychoanalysis betrayed its original commitments. The historical record shows that psychoanalysts have used categories of pathology and perversion to dehumanize and humiliate. Severed from its political commitments, the tradition of talk therapy has offered up desire to be cannibalized by a market that promises wellness for a price and whitewashes healing. The political has recently returned to clinical psychoanalysis, but without “animality,” and sex is too often made peripheral in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, if not sacrificed entirely. We believe this is the time for SEX because the ousting of radical desire was not an inevitability in the course of psychoanalytic theorizing; it was forced as a means to justify ideologies of hate and dispossession under the guise of clinical expertise—ideologies that continue to plague our field and enact violence on “the wretched of the earth.”

Evoking this history, we worked with our Steering Committee to craft our call for proposals as an ambivalent love letter to psychoanalysis. For us, SEX was a generative stimulus to explore this ambivalence, and presenters



“We are glad you are here
as we gather to learn...”

answered our call with unexpected, creative, and provocative content. Our program eschews the limits enforced by reactionary impulses while devoting attention to past and ongoing harm in our field. We interrogate what it means to play in the shadow of catastrophe and to experience pleasure alongside the scars of violence.

As conference co-chairs, we set out to create a gathering equipped to hold many contradictions – one that elicits discomfort while valuing safety, that is unapologetically intellectual but accessible, and that is psychoanalytic without defining what that means. We are glad you are here as we gather to learn and be in community during a time of continuing struggle, pain, and immeasurable loss. While we are well aware of the limits of what a professional conference can do to salve that pain and dismantle structures of violence, we hope our program will inspire action and help us better care for those who trust us to listen.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted proposals and supported our efforts creating this conference. We would especially like to thank Stephen Anen for his gentle shepherding, encouragement, and unwavering belief in our vision; we could not have brought our vision to life without him. We are also harnessing the momentum passed on from our predecessors and mentors in Division 39, and we are excited to see what happens next.

With gratitude,

Jessica Chavez, PhD & Jess Joseph, PhD



**HEALTH, SAFETY,
& COMMUNITY CARE**

The Society is eager to make everyone attending the Spring Meeting feel as comfortable as possible with respect to issues of health and safety. We understand that different people have different needs and risks with respect to COVID protocols. We also understand that having limited/no virtual options precludes many of our community from attending.

We are doing our best to create a structure that allows presenters, in particular, to have their medical needs and values respected. As such, some panels may elect to have their sessions require masks. There will be signage outside of the mask-required rooms alerting you to the requirement as well as masks available for attendees. If you elect to attend a mask-required session, please wear your mask properly for the entire session.

In the interest of providing a safer environment, and protecting our community, we are following CDC guidelines by strongly suggesting that all people attending the conference are vaccinated for Covid-19 (i.e., with vaccines offered in Fall 2023). Also, if you are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home, or test negative for Covid-19, prior to coming to the conference. At baseline, the Spring Meeting will be mask-optional.

Despite the dominant focus on individual responsibility, we are imploring attendees to show up for our communities!

Simple ways to show up for our community:

Vaccinate for Covid-19 if you haven't already or are not up-to-date.

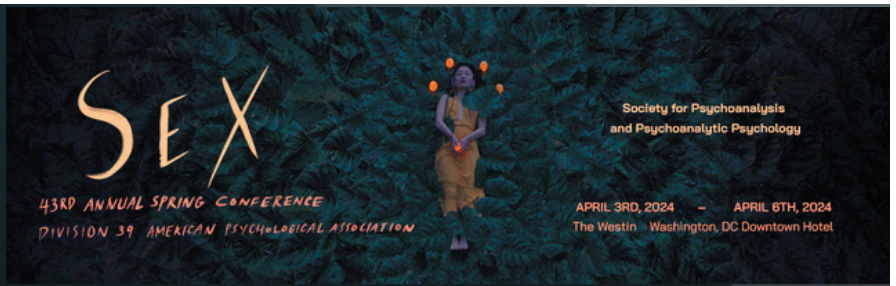
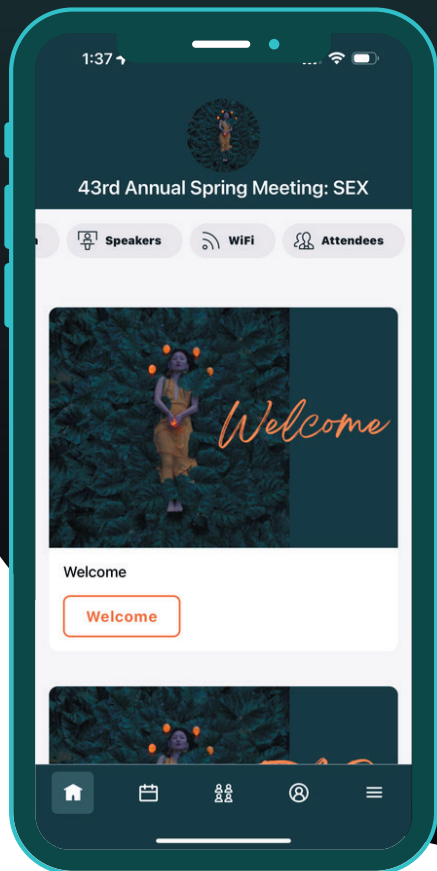
Voluntarily test before and during the conference.

Stay home if you're testing positive or experiencing symptoms.

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Enthusiastically support folks who mask at the conference.

We appreciate your willingness to help keep our community healthy and safe.



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Free association is an essential psychoanalytic value. In one sense of the term, free association means that it is essential to be free to speak your mind, and to follow thoughts and ideas to places that may be uncomfortable for you and others. In another sense, it is essential to be free to associate with one another without undue fear, to be able to come together in meaningful ways in, and as, a community. Psychoanalytically, it should come as no surprise to any of us that these imperatives are sometimes in tension with each other. Our goal is to offer a framework that allows us to hold these imperatives in tension, and create free, and freer, association at our Spring meeting.

Ours is a scholarly organization—we host scholarly meetings and discussions, and we hold free speech and academic freedom to be essential organizational values. No one is guaranteed total emotional comfort in a free scholarly exchange of ideas; being a part of the Division means opting into exchanges of ideas that are liable to make you uncomfortable. That is inevitable, and indeed desirable. By the same token, sometimes discomfort gives way to injury; sometimes the speech of others makes a professional environment inhospitable, including and especially to members of marginalized groups and legally protected classes of people. Identifying the point where speech turns into discrimination is a formidable challenge. As a Division, we are eager to explore this challenging question. To be clear, we recognize that in our organizational history we have been systematically unwelcoming to BIPOC, LGBTQ+

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people, and to other marginalized groups. Many of us have witnessed communications and interactions that have harmed our members and foreclosed a robust and healthy exchange of ideas.

At this meeting, when issues of free speech and discrimination are in tension, when there is a gray area, we will err on the side of creating a hospitable environment for members of groups that we have historically marginalized. And sometimes there will not be a gray area—rank bigotry is, unfortunately, common in our society—and will not be tolerated. Additional examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to:

- **Harassment and intimidation, including any verbal, written (including via texts or on social media), or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, humiliate, or coerce another participant.**
- **Discrimination or other actions based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, nationality, age, socioeconomic status, belief, or their intersection.**
- **Sustained or disrespectful disruption of presentations or events.**
- **Unwelcome sexual attention, including but not limited to sexualized comments or jokes, displaying sexually explicit material, inappropriate touching, groping, or sexual advances.**
- **Deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, or unwelcome or surreptitious photography or recording.**
- **Any illegal activity or forms of harassment not covered above.**

To safeguard the free association between and among people at the conference, any participant who is disorderly, disruptive, or otherwise engages in unacceptable behavior at any point during conference proceedings will be required to leave. Division 39 reserves the right in its sole discretion to deny admission to anyone who it believes will engage in unacceptable behavior, determine what constitutes unacceptable behavior, and determine what actions it will take to address incidents that occur.

In order to participate (in-person or virtually) in the Spring 2024 meeting, all attendees, speakers, sponsors, and volunteers must agree to abide by the foregoing code of conduct. Each attendee, speaker, sponsor, and volunteer agree that Division 39 shall have the sole discretion to interpret or assess any behavior or conduct of an attendee either reported or witnessed at an event, and to take any and all necessary actions to deal with conduct that Division 39 believes in its sole discretion may violate this code, including but not limited to removal of an attendee, speaker, sponsor, or volunteer from the conference, and forbidding attendance or participation in any future Division 39 event.

If you experience or witness any unacceptable behavior at an event, please immediately bring it to the attention of an on-site, executive staff member.

Division 39 reserves the right to amend or modify the foregoing code of conduct as it deems necessary.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3, 2024

1:00PM-4:00PM Mask required for this session

**GENDER AFFIRMING CARE LETTER WRITING:
Colluding with a Broken System
Through a Harm Reduction Model**

Credits Earned: 3.0

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenters:

Reese Minshew, PhD
helen DeVinney, PsyD

Moderator:

Jessica Joseph, PhD

This workshop details ways to provide gender affirming care letter writing through a harm reduction lens. We will examine our ethical responsibility to reduce harm in trans and nonbinary communities and our field's collective discomfort in doing so, contextualize/historicize letter writing as rooted in pathology and demarcated by increasing legislative violence, and provide harm reduction evaluative techniques and practices so we (providers) can function in a harmful system by providing letters produced through harm reduction evaluative techniques and practices that are in line with World Professional Association of Transgender Health Standards of Care 8 (WPATH SOC8).

