

# SAN FRANCISCO CENTER FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS



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## SFCP NEWSLETTER EDITOR ANNOUNCEMENT

*Richard Almond, MD*  
Editor, Newsletter Committee  
*Maria Longuemare, MD, PhD*  
SFCP President

SFCP Members!

We have an opportunity to enrich the SFCP Newsletter, now that most people are reading it online -- We are hoping to broaden the Newsletter to include profiles of members and brief, original essays by members. There are two ways you might be involved in this project to inform and build community:

1) If you would be interested in playing a role on the Newsletter's Editorial Board, this will be an engaging and NOT time-consuming role, and can be defined by you – interviewing other members; writing content; editing. You should have some experience or interest in writing/editing. Contact Ric Almond at [rjalmond@stanford.edu](mailto:rjalmond@stanford.edu).



**RICHARD ALMOND, MD**  
**EDITOR, NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**  
**MARIA LONGUEMARE, MD, PHD**  
**SFCP PRESIDENT**

# **SFCP Newsletter Editor Announcement cont.**

2) We hope you will consider submitting items among the following:

- Your recent or upcoming activities, including papers, talks, articles, books, podcasts, YouTubes, including a paragraph or two describing the theme.
- Significant life events for members – e.g., new areas of practice; new paid or volunteer organizational work or promotion; memoriam announcements; geographic moves; retirement.

We will also consider:

- Short scholarly essays on topics of interest to the community.
- Creative writing and art, especially if relevant to psychoanalysis.
- Thought pieces on current issues in psychoanalysis. (The Newsletter will, however, NOT be a forum for political critiques of SFCP, APSA, IPA, or members of any of these.)

All will be screened by the Editors and the Leadership Team for appropriateness, style, and typos. They should be submitted to [Nicole.lee@sfcps.org](mailto:Nicole.lee@sfcps.org).

Thank you,  
Ric Almond and Maria Longuemare



# SFCP Board Report

In my inaugural [newsletter article](#) last month I shared the Board of Trustees' responsibilities and working processes. This month, I'd like to share the current members of the Board and the key points from September's Board meeting.

The current members of the Board of Trustees are:

Walt Beckman, PhD

Neil Brast, MD

Amy Wallerstein Friedman, LCSW

Marcia Hodges, MNA, CTF, Administrative Director

Steve Larson, Treasurer

Maria Longuemare, MD, PhD, President

Cindy May, PsyD

Mary McMillan, LMFT

Brett Penfil, MFT, MPH, Chair

Doug Slakey, PhD, Secretary

Phoi Trinh, LCSW

The first Board meeting of the 2023-24 year was held in-person on Sunday, September 17th at the Center. As most Board meetings will be held on Zoom again this year, we enjoyed seeing each other in person for the first meeting. Meeting agendas are organized by reports from the Chair, the Administrative Director, the President, and each of the Committee Chairs, followed by other business (e.g., votes, guests).

In my Chair report, I shared my vision and expectations for the Board's work together as a team. I also shared an update on the ongoing implementation of the Strategic Plan. Two of the Strategic Direction groups are continuing to meet. The Energizing the Membership group is working on a welcome packet for new SFCP members. The Leadership group has interviewed all current SFCP leaders about their leadership challenges and has brainstormed ways to provide support for current and future leaders.

In her Director report, Marcia shared that the SFCP staff continues to excel in their work and that she will be setting annual goals with each staff member. In her President's report, Maria shared her goals for the year, including a dual focus on rebuilding and group life. She also provided updates from the Management Team. These included new gender-neutral bathroom signage for 444 Natoma, a new scheduling procedure to limit scheduling conflicts, and a draft Candidate Training Grant program. The latter will be discussed further and voted on during the October Board meeting.

Steve reviewed our financial reports, noting that SFCP continues to be in a good financial state. The Board discussed planning for economic changes that will arise for SFCP, including the aging population of the current membership. Amy shared updates on the maintenance of 444 Natoma, including replacing bathroom exhaust fans and updating the sound system in the main room.

Until the new Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee is in place, I will provide reports for this Committee. This Committee is currently working on Board recruitment. If you are a Community or Associate member interested in learning more about Board membership, please reach out to me. We are also seeking a new Treasurer as Steve's term will end during this academic year. The Treasurer role requires financial knowledge and experience and can be filled by someone outside of SFCP's membership.