1:00PM-4:00PM

**“Poly Isn’t the Problem”: Developing an Affirmative Practice
with Consensual Non-Monogamy**

Credits Earned: 3.0

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenters:

Kori Bennett, PsyD
Elizabeth Clark, PsyD

Although consensual non-monogamy (CNM) has grown in visibility, many therapists lack the knowledge and skills to effectively support this population. This workshop will create a welcoming space for participants to learn CNM concepts, examine monogamist biases, and learn CNM-affirmative interventions grounded in psychoanalytic theory and practice. The facilitators will discuss historical shifts in perspectives on non/monogamy, the literature on minority stress as it applies to those practicing CNM, and applications of attachment theory to polyamory, while attending to other axes of identity and experience such as culture, SES, race, religion, gender, ability, sexuality, etc. when working with CNM patients.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3, 2024

1:00PM-4:00PM

But How Do You Do It? Talking About Sex with Children and Adolescents

Credits Earned: 3.0

MEETING ROOM 4

Moderator/Chair:

Jordan Bate, PhD

Presenters:

Sophia Hoffman, PhD

Michael Tate, PhD

We often recognize possible sexual meanings or gender exploration in therapy with children and adolescents, but then go blank about how to respond. The transitional space between fantasy and reality requires representation in words and the body. But rarely do we get into the “how do you do it?” of talking about sex. This workshop will utilize deliberate practice, itself a form of play, that involves repeated practice of targeted skills, like how musicians and athletes build expertise. We will practice talking about sex, including inner and interpersonal skills, engaging with our feelings in a playful space.

5:00PM-8:00PM

ECP WORKSHOP: TRANSITIONS: Moving from Supervisee to Supervisor

Credits Earned: 3.0

MEETING ROOM 2

Co-Chair:

Heather MacGibbon, LCSW

Presenters:

Stephanie Kors, PhD

Vincent Pignatiello, PsyD

Moderator/Presenter:

Tanya Hess, PhD

Discussant:

Alicia MacDougall, PsyD

In this workshop, we will focus on the transition from supervisee to supervisor and explore a variety of ways in which supervision is practiced. We will also review approaches to navigating common quandaries the new supervisor faces (addressing transference and countertransference, parallel processes, issues of diversity and inclusion, ethics, and providing supervision on supervision). This will be an interactive workshop with experiential learning opportunities and active engagement in workshop content.

THURSDAY
APRIL 4, 2024

8:30AM-10:15AM

**Erotic Transference and Countertransference:
The Discussion Continues**

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Co-Moderators and Co-Chairs:

Judith Alpert, PhD

Arlene (Lu) Steinberg, PsyD

Attendance is limited to the first 30 attendees.

This discussion group will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss their experiences with erotic transference and countertransference within a safe and supportive environment. Our intent is to open communication on this topic. A case will be provided as a springboard for discussion. New attendees are welcome. Those who attended this group last year are welcome as well. The maximum number of attendees is 30.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Section II Child and Adolescent Discussion Group

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Moderator/Chair:

Jordan Bate, PhD

Presenter:

Michael Ryzner-Basiewicz, MA

Sylvie Wong, EdM

In this interactive discussion group, two graduate student therapists who are also Section II Division 39 scholars will present clinical material from cases with child and adolescent patients, and will be joined by two senior members of the field who will engage in discussion with them about the clinical process.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Sex on the Spectrum: A Discussion of How Autistic Capacity Can Inform Psychoanalytic Deficits

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenter:

Diana Moga, MD, PhD

Discussant:

Justin Shubert, PsyD, PhD

What does the psychoanalysis of autistic patients, or perhaps even an autistic psychoanalysis, offer for understanding forms of radical desire and embodiment? Autistics, as with many other populations, have historically been pathologized and dehumanized by psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice. In some ways, autism remains a still acceptable site to pathologize not only autistic individuals, but queerness and transness, under the guise of clinical expertise. Our presenters will explore how the autistic experience differs from the allistic (non-autistic) one when it comes to sex, gender, sensory processing and bodily pleasure, and how this difference has been misunderstood by psychoanalysis in general and the oedipal logics of sexual difference in particular.

10:30AM-12:15PM

Live Supervision

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Co-Chairs:

Carli Gurholt, PsyD

Rebecca Moussa, PsyD

Discussant:

Alicia MacDougall, PsyD

Allan Scholom, PhD

Presenters:

Nishi Ravi, MA

Bhupin Butaney, PhD

This interactive presentation will include a live supervisory experience in which a junior clinician will present a case to a senior clinician. A junior and senior discussant will offer their perspectives on the supervisory process before opening the floor to the audience.

10:30AM-12:15PM

Sexuality & Sex post sexual violence: how BDSM, kink, and sex can function as aftercare of the self

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenters:

helen DeVinney, PsyD

Laura Reid Harris, PsyD

Laura Bowles, PsyD

Presenter & Moderator:

Razzan Quran, MS, MPsy

Moderator:

Natalia Báez-Powell, PsyD

Clinicians who share a history of sexual violence will speak to confronting the shame induced from internalizing pathologizing theory and will use personal and clinical material to discuss how sexual practices and sexuality can be part of working through sexual violation. The panelists will explore how sex, bdsm, kink, scene play, and other forms of stigmatized ways of relating to one's body and engaging in sexual experience allow for psychological, somatic, and autonomic release, provide a platform for processing, and present an opportunity for changing narratives and constructing new meanings that decenter and integrate prior violations without denying them.

10:30AM-12:15PM

**Disciplining the Out of Control Body:
Fitting the Body in Psychoanalysis**

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenter:

Laura Westmoreland, LMFT, CST

Jamie Steele, LMFT

Molly Merson, LMFT

The historical apolitical stance of psychoanalysis has not only detached sex from clinical theory, but it has also absented subaltern bodies. This panel will explore the ways in which the intersectional identity (e.g., body shape and size, gender, race, sexuality, and physiological phenomena of menopause)

creates embodied experience, and highlight how bodies that do not fit into the cultural ideal are pathologized in clinical theory and practice. Three clinicians will interrogate cisheteronormative, capitalist, and anti-black beliefs about body size, diet culture, and physiological phenomena with regard to how these arise in clinical practice.

10:30AM-12:15PM

Psychoanalytic Subjects in Our Own Registers

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenters:

Maria Laguna, LCSW

Epsita Sandhu, MPhil

Kanika Mehrotra, PhD

Shiv Datt Sharma

Sex in the borderlands: Gloria Alzandúa's "Mestiza Consciousness" as a psychoanalytic tool: Chicana feminist thinker Gloria Anzaldúa coined the term 'mestiza consciousness' to describe the state of consciousness that emerges from the experiences of individuals inhabiting multiple intersecting identities, cultures, and worlds. Mestiza consciousness is not merely a construct relevant only to those with mixed ethnic backgrounds; rather, it is a state of mind characterized by a tolerance for contradictions and ambiguity—qualities indicative of someone existing within the 'borderlands' of socially constructed identity categories. This presentation proposes an application of Anzaldúa's 'mestiza consciousness' as a useful lens to understand and work with individuals whose sexual longings and gender expressions transcend normative spaces and resist classification. **"Love Jihad" and other public fantasies: India:** This paper examines a recent episode of right-wing sexual panic in India to offer a psycho-political reading of desire and its relationship to cultural fantasy. The presenter analyzes the public discourse surrounding the 2018 Bollywood film Padmaavat, paying attention to unlikely desires underlying the communal fantasy of 'love-jihad.' He draws upon a range of theories and scholarship, including psychoanalytic literature in India that addresses the intersections of sexuality, postcoloniality, communalism, and popular culture. Unpacking the film's relationship to public culture and historical memory through a psychosocial lens, this talk will demonstrate how unconscious fantasy and desire undermine the ideological purity and sexual puritanism of Hindutva politics. **Men, Men, Manly**

THURSDAY
APRIL 4, 2024

Men: This introductory case based presentation explores the psychosocial, cultural, political, and personal anxieties associated with heteronormative masculinity as brought to our respective consulting rooms in India and the US. Through two clinical cases, we deploy a decolonializing dialogue and social dreaming as means to work through the melancholia that informs and inhibits a collective imagination imbued with hegemonic powers and move together towards more authentic and generative ways of containing queer experience.

12:30PM-2:00PM

Scholars Program Lunch (By Invitation Only)

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOMS 8 & 9

A welcome lunch and award ceremony for the 2024-2025 recipients of the Scholars Program. We will be honoring scholars from the following committees and sections: Multicultural Concerns Committee, Sexualities and Gender Identities Committee, International Relations Committee, Graduate Student Committee, Early Career Professionals, Candidate Outreach, Research Committee, Section II Childhood and Adolescence, Section IV Local Chapters, and Section IX Psychoanalysis for Social Responsibility.

2:15PM-3:05PM

Borderline: The Biography of a Personality Disorder

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 2

Author:

Alexander Kriss, PhD

An open-ended discussion with Alexander Kriss, author of "Borderline: The Biography of a Personality Disorder," about the vicissitudes of diagnosis, medical authority, and the severing of personal and cultural histories.

2:15PM-3:05PM

Gender Without Identity

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenters:

Avgi Saketopoulou, PsyD

Co-presenter:

Ann Pellegrini, PhD

At a time of heightened attacks on LGBTQ+ people, and on trans youth especially, legislatively and within psychoanalysis, *Gender Without Identity* offers a recalibrated gender theory. Showing why clinicians need to relinquish the fiction of core gender identity, the book argues gender isn't something anyone is (trans, queer, or cis), but something one becomes. Trauma, in this model, doesn't distort a true core, but operates as a constitutive resource to gender's formation. Putting Laplanchean metapsychology into conversation with queer and trans studies, *Gender Without Identity* demonstrates that born-this-way narratives are not only simplistic, but actively destructive to trans and queer people.

2:15PM-3:05PM

Rapprochement Between Fathers and Sons: Situating Passion

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenter:

Louis Rothschild, PhD

Dennis Debiak, PsyD

Fathers received a rather cold conception in Freud's work and their role has been neglected in psychoanalytic theory. Here is a portrait of fatherhood where fathers are attuned to relational mutuality and intimacy as a source of flourishing. In this informal discussion, white bourgeois characters such as Max of *Where the Wild Things Are*, Huckleberry Finn, Peter Pan, and Frankenstein guide an understanding of sought and denied passions that include sexuality.

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2:15PM-3:05PM

**Case Formulation in Contemporary Psychotherapy -
Decoding the Preconscious Transactions**

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 5

Author:

Robert Mendelsohn, PhD

A professor's professor, Dr. Mendelsohn extends Theodor Reik's legacy and provides a contemporary psychoanalytic guide to case formulation and treatment planning that is at once practical and magical.

2:30 PM-3:45PM

**Couched Podcast, with Yin Q & Katie Gentile,
hosted by Ally Merchant & Romy Reading**

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 8

Presenters:

Ally Merchant, PhD

Romy Reading, PhD

Please join us to listen to and discuss the Season 5 premier of the Couched Podcast, featuring podcast hosts, Almas (Ally) Merchant and Romy Reading with special guests, Yin Q and Katie Gentile. The episode features a nuanced and engaging discussion of feminist perspectives on sex work advocacy, reproductive rights, and more.

Katie Gentile, Ph.D. is Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY) and the author of *Creating bodies: Eating disorders as self-destructive survival* and the 2017 Gradiva Award winning *The Business of being made: The temporalities of reproductive technologies, in psychoanalysis and cultures*. She is the main editor of the journal *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, on the faculty of New York University's Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis and the Critical Social Psychology program at the CUNY Graduate Center. Her current work focuses on psychoanalysis as a multispecies/object/environment proposal and the fetus as a fetish object. She is also an active violinist who has recorded, toured, and plays with a number of bands and an avid open-water swimmer. She is in private practice in New York City.

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Yin Q (b.1974, they/she) is a parent, writer, media producer, curator and core organizer with Red Canary Song and founding member of Kink Out. They were honored by Spike Lee as an impact activist in 2019 in his tribute to Jackie Robinson. Yin's writing has been published in BUST, Apogee Journal (Columbia University), We Too, Stories of Sex Work and Survival (The Feminist Press at CUNY, 2021), and Afro Asia (Duke University Press, 2008). Their media work includes "Mercy, Mistress," an autobiographical pilot based on their experience as a dominatrix (starring Daniel K. Issac, Poppy Liu; EP Margaret Cho), and Fly In Power, a documentary for Red Canary Song and the short video, Yang Song, Fly in Power.

Yin has brought sex worker art activations to Leslie Lohman Museum, MoMA PS1 (Resident Artist, 2020), Performance Space New York, Brown University (AAPI Resident Artist, 2023), and Storefront Gallery for Art & Architecture.

3:30PM-5:15PM

Technology and Psychoanalytic Research

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Chair:

Kevin B. Meehan, PhD

Co-Chair:

James Sexton, PhD

Presenters:

Katie Lewis, PhD, Caleb Siefert, PhD, Leora Trub, PhD

Discussant:

Todd Essig, PhD

While psychoanalysis has traditionally held technological advances at arms-length, the pandemic brought salience to technology's integration within our clinical work and daily lives. New research at the interface of technology and psychoanalysis will be presented. Dr. Leora Trub presents qualitative research on clinicians managing the intersection of digital technology and clinical practice. Dr. Caleb Siefert describes research developing an AI model for rating narrative data. Dr. Katie Lewis discusses using mobile technology to capture in vivo attachment experiences. Dr. Todd Essig discusses the implications for theory, practice, and research. Audience discussion reflects how technology has shaped clinical and empirical work.

3:30PM-5:15PM

Top/Bottom/Vers: Queering Clinician Self Conception

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenter:

Joey Dehais, MSW, LCSW
clara wagner, LCSW

As we try to understand our world and work in psychoanalytic ways, what would it look like to have more space for creation, evolution, and experimentation? Queerness creates categories while simultaneously breaking those frames to open the door to infinite possibility. What if clinicians could play with queer categories in a way that expands how they conceive of themselves in this work generally and within each dyad? This will include an extended period of audience participation via self-categorizing quiz and subsequent discussion.

3:30PM-5:15PM

Stolen Desire: The oppressive impact of the other on one's jouissance, sexual identity & belonging

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Presenters:

Maria Laguna, LCSW
Ruby Branson, LCSW
Nancy Roane, PhD, LSW

Moderator & Presenter:

Keshav Rai Goud

This roundtable aims to explore the impact of sexual oppression on identity development, belonging, and jouissance across cultures—from queer southerners in Texas to women in Indian middle-class households. To elucidate this theme, the panel will relate the psychoanalytic works of Laplanche, Lacan, Ogden, and Winnicott with their lived experiences, clinical vignettes, and media examples of hate crimes. The last segment of the discussion will be devoted to a process-oriented discussion with the audience sharing their reflections and here-and-now responses. Through this discussion, the audience will learn to apply psychoanalytic thinking to clinical work on gender and sexuality.

3:30PM-5:15PM

On Epistemic Injustice, Social Imagination and Mental Health

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 1 & 2

Norka Malberg, PsyD

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Norka Malberg is a practitioner scholar whose work extends our understanding of Mentalization Based Treatment beyond social context and towards conceptualizing mentalization as key to an array of social processes. With this underpinning, Malberg employs the concept of epistemic injustice to highlight common ways of conceiving mental health and illness that have adverse impacts on the treatment of people with mental illness, especially children and other vulnerable persons. Using a more radical developmental approach, as understood through the lens of a more inclusive psychoanalysis, she underscores how real and imagined factors dictate mental health care decisions worldwide.

3:30PM-5:15PM

Embodied Intimacies

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 1&2

Presenters:

Celeste Pietrusza, PhD

Jessica Bush, MA

Eric Taggart, PhD, LMFT

Opening the body crypt: Towards a queer, haptic erontology BDSM/kink practitioners, sex workers, and other related bodyworkers, while not typically also analytically-trained psychotherapists, often encounter, through touch, the effects of their clients' mourning or trauma. In this presentation, I share themes from research interviews with these individuals outside psychoanalysis to explore how touch may unlock, to use Abraham and Torok's language, melancholic crypts in the body, evoking affects and images where the signification of language previously failed. I read these interview themes through a queer, feminist and schizoanalytic lens to consider how what Carla Freccero calls somatized historical knowledge adds to psychoanalytic

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considerations of subjectization and fantasmatic change in a co-poetic ethic of responsiveness. **My Other Half: On Twinship Desire and Intimacy** Twin studies, which seek to disentangle genetic from environmental influences, pervade experimental psychology, yet disregard twin subjectivity. Some psychoanalytic theory attempts to address this lacuna, but there remains a dearth of contemporary literature foregrounding twins' lived experiences, particularly those concerning twin intimacy, desire, and sexual difference. Here, twin subjectivity will be highlighted via qualitative data from an original study, focusing on twin mirroring; overlapping/diverging gender identity; proximity/distance; and the self/other dialectic in identity development. Centering twinship offers a powerful pathway into psychoanalytic inquiry on intimacy, desire, and gender. Notably, the role of reflexivity will be addressed, as the author is a twin herself. **We All Miss Lauren Berlant: Sex, Attachment and the Inconvenience Drive** The widely read work of important scholars like Judith Butler and Lauren Berlant has installed 'attachment' as a critical form for social theory. What if we derived our social theory from scenes of ambivalence, asks Berlant, the scenes of attachment that are intimate, defined by desire, and overwhelming? Unfortunately, there remains remarkably little engagement with the empirical archive of attachment. Drawing on training in the Strange Situation Procedure (SSP) with Alan Sroufe, I read the empirical preoedipal scene as an aesthetic one for attachment researchers and reconsider the slippage between objects and obstacles in sex and attachment.