# SFCP Board Report cont.

Neil shared that the financial goal for the 2023-24 Annual Giving Campaign is \$130,000 and the participation goal is an increase in the number of donors from last year, which was 162 members.

Clara Kwan and David Luna, SFCP's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) consultant, joined by Zoom for the last part of the meeting to provide an update on the consultation process. They reported that a steering committee has been assembled, is meeting twice per month, and is working on expanding its membership to become a working group.

Please note that Susan Kolodny graciously offered to stay on as SFCP's Ombudsperson for up to a year. The Ombudsperson has the responsibility to hear and review issues or complaints from any member of the organization. Issues commonly involve failures of fairness, reasonableness, or respect. The Ombudsperson has the authority to investigate and make recommendations, but not to administer changes. If you have questions about the role of the Ombudsperson or a concern you'd like to bring up, please contact Susan at [slk1012@aol.com](mailto:slk1012@aol.com) or (510) 813-2572.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is October 23, 2023, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm by Zoom. If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to me or any Board member.



# Report from the Chair of the Psychoanalytic Education Division

Dear SFCP Community-

I am glad to report that the 2023-2024 psychoanalytic training year is underway, and the Natoma Street building is teeming with candidates on Friday mornings, and our PED committees are all working hard with new applicant interviews, progressions, curriculum committee meetings and Candidate Association meetings all underway!

One of the things I am working on this year both inside myself and in terms of my attention to the functioning of the PED Committee and the policies and procedures within the PED is paying greater attention to the way that [white supremacist](#) values, practices and processes are embedded in all the ways we do things, run our programs, our meetings, and in our policies and procedures, and trying to facilitate an ethos of interest in and reflection about the ways we are repeating systems of oppression. In doing this, I am taking to heart the idea that we need more of a sense of community and connection with one another to create an environment where we can *actually rely on each other to look at and pay attention to ourselves and our processes*, and to be able “call each other in” when called for. As part of that, thinking about centering the voices of the group that can often have the experience of being “done to” which can create an experience of infantilization, I intend to prioritize the candidate experience in the training program and in the PED Committee. In addition, I intend to try to continually reflect on how **I as a leader** do things, and I invite people to give me feedback, since the only way I can learn about what I and we may be enacting in groups (as everywhere) is by getting feedback from others.

In other news, I sent out a communication this past month that the **PED is currently seeking Advisors and Mentors** for our current class of first year candidates.

Advisors. All candidates are matched with an advisor (who must be a member of the SFCP faculty). The advisor/advisee relationship is confidential, non-evaluative, and independent of faculty, supervisors, the Dean, and the PGC. A primary function of the advisor is to provide candidates with an opportunity to speak freely and confidentially about any aspect of training with someone who has knowledge and experience of the SFCP community.

Mentors. At the candidate’s request, the candidate can be assigned a Mentor to facilitate the development of the candidate’s own analytic identity, and to support the development of their analytic cases. Mentors should expect to meet with the candidate once per week free of charge.

For a full description of the Mentor and Advisor roles, please see the Candidate Handbook [here](#). **Please let me know ([besteinberg@comast.net](mailto:besteinberg@comast.net)) if you are available for one of these roles!**



# Report from the Chair of the Psychoanalytic Education Division cont.

**Also, mark your calendars!** The PED Committee will be holding an informal meeting on zoom on October 21 from 10 am - 12 noon to address analyst and candidate members' questions about the New Post-Covid Requirements for Supervision, Control Cases and Personal Analysis beginning September 2024 (since the suspension of all in-person training requirements as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic beginning in March 2020). Please [click here](#) for a description of the new requirements. The requirements, as well as the policies for Exceptions, are also described in the [Candidate Handbook](#).

Please feel free to simply log onto the meeting at any point during the 10-12 window.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82738434977?pwd=dVNQWXA0UVRUTTBWVTKUGl5Tk0UT09>

Lastly, I continue to be working to re-invigorate our **Visiting Professor** as well as our **Post Graduate Education** programs. These have been dormant since Covid, and many people have expressed to me that these highly valuable programs are sorely missed. **I am seeking people interested in serving on the Visiting Professor and Post-Grad committees. If you are interested in participating, please contact me ([besteinberg@comcast.net](mailto:besteinberg@comcast.net)) and we can re-imagine it together!**



# Report from the Chair of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (SFPPTP)

To all members of the SFCP community:

Please consider contributing your talents to the efforts of SFCP's San Francisco Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (SF-PPTP).