5:30PM-6:30PM

**Opening Ceremony/President's Address/
Announcement of Awards**

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Kirkland Vaughans, PhD, Founders Award
Elliot Jurist, PhD PhD, Leadership Award
Mary Kim Brewster, PhD, Diversity Award
Norka Malberg, PsyD, Scholarship Award
Kenneth Levy, PhD, Research Award

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Adolescent Depression and Suicidal Ideation During the Pandemic: The Influence of Quality of Parent-Child Relationships on Symptom Severity and Treatment Outcomes

Nandita Mathur

Kevin B. Meehan, PhD, Long Island University Brooklyn

Victor M. Fornari, MD, Cohen's Children's Medical Center

Vera Feuer, MD, Cohen's Children's Medical Center

Drew H. Barzman, MD, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Borderline Experience of Sadness

Gabrielle Riopel, MSc, Université de Montréal

Claudelle Houde-Labrecque, BSc, Université du Québec à Montréal

Julie Felipe, BSc, Université de Montréal

Serge Lecours, PhD, Université de Montréal

Characteristics of Veterans with Treatment-Resistant PTSD Referred to Trauma-Focused Psychodynamic Psychotherapy

Emily Villeneuve, MA, New York University

Siv H. Nilsson, MA, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System

Parker Liaw, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System

Barbara Milrod, MD, Montefiore Medical Center

Cory K. Chen, PhD, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System

Aliza Polkes, MS, New York University

Dream Interpretation in Contemporary Clinical Practice

Jonela Kolasi, MA, Adelphi University

Dynamic Interpersonal Therapy Benefits for Male Veterans with PTSD, Depression and Anxiety

Morgan G. Rosen

Talia C. Levin, Department of Veteran Affairs, New York Harbor Campus

Jessica Esposito, PhD, Department of Veteran Affairs, New York Harbor Campus, NYU Langone School of Medicine

Cory K. Chen, PhD, Department of Veteran Affairs, New York Harbor Campus, NYU Langone School of Medicine, Long Island University - Brooklyn Campus, Department of Psychology

Interpersonal Frustrations and Suicidality in College Students

Rina Goldstein, Long Island University

Katie C. Lewis, PhD, Erikson Institute for Education and Research, Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, MA

Nicole M. Cain, PhD, Department of Clinical Psychology, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

Kevin B. Meehan, PhD, Social Cognition and Personality Lab, PhD Program in Clinical Psychology, LIU - Brooklyn, NY

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Maternal Childhood Adversity (ACE), Maternal Adulthood Distress in Close Relationships with Parents (ECR), and Infant Social-Emotional Outcomes (BITSEA)

Pau Ortells Faci, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Georgios Dougalis, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Emily Grella, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Deborah Riskin, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Maria Javier, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Sang Hang Lee, Ph.D., Nathan Kline Institute
Beatrice Beebe, Ph.D., Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Cassidy Iervasi, MA, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Wenbo Zhang, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Allia Jahanabin, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Ismenia Ginebra, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Drishti Kalia, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Kristel Estrella, MS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Ziyi Guo, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Ellis Feldman, BA, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Ömercan Erol, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Elli Dassopoulos, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Delaney Simchuk, BA, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Ante Dany, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Jingqian Wei, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Aurora Parks, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute
Jessie Wang, BS, Columbia Irving Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute

Predicting Empathic Ability and Post-Traumatic Growth Among Anxiously Attached Therapists: A Moderated Mediation Examining the Role of Self-Differentiation

Mia Silvan-Grau, Long Island University
Lisa Samstag, Ph.D., Long Island University

The effects of fearful vs. dismissive avoidance on relationship satisfaction in gay and lesbian individuals: early maladaptive schemas as a mediating factor

Margarita Georgitseas
Lisa Samstag, Ph.D., Long Island University

The Effects of Parental Overprotection, Internal Locus of Control, and Ethnicity on Interpersonal Problems


Audrey Mason
Sara Haden, Ph.D., Long Island University – Brooklyn

The Impact of Anacletic and Introjective Personality Dimensions on the Relationship between Romantic Conflict and Suicidal Ideation in Adults

Kayla Weinstein
Hyungji Kim, M.A., Long Island University- Brooklyn
Kevin B. Meehan, Ph.D., Long Island University- Brooklyn

The Relationship Between Secondary Traumatic Stress and Mentalization Affectivity Among Professionals Who Serve Survivors of Torture

Simge Huyal Genco
Elliot L. Jurist, Ph.D., Ph.D., Department of Psychology, The City College of New York
Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith, PhD, Department of Psychology, The City College of New York



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Therapist's countertransference experience and alexithymia-an explorative study
Julie Felipe, University of Montreal

Gabrielle Riopel, MSc, University of Montreal
Serge Lecours, PhD, University of Montreal

The Effectiveness of Communication Skills Using Transactional Analysis (TA) on the Dimensions of Marital Intimacy: An Experimental Study

Mehravar Javid, Ph.D, Postdoctoral Clinical Fellow The Center Clinic The George Washington University Professional Psychology Program
Kainaz Patravala,BA, Psy.D. Candidate, Clinical Psychology Professional Psychology Program The George Washington University
Sarvenaz Taridashti, MA, PhD Student in Industrial & Organizational Psychology Montclair State University
Joe Dorer, MA, Psy.D. Candidate, Clinical Psychology Professional Psychology Program The George Washington University

Building Trust in the Therapeutic Relationship: A Journey Unveiling Sexual Trauma, Sexual Identity, and Emotional Vulnerability

Mehravar Javid, Ph.D, Postdoctoral Clinical Fellow The Center Clinic The George Washington University Professional Psychology Program
Eliana Chapman, M.Psy. Doctoral Candidate in Professional Psychology Columbian College of Arts and Sciences George Washington University
Paul M. Gedo, PH.D, The George Washington University

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8:00 AM-5:00 PM

**American Board of Academy of Psychoanalytic
and Psychodynamic Psychology Board Meeting**

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 9

8:30AM-10:15AM

Wet Dreams: Leaky Desire and Object Alterities

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 1 & 2

Presenters:

Grace Ballard, MA, LPC, CST

Nicholas DiCarlo, LCSW

Katherine Friedman, LPC, LMHC, CST

Rena Yehuda Newman

This program presents work featuring several dimensions of leaking as erotic. Leaking can signal unspoken, unconscious material used to dream undreamt dreams. For queer and racialized subalterns living in the shadows and margins of colonial logics, such leaking can be dangerous, yet provide meaningful, conscious articulations of self and embodiment. This panel is a leaky hodgepodge facilitated by a social worker that features two psychoanalytic sex therapists and a smut magazine editor that invites participation, disclosure, and skepticism of prevailing notions of containment.

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8:30AM-10:15AM

Corpus & its parts: sex, spatiality, and corporality from Palestine

POTOMAC 3

Presenters:

Fida Elian, MS

Presenter & Moderator:

Razzan Quran, MS, MPsy

The subversive push-back by subjects caught in the wires of coloniality, is important to elucidate and learn from. This panel intends to explore aspects of corporality and metaphysical catastrophe as they relate to systems of domination, by visiting the body and its symbiosis with love, sex, and spirituality. Three papers titled "To Speak of Sex, Initiate the Body," "Relations of Love in the Palestinian Context," and "The Body in Sufi Psychoanalysis: Palestinian Political Prisoners & their Use of Willful Defiance" will consider case material gleaned and substantiated by working in Palestine, and/or psychoanalytic practice conducted by Palestinian therapists.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Inter-Racial Sexuality

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenters:

Carter Carter, PhD, LICSW

Chris Burner, MSW, MDIV, LCSW

Annie Lee Jones, PhD

We open up a challenging conversation between ourselves and our audience addressing the phantastic hopes and fears concerning inter-racial sex. Fanon addresses the sociogenically inflected affective dimensions of such experiences, both subjective and relational. He sees these including feelings of inferiority, insecurity, and self-defeating thinking and action. We open up and invite each other and our audience to further consider these effects in our personal, clinical, and political experiences.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Beyond Sex Positivity: What Must the Therapist Confront in Order to Be Both Inclusive and Subversive

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Respondent:

Lara Sheehi, PsyD
helen DeVinney, PsyD
Laura Bowles, PsyD
Geoffrey Hervey, MEd
Divya Babbar, PsyD

Moderator:

Natalia Báez-Powell, PsyD

Sex positivity sounds expansive and inclusive -- but which folks and what practices receive affirmation? In this invited roundtable, clinicians will engage in a conversation with one another and conference participants, to challenge and expand what bodies and embodiments of sexual practice are imagined, seen, and affirmed when a therapist identifies as "sex positive." Panelists will focus on how in order for clinicians to locate, center and affirm those specific bodies and sexual practices that are often unconsciously (and intentionally) obscured, pushed to the margin, and pathologized, therapists must often dismantle systems within themselves that may thwart their ability to create the intended affirming space.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Queering Psychoanalytic Spaces: Bringing Identity into Institutes, Supervision, and Analysis

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Chair:

Jourdan M Porter, PsyD, MEd

Presenters:

David Oscar Harvey, LCSW
Lenni Marcus, LCSW

Collectively, we will reflect on and turn over psychoanalysis's simultaneous erasure of and obsession with sex(uality) and its impossible task of mastering self-containment (contrary to self-disclosure) within the relational field.

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Drawing on our experiences as clinicians, candidates, and people, we plan to reckon with how psychoanalysis's insistence on clinicians' fragmentation of self and disavowal of sexuality and identity precludes knowledge production and connectedness with each other. Together, we will imagine being held in mind as queer analysts - never tokenized, forgotten, or misunderstood by psychoanalysis - and what it would look like for our field to be able to hold us. We also honor each queer analyst who did not choose formal training who are analysts nonetheless.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Sex, Sexuality, and The Sexual: Putting Laplanche to Work Clinically

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Presenters:

Bryan Batista, LCSW

Elaine Zickler, PhD, LCSW

Sam Guzzardi, LCSW

Romy Reading, PhD

Sex and sexuality have historically been cornerstones of psychoanalytic thinking, as well as the cloak under which oppressive, normative forces have traveled through the field. In this roundtable discussion, we consider the role of the theorizing of Jean Laplanche in, on the one hand, preserving the aliveness sex brings to theory and practice while, on the other hand, keeping our thinking about sex from falling into normative, staid, and problematic patterns. After presenting a succinct introduction to Laplanche's theory of the drive, as well as a brief clinical snapshot, ample time will be allotted for conversation with audience members about the analysis in which sex, sexuality, and "The Sexual" are central forces in both the patient's relation to the social and the analyst.

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10:30AM-12:15PM

Sadisms: The Risk and the Ruse

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 1 & 2

Presenter:

Avgi Saketopoulou, PsyD

Moderator:

Jessica Chavez, PhD



This presentation wants to make words do things they don't want to do: to think of sadism as an odd form of care whose potential issues precisely from the inseparability of the violent from the erotic, and of repair as a dodge of what is most urgent and alive in us, and therefore, also, as a fiction that works to contract the possibility of resistance in us. Picking up where her book *Sexuality Beyond Consent* left off, Avgi Saketopoulou suggests that exigent sadism, perhaps more so than any other psychic force, may forge meaningful encounters with the irreparable in us.

12:30PM-1:30PM

Graduate Student Q&A with Avgi Saketopoulou

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenter:

Avgi Saketopoulou, PsyD

Graduate students are invited to attend this special Q&A session with our keynote speaker Avgi Saketopoulou.

2:15PM-4:00PM

Immorally Legitimate: The Seductive Influence of Power

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Panelists:

Vuthy Ou, PsyD, Travis Marchman, BA, Kelsey Milano, MA

Co-Chairs:

Thandika Brown, PsyD, Michael Strupp-Levitsky, PhD

Drawing primarily on the panelists' personal experiences, we ponder: How does one find oneself colluding with institutional power and exercising it in ways that contradict one's own values? How does the defense of this power become personal? When we collude with power, what is being affirmed and defended against? How can we know if our power, or the power, or the institution is even legitimate? Can power ever even be legitimate? Through an analysis of Weiner's work on the disavowal of political economy (2019) and Saketoupolou's work on limit consent and traumatophilia (2021), we consider psychoanalytic leadership.

2:15PM-4:00PM

No Sex Needed: Queer Families Coming to Be

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 3

Chair:

Brian Brown, PsyD

Presenters:

Kori Bennett, PsyD

Mamta Dadlani, PhD

Elizabeth Clark, PsyD

Sara Ghalaini, MSW, LICSW

Five analytic practitioners, parenting young children within queer families, come together to think and play as they wrestle to work within the theories they live outside and the systems they must live through. As queer, bi, trans, and persons of color, these individuals were forced to navigate complex governmental, medical, and legal systems on their quest to become parents; systems designed for straight, cis, white people. Panelists will engage with Freudian and British Object Relations theories of early development and maternal identity, challenging them from a queer, feminist-relational, and anti-racist perspective. Informed by clinical practice and lived experience, these panelists will share clinical and personal anecdotes on queer parenting.

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2:15PM-4:00PM

Does Post-traumatic Growth Really Make Space for Sexual Jouissance?

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenter:

Rachel Fenton, PsyD

Laura Reid Harris, PsyD

Moderator:

Natalia Báez-Powell, PsyD

This panel seeks to weave together Saketopoulou's (2022) "traumatophilia" with the idea of post-traumatic growth (PTG), thereby welcoming sexual liberation and jouissance into the arena of PTG. In so doing, we will also confront the myth of hypersexuality, a pathologizing and ill-defined concept that, while struggling to gain acceptance in the psychological community (e.g., Ciocca et al., 2018; Kingston, 2018), nevertheless persists in the medical field (e.g., WHO, 2018). Join a yogi and reiki practitioner as they weave psychoanalysis, clinical research, and offerings of sacred sexuality together for greater liberation.

2:15PM-4:00PM

YOU BETTER WERK!: The (Sexual) Labors of Psychoanalysis

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenters:

Benjamin Fife, PsyD

Nicholas DiCarlo, LCSW,

Gregory Gabrellas, MD, MA

Carter Carter, PhD, LICSW

Jamie Daniels, PhD, LICSW

Moderators:

Jessica Chavez, PhD, Jessica Joseph, PhD

In this roundtable, we will consider psychoanalysis from a diverse array of labor-focused perspectives. We will reflect on psychoanalysis as a form of wage work; what psychoanalysis has to share with labor movements; and what psychoanalysis can and should learn from labor movements. We will grapple with how racialized/gendered violence/exploitation organize psychoanalytic labor, which forms of labor we dis(as)sociate ourselves from (i.e., sex work), as well as how withholding labor as a form of resistance is weaponized as "abandoning" the patient.

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2:15PM-4:00PM

The Place of Sex in Our Theory

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 1 & 2

Presenter:

Gila Ashtor, PhD

Dennis Plant, PhD

The New Erotophobia: Sex is at the forefront of contemporary efforts to radicalize psychoanalysis. Owing in part to frustration with the normativization of clinical practice, as well as apprehension about the neoliberal weaponization of therapeutic concepts, today's clinicians are increasingly restless for new directions in psychoanalytic theory. If sex seems like such a promising path to radical praxis, it is because of the enduring antagonism between wellness and sexuality, self-centeredness and genuine Otherness. And yet, while the interest in sex proliferates, it becomes crucial to ask what exactly constitutes sexuality's radicalism? Is sexuality fundamentally anti-normative, and if so, why? **Sex and the Disruption of Psychic Coherence:** Using Laplanche, Lacanian, post-Lacanian theory as well as film and music videos, this paper will focus on the disruptive nature sexuality presents in forming and maintaining a coherent psychological identity and social existence. Using Lacan's concept of the mirror stage of development as a launching point for understanding the human need for internal coherence for intrapsychic and interpersonal stability, this paper aims to illuminate the role sexuality has to disrupt our self-concept and our place within the social field. While disruptive, it will be argued that sexuality can play a key role in animating human creativity and generativity.

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Beyond the Erotic: Out of the Head and into the Body

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Presenters:

Brian Gibney

Keeley Shoup

Amy Weissfeld

Within the therapeutic world, the use of hands-on work is controversial, if not strictly forbidden. Still, a growing body of research asserts that touch is an essential part of human existence and powerful agent in therapeutic treatment. How can clinicians honor their ethical boundaries, yet still provide touch-based interventions? For many, the use of a Somatic Sexuality Professionals provides a unique, embodied, and beneficial compliment to psychoanalysis. In this discussion, panelists describe three touch modalities: professional cuddling, somatic sex education/sexological bodywork, and surrogate partner therapy. Additionally, attendees will be invited to discuss legality, ethics, and modes of collaboration with panelists.

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4:30PM-6:15PM

**The Nation's Dave Zirin and a few shrinks
talking sex, sports politics, and psychoanalysis**

POTOMAC 1 & 2

Presenters:

Joseph Reynoso, PhD

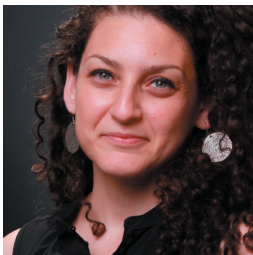
Dave Zirin, BA

Chair:

Monique Bowen, PhD

Respondent:

Lara Sheehi, PsyD



Renowned sports journalist/activist Dave Zirin will converse with psychoanalytic clinicians of divergent theoretical orientations in a wide-ranging discussion traversing the fields of sex, gender, sports, and politics. The interlocutors will dialectically confront how psychoanalysis adds to understanding sports in the contemporary world and what an engagement with sports offers to psychoanalytic theory and practice. The participants will explore such concepts as unconscious fantasy, aggression, jouissance, desire, drive, the body, and pleasure in the arena of sports fandom and participation. Considerations of race/class/capital will frame implications for clinical work (including with athletes), psychoanalytic teaching, and socio-political interventions.

6:30PM-7:30PM

**Graduate Student Q&A with Dave Zirin,
Monique Bowen, Joseph Reynoso,
and Lara Sheehi**

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenters:

Joseph Reynoso, PhD

Dave Zirin, BA

Respondent:

Lara Sheehi, PsyD

Chair:

Monique Bowen, PhD

Graduate students are invited to attend this special Q&A session with our keynote speakers Dave Zirin, Monique Bowen, Joseph Reynoso, and Lara Sheehi.

SATURDAY
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8:30AM-10:15AM

Disruptive Sexuality: Resisting Regulation and Inviting Transformation for Patients and the Field

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenters:

Sam Guzzardi, LCSW

Romy Reading, PhD

Disrupting Persistent Psychoanalytic Legacies of Harm to LGBTQ+ Individuals: Hope for Psychosexuality In allegiance with rising efforts to demand psychoanalysis engage in increasing self-reflexivity, this paper will interrogate our history and examine the psychic AND social forces that underly historic and ongoing discrimination and harm inflicted upon LGBTQ+ individuals. The paper will extend Laplanche's proposition that the psychoanalytic discovery of psychosexuality has elicited profound anxiety, producing brittle reactions aimed at quelling this disturbance, as well as draw on Adorno's conceptualization of authoritarianism as a self-propagating force that leads to conformity, constriction, and stagnation. The paper will explore how these social and psychic processes work to produce rigid discourses, hindering the liberatory potential of psychoanalytic thought on sexuality and desire. **"Fucking Free": Sexual Pleasure and Psychoanalytic Liberation** **What does sexual pleasure have to do with analytic work?** In this extended case presentation, I describe work with a gay, Mexican American man living with HIV and recovering from addiction to crystal meth who describes his life as "imprisoned" by both intersectional oppressions and relational dynamics. I then detail his description of an unimaginably pleasurable sexual encounter after which he felt "finally fucking free." A clinical moment that left both me and the patient ecstatic, teary, and productively disturbed, literature from theorists in and outside psychoanalysis will be explored in consideration of the role of sexual pleasure in analytic work and change processes.