The mission of the SF-PPTP —described in depth [at this link](#) — is to offer local clinicians a welcoming, community-minded, and robust introduction to the practice of open-ended psychoanalytic psychotherapy. The program involves supervision, mentorship, and two years of Tuesday evening coursework at SFCP's San Francisco location.

Our program has 60+ trainees, which reflects a hunger for foundational psychoanalytic learning amongst early/mid-career clinicians, intensified by ongoing drastic cuts to psychoanalytic teaching in graduate programs, residency programs, and clinical training sites.

**We depend upon members of the psychoanalytic community like you** to participate in the program as administrators, mentors, supervisors, and classroom teachers.

Please contact us to explore one (*or even more than one*) of the following roles. If you might be interested in joining us, but are not sure which of the roles below would be most feasible for you, please feel free to contact Program Chair [Adam Goldyne](#), who will be glad to think about this and explore possibilities with you:

## **Serve as a Community Liaison**

Are you regularly in touch with early-career or mid-career clinicians who might benefit from our program? If so, we would be grateful if you would be willing to help us each year to let prospective applicants know about our program and how to apply. Please contact SF-PPTP Chair [Adam Goldyne](#) about this role.

## **Serve as a Curriculum Committee Member**

Are you interested in psychoanalytic pedagogy and available to be part of a small committee that plans coursework, reviews instructor and student classroom feedback, and shares administrative tasks such as recruiting instructors, reviewing feedback, and addressing issues that arise in the classroom? If so, please contact Curriculum Chair [Ruth Simon](#).



# Report from the Chair of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (SFPPTP) cont.

## **Serve as a Seminar Instructor**

Are you interested in teaching at an introductory level to clinicians who are serious and enthusiastic about psychoanalytic learning, but relatively new to psychoanalytic thinking and ideas? This is the task of SF-PPTP Seminar Instructors. Seminars involve nine to twelve 90-minute meetings, held Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. or from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Seminar topics are described in more detail [here](#). Each year, the SF-PPTP Curriculum Committee holds a number of events and works closely with instructors to support them in teaching at this level. To explore the possibility of teaching a seminar, please contact Curriculum Chair [Ruth Simon](#).

## **Serve as a Case Conference Instructor**

Are you interested in facilitating discussion of clinical presentations for groups that are serious and enthusiastic about working psychoanalytically, but relatively early in their development as psychoanalytic therapists? This is the task of SF-PPTP Case Conference Instructors. Case conferences involve facilitating trainee presentations and class discussion of two or three cases over eight 90-minute meetings. Case conferences meet Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. or from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. at SFCP in San Francisco. Each year, the SF-PPTP Curriculum Committee holds a number of events and works closely with instructors to support them in teaching at this level. To explore the possibility of leading a case conference, please contact Curriculum Chair [Ruth Simon](#).

## **Mentor an Instructor**

Are you a seasoned instructor willing to meet a few times with instructors new to psychoanalytic classroom teaching? Mentorship might focus on a range of issues related to classroom teaching: working with early-career groups, preparing syllabi, facilitating class discussion, matters of power/authority in the classroom, working with challenging classroom dynamics, and more. If you are open to considering this role, please contact Curriculum Chair [Ruth Simon](#) for a discussion.

## **Supervise a Trainee**

Are you open to being on SF-PPTP's Supervisor List? Being on this list indicates your willingness to receive inquiries from SF-PPTP Trainees about your availability to supervise them at a reduced fee as part of the program's supervised casework requirement. Even if you do not have availability right now, joining the Supervisor List establishes the possibility of accepting trainees in the future. There is something very fun about supervising trainees at this stage of their career, when the concepts and work are so new and exciting. If you are at all willing to consider this, please take 5 minutes to read [this link](#), which contains introductory information about SF-PPTP, the supervisor role, criteria for becoming a supervisor, and the process of becoming a supervisor. Then, if you feel the role might be a good fit for you, please contact Supervision Chair [Lara Weyland](#).