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8:30AM-10:15AM

We do not need to be rescued

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Chair and Presenter:

Almas (Ally) Merchant, PhD

Presenter & Moderator:

Razzan Quran, MS, MPsy

Presenters:

Sodah Minty, PsyD

Murad Khan, MD

Sara Ghalaini, MSW, LICSW

Five distinct papers from Muslim identified psychoanalytic clinicians, differing in their voice and theoretical construct, and converging around the common experience of Islamophobia for those who do not fit into a cis-male heuristic, and interpolated as an object of a rescue fantasy. Often, a missionary mentality permeates white spaces in general and specifically psychoanalytic spaces that claim “neutrality,” placing a transactional demand on brown bodies. These papers will speak to the double consciousness that becomes necessary to occupy in order to provide effective therapy with cultural humility to others who share their Muslim background.

8:30AM-10:15AM

**Bridging the Divide: Psychoanalysis, Sexology,
and the Imperative for Understanding Human Sexuality**

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenters:

Justin Garcia, PhD

Christopher Walling, PsyD, MBA, FABP

This discussion will delve into the historical conflicts that have often divided psychoanalysis and sexology. These tensions, while important in the development of our disciplines, have sometimes hindered the progress of understanding human sexuality. The roundtable will address the recent state legislative challenges faced by sexual research institutions, such as the prohibition of state funds for Indiana University's sexual research institution. These challenges highlight the vulnerability of sexual knowledge production in the current climate and underscore the importance of a united front in defending our work.

8:30AM-10:15AM

**Towards Radical Openness:
Facing the impact of war in Israel-Palestine**

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenters:

Ben Greenberg, PsyD

Orna Guralnik, PsyD

Anton Hart, PhD

Karim Dajani, PsyD

This roundtable discussion considers the dividing line where the capacity to think collapses, where openness turns to closure. We ask: What is this hard limit each of us face as individuals and collectives? What sacrifices are we willing or unwilling to make in recognizing the legitimacy of the "other"? What analytic tools can be applied to widen our lens and deepen our capacities to make links in places where we typically turn away?

8:30AM-10:15AM

Whose Desire is it to Terminate Anyway: Treatment Endings and Transformations in the Training Clinic

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Presenters:

Celeste Pietrusza, PhD, Jessica Bush, MA, Xiqiao Chen, MA

When considering termination in psychoanalysis, we must ask, whose desire is it to terminate? With neoliberalism infiltrating clinical spaces, and rising pressure to provide brief treatment, organic and mutually-determined ends are often foreclosed, especially during clinical training. As trainees, we hold the tension between limitation and opportunity of this reality, as abrupt endings are disruptive yet generative. Through theoretical reflections and training cases, we demonstrate that connection and loss are intensified by shared lack of agency in the decision to terminate. It is precisely from this location that desire emerges and mobilizes something new. Permutations of desire amidst endings will be explored from Freudian, Lacanian, and other angles, both from our experiences as trainee therapists and as patients ourselves.

8:30AM-10:15AM

Adolescent Responses to Questions about Sex and Relationships on the STIPO-A

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 5

Discussant:

William Jock, PhD

Presenters:

Samantha Bryk, Danielle Lefkowitz, MA, Colleen Doyle, MA, Hayley Maisel, MA

Moderator:

Jordan Bate, PhD

This panel will explore narratives pertaining to sexuality and romantic relationships provided by adolescents who completed Kernberg's Structured Interview of Personality Development for Adolescents (STIPO-A) as part of a study of personality development. Discussion will include thinking critically about assessment in the clinical process, as well as the role of psychoanalytically informed research in our field.

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**In Conversation: Da'Shaun L. Harrison
& Joy James**

Credits Earned: 1.75

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Presenters:

Joy James, PhD, Da'Shaun L. Harrison

Moderator:

Jessica Joseph, PhD



Da'Shaun Harrison is a trans theorist and Southern-born and bred abolitionist in Atlanta, GA. They are the author of *Belly of the Beast: The Politics of Anti-Fatness as Anti-Blackness*, which won the 2022 Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Nonfiction and several other media/literary honors. Joy James is Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Humanities at Williams College. Her most recent book is *In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love: Precarity, Power, Communities*, and she is the author of *Resisting State Violence, Shadowboxing: Representations of Black Feminist Politics, Transcending the Talented Tenth, and Seeking the Beloved Community: A Feminist Race Reader*.

12:30PM-1:30PM

Graduate Student Q&A with Da'Shaun Harrison and Joy James

MEETING ROOM 2

Da'Shaun L. Harrison

Joy James, PhD

Graduate students are invited to attend this special Q&A session with Da'Shaun Harrison and Joy James.

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**Blighted Phenomena: Learning to Work
With the Dark**

Credits Earned: 1.0

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Karen Tocatly, MPhil

Elliot Jurist, PhD

2023 STEPHEN MITCHELL AWARD: Blighted phenomena are understood as derivatives of dark, lonely, injured experiences — those that are often difficult to put into words. These phenomena can manifest in innumerable configurations in patients' presentations and in the specificity of their developmental struggles and language. The present paper aims to describe ways of working with the darkness of blighted experience, through three case studies. These vignettes are interwoven with temporally encountered theoretical concepts and language research informing their approach in order to create an example of the kaleidoscopic, multi-directional ways dyadic encounters, theory, and research in training can inform one another and continue to expand approaches to patients' feelings of darkness.

2:15PM-4:00PM

**“A little whiteness in our lives” —
A Conversation about Multiracial Partnerships**

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenter/Chair:

Leilani Salvo Crane, PsyD

Presenters:

Sodah Minty, PsyD

Mary Kim Brewster, PhD

Yin J. Li, MA, LMFT

In this roundtable discussion, psychoanalytically oriented therapists identifying as BIPOC will discuss Fanon's essays, “The Woman of Color and the Black Man” and “The Man of Color and the White Woman.” Panelists will discuss sex beyond the racial divide, confronting the tensions, fears, and taboos that besiege interracial, giving lie to the fantasy of post-racial color-

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blindness. Taking material from experiences of being in partnership with a white person, as well as from clinical work, panelists will reflect on how relational dynamics around race and power may manifest within the couple as unconscious pulls to maintain--and subvert--white dominant norms.

2:15PM-4:00PM

Products of Conception: Abortion, FemTech, and Fetal Fetish

Credits Earned: 1.75

MEETING ROOM 3

Presenter:

Ashley Teodorson, PFS

Co-Chair:

Heather MacGibbon, LCSW

Presenter and Chair:

Katie Gentile, PhD

This panel centers psychoanalytic theory and practice as unique spaces to interrogate the weaponization of not just desire, but sex, by criminalizing pregnancy and abortion. We contend the fetish functions of the fetus and surveillance over gestating bodies operates as a defensive strategy to disavow realities and responsibilities of climate crisis and other threats to CIS-gender, heteropatriarchal, white settler-colonial futures. This panel details ways in which technologies are being deployed to influence the behaviors of bodies with uteruses and render them subject to criminal charges. Clinical examples will illustrate the importance of psychoanalysis to resist and fight these attacks.

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Crossing the Divide: Clinical Work, Psychoanalytic Research, and Its Relevance to One Another

Credits Earned: 1.75

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Kenneth Levy, PhD

2024 RESEARCH AWARD: Kenneth Levy will present on contemporary psychodynamic psychotherapy research toward the understanding and treatment of personality disorders. Attention will be paid to attachment and object relations theories and to contemporary diagnostic approaches. This intermediate presentation will encompass a 25-year program of research, integrating these areas to examine the efficacy and therapeutic action in transference-focused psychotherapy. Implications of these findings will be discussed in terms of psychoanalytic theory and training, as well as the place of psychoanalysis within academia, science, and contemporary practice. Levy will use a slide presentation, offer extemporaneous reflections, and engage audience members in a limited fashion in pursuit of learning objectives.

4:30PM-5:30PM

Belonging Through a Psychoanalytic Lens

Credits Earned: 0

MEETING ROOM 2

Presenter:

Rebecca Curtis, PhD

The need to belong took on a new meaning during the isolation imposed by the coronavirus. The extent to which we rely on contact, especially physically, with others for our psychological well-being became more apparent. The emphasis on belonging leads to a long overdue focus in psychoanalysis. Psychoanalytic theory, since its inception, has focused largely on individuals, in spite of Freud's concerns with civilizations. This deficit has continued in contemporary relational psychoanalysis, although culture itself did receive considerable attention from one of its forebears, Interpersonal Psychoanalysis. Discussion will invite examining views of the self from those that are "hyperindividualistic" to views of selves sharing a place in a much wider universe.

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Phallogocentrism and Beyond

Credits Earned: 1.0

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Presenters:

Chaim Rochester, MA

Jess Dunn, PhD

Covens and Cloisters: The Erotics of Destruction in Sappho-sociality: In recent years, the popularity of shows that highlight the destructive potential unleashed when groups of girls are removed from the 'social order,' seems to indicate a fascination (and horror) with this potential. In this paper, the presenter uses the Sappho-social contexts of covens and cloisters as represented in the films *Suspiria* (1977 and 2018), *The Craft* (1996), and *Braid* (2018) as well as her own experiences in an all-girls Catholic high school to explore the 'erotics of destruction' that lie outside of bounds of the patriarchy and, even, the human. **Big dick energy: Phallic obsession and the (de)formation of the male psyche:** At a moment when the phenomenon of the "dick pic" is a cultural norm, tropes about overcompensation are ubiquitous, and the world's richest man publicly challenged a billionaire adversary to a "literal dick measuring contest", this work examines such displays of phallic obsession as acts of melancholic internalization which give rise to the pain, precarity, and alienation that form and deform the male psyche's relationship to identity, sensuality, and connection under heteronormative patriarchy.

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The Body in Development

Credits Earned: 1.0

MEETING ROOM 4

Presenters:

Kelisha Gardeen

Daniel Gensler, PhD

Menstruation & Identity: An Exploration of the Menstrual Self as the Disavowed Feminine: The presentation of this qualitative study will begin with a brief dive into the literature related to the phenomenon, particularly as it

relates to menstruation across history and culture, the physiology of menstruation, and menstruation and psychology. The researcher will then break down methodology and procedures of the study, followed by results and discussion of the data. **Castration anxiety, genital defects, surgery and its alternatives: the example of hypospadias:** Castration anxiety is reformulated to include anxiety subsequent to trauma due to surgery for “repair” of hypospadias, a congenital anomaly of the penis. This is in support of a return to Freud’s trauma theory before he turned to infantile sexual fantasy, the trauma of lifelong negative consequences of early surgery for moderate to severe hypospadias. Psychoanalysts can be more helpful to parents, partners and men facing decisions about re-surgery once they are aware of the actual record of debilitating side effects and multiple repeated surgeries over a man’s lifetime. Support is offered for alternatives to surgery, in the form of acceptance of nonbinary masculine body image, once binary images of appropriate masculine bodies are examined along with the shame and anxiety involved.

4:30PM-6:15PM

Feeling the Fucking Fantasy: Drag as a Pathway to Queer Sexual Liberation

Credits Earned: 1.75

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Presenter:

Geoffrey Hervey, MEd

John Stitt, MPsy

Writers John Stitt (They/He) and Geoffrey Hervey (They/Them) are both PsyD. students at George Washington University’s Professional Psychology Program for Clinical Psychology. As scholars and drag artists, they aim to delineate the psychoanalytic underpinnings of drag as it relates to sex, sexuality, and gender. Their scope is to identify ways that drag is psychically liberating for sexual and gender stigma as well as ways in which said stigma is activated or reinforced. A drag performance to follow the presentation - cash tips optional but greatly appreciated.

4:30PM-6:15PM

Sex, Harm, and Trauma

Credits Earned: 1.75

POTOMAC 3

Presenters:

Greta Carlson, PsyD

Shaifila Ladhani, MA

Alicia Chatterjee, MEd, MSW, LSW

When Utopia Becomes a Minefield: Treating Sexual Challenges in Highly Dissociative Patients: This paper will consider how pleasurable, playful, and creative sexual experiences in adulthood can become powerfully overshadowed by a history of severe and sadistic sexual abuse in childhood through a case presentation of a non-binary patient with Dissociative Identity Disorder who yearned for, hated, and feared a sexual relationship with their male partner. The paper will consider how myriad dangerous sadistic internal “characters” colored their experience of sex with their long-term partner as shameful, humiliating, and terrifying, and how working directly with traumatized and disoriented self-states in therapy to discern the granular differences between the past and the present and allowed the patient to experience safety, security, and spontaneity during sex with their partner. **Desirable concepts: probing the limits of trauma and the radical:** What is “trauma’s” role in the liberatory? Trauma, whose disavowed Freudian origins live at the intersection of sex and violence, resurged into the cultural imaginary as a tool of radical potential. However, many of the applications of the concept in contemporary clinical thinking demonstrate complicated political commitments. This paper asserts that the critical re-examination of this valued and outright popular concept is a necessary task for imagining new conceptualizations that may better serve its liberatory aims. We will linger on trauma’s intellectual history to ask ourselves if, when we talk about trauma, we really know that to which we refer. **Voyeurism and Psychoanalysis: Unveiling Perversion and the Objectification of Marginalized Women’s Bodies:** Recently, in a caste-based protest in India, a video of two young women being paraded around town naked was distributed to protesters as a threat to the other community. Marginalised

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bodies have always been held captive in the politics of power. This is a discussion on voyeurism, psychoanalysis, and the objectification of marginalised bodies. We aim to explore its voyeuristic roots, its use as a tool of torture and control, and its intersection with digital media and gender dynamics. Let's confront how voyeurism dehumanises desires and bodies and its impact on society. We will discuss ethical considerations to dismantle oppressive ideologies and empower marginalised voices in both clinical and societal contexts. Together, we'll unveil paths for resisting violence and advocating for change.

Section & Committee Meetings and Receptions

Thursday, April 4: 4:00-5:45PM

MEETING ROOM 9 - Candidate Outreach Committee

Friday, April 5: 9:00-11:00AM

MEETING ROOM 8 - Section IX Meeting

Friday, April 5: 12:00-2:00PM

MEETING ROOM 8 - Section I Board Meeting

Friday, April 5: 6:30-7:30PM

MEETING ROOM 5 - Section II, Section IX, Multicultural Concerns Committee

Friday, April 5: 7:30-8:30PM

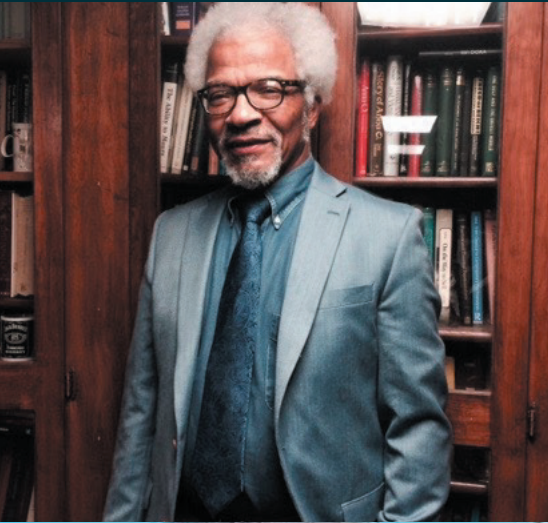
MEETING ROOM 3 - Presidential

Section I & Candidates Committee Reception

Saturday, April 6: 8:30-10:15AM

MEETING ROOM 8 - Education and Training Committee

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Kirkland C. Vaughans, Ph.D. is first editor of the two-volume book, *The Psychology of Black Boys and Adolescents*, he has published and presented on the intergenerational trauma among African Americans and topics affecting children of color, specifically Black male youth. Dr. Vaughans is senior adjunct professor of psychology at the Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi University and Director of its Postgraduate Program in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, clinical supervisor at the National Institute for Psychotherapies, visiting faculty and Honorary Member at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR). A retired school psychologist and former Regional Director of the New Hope Guild Centers of Brooklyn, he is an active member of the Research Council of the New York City Young men's Initiative and the chairman of the board for The Harlem Family Institute: a Multicultural Psychoanalytic Training Institute. He holds a Certificate of Specialization in Clinical Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis from the Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis at New York University. Dr. Vaughans offers individual and group psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults.



Mary Kim Brewster, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist, the Director of the Serious Mental Illness and the Family Project, and former faculty member, of the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York. Her publications, and national and international presentations, address the impact of a serious mental illness on family well-being, clinical processes in systemic-relational therapy, and the effects of racial and gender marginalization, exclusion, and violence on couple and family relationships. Her current clinical research and writing focuses on the subjective experiences of Asian Americans in psychodynamic psychotherapy. Dr. Brewster supervises the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at the City University of New York and has a private practice specializing in individuals, couples, and families.



Elliot Jurist, Ph.D., Ph.D. is Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at the Graduate Center and The City College of New York, CUNY. From 2004-2013, he served as the Director of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at CUNY. From 2008-2018, he was the Editor of *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, the journal of Division 39 of the APA. He is also the editor of a book series, *Psychoanalysis and Psychological Science*, from Guilford Publications, and author of a book in the series, *Minding Emotions: Cultivating Mentalization in Psychotherapy*, from the same publisher (the book has been translated into Italian, Chinese and Spanish, and was named best theoretical book in 2019 by the American Board and Academy of Psychoanalysis). He is the author of *Beyond Hegel and Nietzsche: Philosophy, Culture and Agency* (MIT Press, 2000) and co-author with Peter Fonagy, George Gergely and Mary Target of *Affect Regulation, Mentalization and the Development of the Self* (Other Press, 2002), the latter of which has been translated into five languages and won two book prizes. He is also the co-editor of *Mind to Mind: Infant Research, Neuroscience, and Psychoanalysis* (Other Press, 2008). His research interests concern mentalization and the role of emotions and emotion regulation in psychotherapy. In 2014, he received the Scholarship Award from Division 39 of the APA. More recently, he is co-author with Norka Malberg, Jordan Bate and Mark Dangerfield of *Working with Parents Across the Lifespan: A Mentalization-Informed Approach* (APA Publications, 2023) and a forthcoming book, *Indulgences: Memoir & Therapy*. Along with his wife and two children, he lives with two ancient, insubordinate dachshunds, one of whom has the capacity to smile.

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Norka T. Malberg, PsyD. Clinical and Developmental Psychologist. Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychoanalyst (Full Member of International Psychoanalytic Association). She is Assistant Clinical Professor, Yale Child Study Center, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA, and Professor, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain.

Malberg obtained her doctorate from University College London for her work in development of Mentalization Based groups with Chronically Ill Adolescents. She holds post graduate degrees from Harvard University, University College London, and Florida International University. She is a graduate of the Anna Freud Centre where she trained as a child and adolescent psychotherapist. She is an official trainer and supervisor of Mentalization Based Treatment for Children, Adolescents and Families. Her research and clinical interests are focused on working with children and youth in the context of neurodiversity, immigration and relational trauma. She has published widely on the topic of mentalization, loss and mourning, assisted reproductive technology, the value of a developmental psychoanalytic perspective and dimensional diagnosis and clinical formulation.