# Report from the Chair of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (SFPPTP) cont.

## **Mentor a Trainee**

Are you open to mentoring a trainee regarding their development as a member of the psychoanalytic community? Mentorship meetings occur monthly, and are private and apart from the rest of the SF-PPTP program. Common topics of discussion include selecting supervisors, career development, exploration of psychoanalytic topics that interest the trainee, opportunities in the psychoanalytic community that relate to the trainee's interests, the trainee's experience of the SF-PPTP program, issues related to establishing a practice, and plans for continuing psychoanalytic education after the end of the program. To explore becoming a mentor, please email Trainee Advisor / Mentorship Chair [Jessica Ferranti](#). It would be helpful to include your geographic location, any areas of specific interest/specialty for which you would be well suited as a mentor.

We are appreciative of you considering ways in which you might contribute to our efforts. We look forward to hearing from you!



# **Report from the Chair of the Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (CAPPTP)**

CAPPTP's 2023-25 cohort is off to a great start. The course's hybrid format allows us to have students participating from multiple countries and various parts of the US, while also allowing for in person participation of students in the Bay Area. The 9 students participating are living in multiple Bay Area cities, Florida, and China.

CAPPTP is in need of volunteers - especially people interested in taking up leadership roles on the steering committee. CAPPTP's chair, Benjamin Fife, will be stepping down at the end December and we are hoping to find 2-3 members of the SFCP community who are willing to take up the work of co-chairing this vibrant and dynamic project.

New co-chairs of CAPPTP will be joining a dedicated and effective steering committee and will have lots of opportunities to shape the form that the 2025-27 class will take. If you are interested in learning more about the co-chair role, please email Tina Phu to express interest and she will connect you to steering committee members to discuss the role further.



# Message from the Committee on Groups

The SFCP Committee on Groups (COG) would like to become more visible in our community and would like you to know more about what we offer. We are currently composed of ten members: Ari Bachrach, Debora Fletcher, Ben Goldstone, Fei Hu, Deborah Kohloss, Brett Penfil, Jane Reingold, Mary Diaso Rudy, Sydney Tan (Chair), and Lara Weyland. As a committee, our primary interest lies in gaining a deeper understanding of groups, group dynamics, exploring how groups function, and examining the various influences on groups within SFCP and in our community.

The COG has several objectives:

- 1) To study and recognize unconscious processes as they manifest within SFCP
- 2) To disseminate the knowledge gained from our study of group dynamics
- 3) To help the groups we are a part of to function well
- 4) To further an understanding of the influences of power and authority within groups
- 5) To increase diversity and inclusivity at the Center

Currently, COG members facilitate “work groups” for 1st and 2nd year PPTP students, “reflection groups” for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year PED candidates. We are planning to offer reflection groups for all four years during the 2024-2025 academic year. COG offers consultation to various SFCP committees, faculty members, and other non-profit organizations. We have been conducting Working Together retreat groups since 2010.

The COG will be holding our annual group relations weekend in March 2024. We will be reaching out to the community for interested participants in the coming months.

We look forward to sharing more about the COG in future newsletters. If you are interested in learning more about COG, or believe the COG could be of support to you, please reach out to Sydney Tan at [sydneytanpsyd@gmail.com](mailto:sydneytanpsyd@gmail.com).



# SFCP Community Members - Mentoring Program!

Would you like to meet with an analyst to discuss your questions about psychoanalytic thinking and clinical work? We'd love to meet with you! The Mentoring Program at SFCP matches participants with analyst mentors to discuss the mentee's interest in psychoanalytic work.

The Mentoring Program is open to mental health clinicians at all levels of training and experience, who are SFCP Community Members, an easy and fun community to join! Mentors meet once a month with mentees for the academic year.

Examples of Topics to Discuss:

- Information, resources and literature to help a mentee explore particular areas of interest. For example: work with particular populations such as trauma survivors; current thinking about LGBTQ issues; the impact of race, class and culture on psychological life; child work; mindfulness; research about psychoanalytic process; and psychoanalytic interfaces with other fields such as poetry, literature, neurosciences
- How to choose among current activities, programs, courses, and services offered by SFCP that are relevant to the mentee's interests and stage of training
- Questions about developing as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and about psychoanalytic training
- Connecting the mentee with colleagues who the mentor thinks might be a valuable resource based on the mentee's interest in a particular subject

You must be an SFCP Community Member to apply for this program, here is the link to become a Community Member: <https://www.sfcps.org/community-membership/>

And here is the link to the Mentoring Program: <https://www.sfcps.org/community-members-mentoring-program/>