Kenneth N. Levy, Ph.D., is a tenured Professor and Associate Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology at The Pennsylvania State University. At Penn State, he supervises clinical training practicums emphasizing contemporary psychodynamic psychotherapy for personality disorders, and he directs the Laboratory for the Study of Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy. He also has a faculty appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, serves as a Senior Fellow at Personality Disorders Institute, and is a certified therapist, teacher, and supervisor by the International Society for Transference-Focused Psychotherapy.

Dr. Levy's has authored over 200 articles and book chapters, as well as three books, bridging psychology and psychoanalysis and focusing on attachment theory, personality disorders, and psychotherapy process and outcome. He has honorary membership in APsA, and Fellow status in SPPP (Division 39), as well as Divisions 12 and 29, the Association of Psychological Science, and the Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration. His research has been funded by the NIMH, APsA, and the International Psychoanalytic Association. He recently completed a federally funded grant to study unconscious and implicit processes in personality. Dr. Levy is licensed in New York and Pennsylvania, maintains a psychodynamic private practice, and teaches and consults on TFP.

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IN CONVERSATION: DA'SHAUN L. HARRISON & JOY JAMES, PHD



Da'Shaun L. Harrison

Da'Shaun Harrison is a trans theorist and Southern-born and bred abolitionist in Atlanta, GA. They are the author of *Belly of the Beast: The Politics of Anti-Fatness as Anti-Blackness*, which won the 2022 Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Nonfiction and several other media/literary honors. As an editor, movement media and narrative strategist, and storyteller, Harrison uses their extensive history as a community organizer—which began in 2014 during their first year at Morehouse College—to frame their political thought and cultural criticism. Through the lens of what Harrison calls “Black Fat Studies,” they lecture on blackness, fatness, gender, and their intersections. Harrison currently serves as Editor-at-Large at *Scalawag Magazine*, is a co-host of the podcast “Unsolicited: Fatties Talk Back,” and 1/3 of the video podcast “In The Middle.” Between the years 2019 and 2021, Harrison served as Associate Editor—and later as Managing Editor—of *Wear Your Voice Magazine*.

As a speaker, Harrison has delivered keynotes and guest lectures at universities and colleges such as Harvard Law School, Yale University, Northwestern University, Spelman College, University of Cincinnati, Trinity College, and more. Their research and writing has appeared in anthologies and other texts, including *Black Love Matters* (2022), *In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love: Precarity, Power, Communities* (2022), and *The Contemporary Reader of Gender and Fat Studies* (2023). As a public intellectual, Harrison’s work is regularly in conversation with thinkers such as Sabrina Strings, Kiese Laymon, Joy James, Zakiyyah Iman Jackson, Hortense Spillers, C. Riley Snorton, Jamil al-Amin and others on the topics of (anti-)fatness, (trans)gender and sexuality, Black Feminism, Afropessimism, and Socialist thought, to name a few.

Harrison’s writing has appeared in *PhiladelphiaPrint*, *Scalawag Magazine*, *Wear Your Voice*, *THEM*, *Black Youth Project*, *BET*, and elsewhere. They have also been featured in/interviewed by *Black Power Media*, *The Takeaway*, *Rolling Stone*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The ACLU*, *The Fader*, *Teen Vogue*, *the New York Times*, and a host of other podcasts and digital media platforms.



Joy James, PhD

Joy James is Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Humanities at Williams College. Her most recent book is *In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love: Precarity, Power, Communities*; her recent articles include “A Letter of Concern to Black Clergy Regarding “Cop City” (with Rev. Matthew V. Johnson, Jr.) in *Logos*, and a four-part series, *Abolition Alchemy*, in *Inquest* (with Kalonji Jama Changa). She is the author of *Resisting State Violence*; *Shadowboxing: Representations of Black Feminist Politics*; *Transcending the Talented Tenth*; and *Seeking the Beloved Community: A Feminist Race Reader*. Creator of the digital Harriet Tubman Literary Circle at UT Austin, James is also editor of *The New Abolitionists: (Neo)Slave Narratives and Contemporary Prison Writings*; *Imprisoned Intellectuals*; *Warfare in the American Homeland*; *The Angela Y. Davis Reader*; and co-editor of *The Black Feminist Reader*. She is a member of Penn State University’s Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative (3PI) and serves on the circle of advisors for Oxford Public Philosophy.

James has published numerous articles on: political theory; police, prison and slavery abolition; radicalizing feminisms; diasporic anti-black racism; and US politics. She writes on the Captive Maternal through the lens of “The Womb of Western Theory.” James’s forthcoming new works are *New Bones Abolition: Captive Maternal Agency* and the *(After)Life of Erica Garner*, and *Contextualizing Angela Davis*.

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KEYNOTE SESSION WITH AVGI , PSYD



Avgi Saketopoulou, PsyD

An immigrant from Cyprus and from Greece, Avgi Saketopoulou earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from Yeshiva University, having written her dissertation on the life and works of the Marquis de Sade. She trained as a psychoanalyst at the NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, where she is now on faculty. She teaches in various psychoanalytic institutes and is scientific advisor for Orlando, LGBT+, Greece.

Avgi's written work has been awarded the Ralph Roughton Prize from APSaA's Committee on Gender and Sexuality, the Symonds Prize from Studies in Gender and Sexuality, and the Ruth Stein Prize while her interview on relational psychoanalysis is in the holdings of the Freud Museum, Vienna. The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association has awarded her their annual essay prize twice: in 2014 for her work with a trans girl and in 2023 for an essay on how psychoanalytic anti-racism often rests on a conceptual architecture that preserves racist ideologies. In 2021, she was co-recipient of the IPA's first Tiresias Essay Prize for a paper co-written with Dr. Ann Pellegrini. An expanded version of that paper appears in their book *Gender Without Identity* (2023, The Unconscious in Translation Press). Their book makes an argument for abdicating the fictional concept of "core gender identity" and works towards the flourishing of queer and trans life. In recognition of her contributions, the Scholarship and Research Award Committee of Division 39 conferred upon her the 2021 Scholarship Award. Her solo book, *Sexuality Beyond Consent: Risk, Race, Traumatophilia* (2023, NYU Press, Sexual Cultures Series), uses psychoanalysis to take on questions of queer aesthetics, the generative potential of perversity, and the erotics of racism. Avgi's critical conversations with Dominique Scarfone were published in their volume *The Reality of the Message: Psychoanalysis in the Wake of Jean Laplanche* (2023, The Unconscious in Translation Press).

Passionate about queer and trans life both in and outside the clinic, Avgi is intensely committed to a psychoanalytic theory and praxis that do not merely make room for queer and BIPOC subjects, but, jettisoning the low-bar of "inclusivity," work towards renewing psychoanalytic foundations. Such renewal aims at rigorous foundations that are nevertheless not conceptually polluted by the racism and homotransphobia that is pleated throughout most psychoanalytic theory.

Avgi's love of psychoanalysis and of queers is rivaled only by her love of motorcycles.

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THE NATION'S DAVE ZIRIN IN CONVERSATION WITH MONIQUE BOWEN, PHD & JOSEPH REYNOSO, PHD

CONVERSATION FACILITATED BY LARA SHEEHI, PSYD



Dave Zirin

Dave Zirin is the sports editor at *The Nation Magazine*, their first sports editor in over 150 years of existence. In addition, he is a columnist for *The Progressive Magazine* and msnbc.com. He is the author of 11 books on the politics of sport, including most recently *The Kaepernick Effect*. In addition, he is the co-producer and writer of the new documentary, *Behind the Shield: The Power and Politics of the NFL*. Named one of UTNE Reader's "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World," Zirin is a frequent guest on ESPN, MSNBC, and Democracy Now! He also hosts *The Nation's Edge of Sports podcast* and *Edge of Sports TV* on The Real News Network.



Monique Bowen, PhD

Monique Bowen, PhD (she/her) is professor in the department of clinical psychology and core faculty in the PsyD Program at Antioch University's School of Counseling, Psychology and Therapy. She is clinical faculty in the Couples Therapy Training and Education Program at the William Alanson White Institute. In 2019, she was named research fellow (inaugural cohort) to the College of Research Fellows of the American Psychoanalytic Association. Dr. Bowen is a 2016 graduate of the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (Child and Adolescent Division) certificate program in school consultation. She serves as chair of the awards committee for the Society for Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychology (APA Division 39), a reviewer for the APA journal *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, and book series associate editor for the Association of Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41).

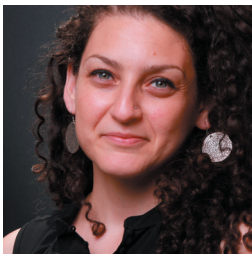
Dr. Bowen has written book chapters on psychotherapy as well as on trauma assessment in forensic psychological settings, and she has published in the peer-reviewed journals *Psychoanalytic Psychology* (APA journal) and the *Journal on Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy*. Her scholarly interests include incorporating racial justice principles into clinical supervision; psychoanalytic and trauma-informed perspectives on the loss of "heritage language" for descendants of formerly enslaved Africans; complex trauma stemming from discrimination, prejudice, racism, and legal and extrajudicial disenfranchisement; familial/interpersonal violence; pathological bias; "ethical fandom" and the impacts of culturally-sanctioned violence in competitive sports.

KEYNOTES



Joseph S. Reynoso, PhD

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