*"I'm new to private practice and was looking to get mentoring and support from someone with a deep knowledge of psychotherapy. During our initial meetings I was able to get several very practical and pressing questions answered and feel more confident about seeing clients in my new private practice setting. We discussed psychoanalytic approaches to working with parents and children, which helped me to move forward with my cases and also to consider aspects that I had not previously considered. I have a particular interest in mindfulness and my mentor put me in touch with a therapist who incorporates mindfulness into a psychodynamic therapy practice. In addition, I work with children and my mentor referred me to the Child Colloquium, where I met other clinicians and heard a very helpful presentation. I feel very fortunate to meet with my mentor as needs arise."*

Matt Higgins LCSW, Community Members Mentoring Program

Contact: Holly Gordon, DMH  
[hollygordon4@gmail.com](mailto:hollygordon4@gmail.com)

COST: FREE to SFCP Community Members.

LINK TO APPLICATION: <https://www.sfcps.org/community-members-mentoring-program/>

QUESTIONS: If you have questions about the program, please contact:

Holly Gordon, DMH [hollygordon4@gmail.com](mailto:hollygordon4@gmail.com)

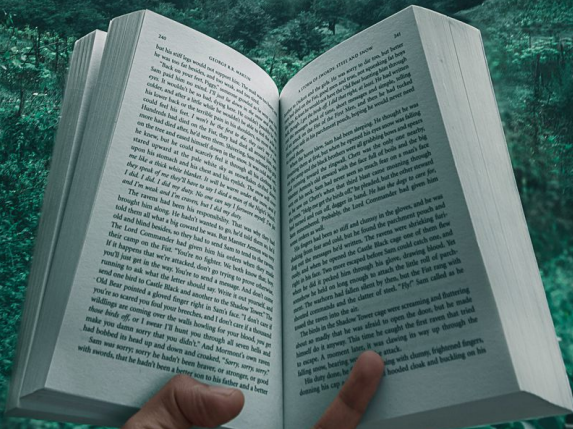


# SFCP LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT



**CLICK [HERE](#)  
TO ACCESS THE  
LIBRARY'S HOME PAGE.**

**The SFCP library is an  
environment where all  
are welcome!**



If you would like research  
assistance with (PEP, EZ  
Proxy and beyond) please  
contact the librarian with  
your questions at:  
[Rashmita.Sriram@sfcg.org](mailto:Rashmita.Sriram@sfcg.org).





## Join Us!

Please join us by making your contribution now online, by mail or by phone. Our members' participation in this effort has been excellent, but we need a continuing effort to aid our organization to achieve the diversity of members which we desire. All contributions help!

## WAYS TO DONATE

### ONLINE:

<https://www.sfcps.org/s/enrico-jones-fund>

### BY MAIL:

444 Natoma Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

### BY PHONE:

(415) 563-5815

# THE ENRICO JONES FUND FOR EQUITY AND EQUALITY

WE NEED *your* HELP!

Contributions are lower than this time last year,  
but we are receiving more applications.  
Please consider donating today!

70 people of color received  
tuition credits since 2021

- 15 students received tuition credits in 2021
- 25 students received tuition credits in 2022
- 30 students estimated to receive tuition credits through June 2024

## A recipient told us:

*"I strongly believe that as a psychoanalytic community, we all benefit from the Enrico Jones Fund's implicit and explicit recognition of the painful racism in our community in need of acknowledgement and repair. And for that I am the most grateful."*

## Contributions

- 2021: 12 donors, \$28,200
- 2022: 42 donors, \$40,600
- 2023: 36 donors, \$46,600

**Total number of donors: 67**

*\*Please note that repeating donors were counted once.*





# Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis

**What is madness?  
Is everyone mad?**

## DARIAN LEADER — IN CONVERSATION WITH ISRAEL KATZ

How has Lacan expanded the approach to psychosis? And, what are we talking about when we talk about jouissance?



**Interviewee:**  
Darian Leader



**Interviewer:**  
Israel Katz, MD



**Moderator:**  
Patricia Marra, MFT



Saturday, October 28, 2023  
10 AM - 11:30 AM



Online via ZOOM

### 1.5 CME/CE Credits Available!

More information on accreditation statements on the following page.

\$ 40 — General Admission  
\$ 20 — SFCP Analyst Members  
\$ 30 — SFCP Associate Members  
\$ 35 — SFCP Community Members  
Free — SFCP and non-SFCP  
Candidates, PPTP Trainees and  
Students\*

### To Register:

<https://www.sfcpsf.org/2023-10-28-dialogues-in-contemporary-psychoanalysis/>





# Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis

## Educational Objectives:

Upon completion of this activity, the learners will be able to:

1. elaborate on the significance of the object for Lacan, its similarities and differences from Freud and other psychoanalysts.
2. Examine the differences among the primary forms of psychotic structure: paranoia, the schizophrenias, and melancholia.

## Accreditation Statement for CME/CE Sponsorship and Disclosure Statement



**IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ALL LEARNERS:** None of the planners and presenters for this educational activity have relevant financial relationship(s)\* to disclose with ineligible companies\* whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

\*Financial relationships are relevant if the educational content an individual can control is related to the business lines or products of the ineligible company.

—Updated July 2021—

**PHYSICIANS:** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of American Psychoanalytic Association and San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis. The American Psychoanalytic Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this Live Activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**PSYCHOLOGISTS:** The San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Psychologists attending SFCP events approved for CE credits may report *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> toward their CE requirements. Psychologists self-certify the number of hours they have completed on their renewal form (whether online or paper). Please note that a Psychologist must attend the CE program in its entirety in order to receive credit.

**LCSWs/MFTs:** The San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis is a continuing education provider that has been approved by the American Psychological Association, a California Board of Behavioral Sciences recognized approval agency.

Psychologists, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists will be awarded *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> on an hour for hour basis. Full attendance is required for psychologists to receive credit; partial credit may not be awarded based on APA guidelines. For the psychologists' records, certificates of attendance are provided at the completion of the course.

Commercial Support: None



# Psychoanalytic Training Informational Evening

*PLEASE JOIN FACULTY AND CANDIDATES TO EAT,  
DRINK, AND LEARN ABOUT PSYCHOANALYTIC  
TRAINING AT SFCP.*

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**7:30pm - 9:30pm**

*Where?*

**444 Natoma Street**

**San Francisco, CA 94103**

Anyone interested is invited for dinner, drinks and a discussion of training to become a psychoanalyst at the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis.

SFCP faculty and current psychoanalytic training candidates will be there to answer the most common questions people have about psychoanalytic training:

- whether and when to apply
- the application process
- course work
- supervision
- personal analysis
- financial costs and advantages
- making your schedule work

Please RSVP at  
[this link](#).

Questions? Please contact Adam Goldyne, MD at  
[adamgoldynemd@gmail.com](mailto:adamgoldynemd@gmail.com) or (415) 826-9639  
for a personal conversation.

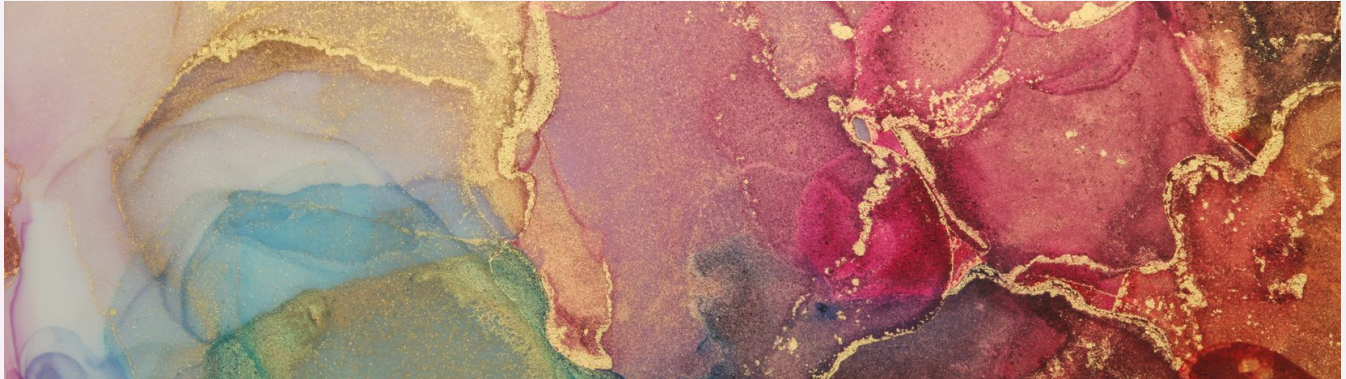
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# *Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis*



## **The Allure of Fascism: A Psychoanalytic Conversation**

Increasingly we are observing the rise of proto-fascist parties around the world and in the American MAGA political movement. Building on the fable *The Appointment in Samarra*, the presentation will discuss the characteristic features of fascistic states of mind.



Saturday, November 11, 2023  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



SFCP  
444 Natoma Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(remote participation is available)



Presenter:

**Era A.  
Loewenstein, PhD**



Discussant:

**Michael J. Diamond,  
PhD, FIPA**

Moderator:

**John DiMartini, PhD**

\$ 55 — General Admission

\$ 30 — SFCP Members

Free — SFCP and non-SFCP

Candidates, PPTP Trainees and  
Students\*

## **To Register:**

<https://www.sfcpsf.org/2023-11-11-dialogues-in-contemporary-psychoanalysis/>



3 CME/CE  
credits  
available!



More information on  
accreditation statements  
on the following page.





# *Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis*

## **Educational Objectives:**

Upon completion of this activity, the learners will be able to:

1. elaborate on the essence of fascism including, its reliance on omnipotent leadership, simplistic ideologies, and inventing an enemy.
2. discuss the clinical implications related to the fascist agenda or erasing memory, truth, and history.
3. describe how the practice of psychoanalysis can be utilized as form of steady, peaceful resistance of the destructive seduction of fascist states of mind.
4. examine the differences and similarities between fascistic states of mind and pathological organization, and primary forms of psychotic structure: paranoia, malignant narcissism and perversion.

## **Accreditation Statement for CME/CE Sponsorship and Disclosure Statement**



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# Community in Support of Foster Youth - What is a CASA?

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10am-12pm

SFCP

444 Natoma Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

**Presenters:**

Kira Steifman, PsyD and

Deborah Weisinger, PsyD

**Moderator:**

Yen Quoc, PsyD

**FREE EVENT!**

**This is an in-person event only; remote participation is not available.**

*Both CASA and A Home Within are committed to helping foster youth grow and develop primarily through volunteers.*

We will present a vignette of a foster child in the Foster Care System who is matched with a CASA and, perhaps, a therapist through a Home Within. Based upon the vignette, we will discuss needs and challenges that arise through a psychoanalytic lens, referencing journal articles that will be available to those attending. In our conversation with Colloquium Participants, we will examine the home that can be created in the community and within the youth, specifically within relationships to caring adults. Our goal is to help sustain the foster child through the many ups and downs that the loss of their primary home creates, and to promote their success.

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# OPERA ON THE COUCH

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CATHERINE MALLOUH, MD AND  
JEANNE HARASEMOVITCH, L.C.S.W.

If dreams are the royal road to the unconscious, opera is a fellow traveler. As a comprehensive artform, it works simultaneously on the senses and the intellect, rendering cultural experience, wishes, fantasies, and the turbulence of our emotional lives into beautiful, dramatic and compelling form. It's the home of both myth and history, idealized, magical, or naturalistic. Also, as psychoanalysts Steven Goldberg and Lee Rather write, "Opera has the potential to widen the analyst's listening frame by encouraging greater attention to emotional subtleties conveyed by the patient, who accompanies their verbal "libretto" with musical elements of melody, timbre, pitch, rhythm and pacing, and opera can teach the psychoanalyst much about feelings that evade verbal description." (Goldberg and Rather, 2022). In this course participants will explore the operatic experience and its clinical applications with four different analyst instructors, each focusing on a different opera: Steven Goldberg will introduce the course and address character development in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* and the opera's cultural context; Amy Tyson will apply her understanding of Scarpia's sociopathy in Puccini's *Tosca*, to working with difficulty patients; Catherine Mallouh, via Strauss' *Elektra*, will discuss the effects of traumatic loss on the mind; and Jeanne Harasemovitch will consider the importance of dreamlife and how Wagner's leitmotifs in *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* express shifting emotional states. It is expected that participants will have seen a production of each of the operas prior to the week on which it's being discussed.

**Course enrollment will be limited to 25 persons.**

**STEVEN H. GOLDBERG, M.D.,** is a training and supervising analyst at SFCP, and a personal and supervising analyst at PINC. In addition to many publications, he has co-chaired *Opera on the Couch* in collaboration with the San Francisco Opera.

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**CATHERINE MALLOUH, M.D.,** the third instructor, is on the faculty of SFCP and the UCSF School of Medicine. She has spoken on a number of operas from a psychoanalytic perspective and has also written on film and psychoanalysis.

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