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A letter from our Newsletter Editor Mary McMillan

Do you want to share your concerns about the proposed revisions to our SFCP Bylaws? In the **BYLAWS CORNER**, find information about the bylaws and proposals, and an announcement of a **TOWN HALL** for members.

In this month's **CONVERSATION ROOM**, Richard Almond tells the second in his series of fascinating and entertaining stories about the famous and lesser-known psychoanalysts who crossed his path, and their influences on the development of psychoanalytic theory.

In the **ADMINISTRATION ROOM**, read the report from our Board president, and the many accolades about our outgoing SFCP President Maria Longuemare, and her tenure.

The **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**, Corey Datz-Greenberg, tells about his involvement in the Coalition for Clinical Social Work and his abiding interest in social justice.

Christopher Scott is introducing a revival of the Academic & Applied Psychoanalysis, Advocacy, Research Division, and he and Mali Mann are inviting members to join them. And, of course, there are more opportunities for participation in the **HELP WANTED** page.

In the **OPPORTUNITIES ROOM**—lots of opportunities for education and connection.

Enjoy!
Mary





CONVERSATION ROOM

The CONVERSATION ROOM is the beginning of what we hope will become a room of lively conversation among members. As you can see in the invitation from Nicole, we are hoping that you will use this room to share who you are. We also want responses to what you have read, as well as letters, stories, editorials, reviews of movies, books, etc., poems, articles—or photographs!.

To submit your own work, send it in an email to Mary McMillan, editor at mtmcmillan@me.com



ADMINISTRATION ROOM

In the ADMINISTRATION ROOM, we hear from the volunteers who turn the wheels and shift the gears as this organization moves through time. In this room also, we will hear from the **Volunteer of the Month**—one of the volunteers who provide the fuel that makes SFCP a living vehicle: who teach and push paper and make phone calls and write letters and do the work to help the wheel-turners get things done. And we also keep track of how close we are to raising the funds we need to keep SFCP alive and functioning.



OPPORTUNITIES ROOM

And in the OPPORTUNITIES ROOM, we learn about ways members can participate in programs and events.

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Conversation Room



Letters, stories,
editorials,
reviews of
movies, books,
etc., poems,
and articles—
anything
written by
members



AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Do you have a passion or hobby you love? A story or life experience that shaped who you are? We want to hear from you!



The newsletter committee wants to promote the idea that we are each a whole person, with a history, a family, and relationships—with people, animals, plants, and with institutions, cultures, societies, etc. Both inside and outside the Center, we are involved in projects, occupations, interests, passions, and concerns .

To this end, we are inviting members to participate in the newsletter by giving our readers an opportunity to experience the variety, complexity and diversity in the current lives and histories of our members.

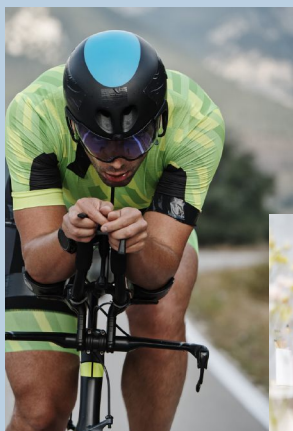
We want to know who you are, how you have come to where you are, what occupies and compels you—within and without the field of psychoanalysis.

Are you producing, creating or building something? Are you generating or participating in an interesting project? Maybe you are passionate about a concern, and want to express it. Or you would like to express something simple, short, or lighthearted.



We welcome each and every one of you to take this opportunity to share a piece of your life with other members.

When you are ready , please reply to this email with an indication of what you might be interested in sharing, and how you would like to share it-- whether you would like someone to interview you, or you would like to write something yourself—maybe a short story or essay.Or maybe you would like to show the result of something you have produced or created.



To stimulate your imagination, here are some possible topics to explore:

A person, incident or idea that influenced me

A problem I am solving or have solved

Something I love doing

What drew me to psychoanalysis

Something I have achieved

Been there, Done that

Something I think about a lot

Something I would like to do

Something I wish I had done.

A Psychoanalytic Memoir: Part II

“Mid-20th Century: Anna Freud, Roy Shafer, Erik Erikson and Others: The Widening Scope of Ego Psychological Ideas”

Richard Almond

Anna Freud

Off to college, I did not study psychology: the first lecture in Psychology featured behaviorally trained pigeons. I fled. Instead, I majored in biochemistry. Many courses overlapped with pre-med, leaving space for humanities and social sciences. At that time psychoanalytic training was only open to M.D.'s. I also had a strong interest in science.[1] In medical school and subsequent psychiatric training both at Yale, I was exposed to several major figures. Anna Freud was on the visiting faculty of the Yale Child Study Center, which was modeled after her Hampstead Clinic in London – solid clinical services along with original research. I remember her at Psychiatric Grand Rounds – a slim, older woman, dressed in a simple cotton print frock (which I learned later was handmade by herself), wise and unpretentious in her comments on the cases presented.[2]



Anna Freud

Anna Freud made several key contributions to psychoanalysis. She – along with Melanie Klein and Edith Stern

(who was featured in the first of this series) – was one of the originators of *child psychoanalysis*. Anna Freud also did research on children, for example, studying trauma through the impact of separation from parents during the blitz in London, when children were sent away for their safety. These studies were early examples of a significant track in analytic scholarship – research using empirical and clinical material to examine clinical or broader psychosocial issues.

Anna Freud's contribution to ego psychological theory more directly had two aspects. She elaborated on her father's idea that defenses were the way the ego manifested in action, protecting from anxiety. Further, she suggested that the defenses evolve over time in what she called *developmental lines*. During development the vicissitudes of these lines determine a person's character.[3] Anna Freud treated teenagers and wrote about adolescence, pointing out different sub-stages, each with its own tasks and characteristics. An upsurge in drive intensity in puberty triggers unique defenses in this phase – idealism and asceticism, each of which can appear in sublimated or more pathological forms, like self-sacrifice and anorexia.

We now take defenses for granted, though we hear less talk about the Anna Freud sort of defenses. Interest has turned to elemental phenomena, what Klein called splitting defenses

[1] I did my honors thesis in the laboratory of John Watson, whose model of DNA with Frances Crick is the basis of modern genetics. J. D. Watson and F. H. C. Crick (1953) A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid. *Nature*, 171, 737-738

[2] There is a lively description of Anna Freud in: Freud, Sophie (1991) *My Three Mothers and Other Passions*. New York: NYU Press.

[3] Freud, A. (1936) *The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense*. International Universities Press.

A Psychoanalytic Memoir: Part II cont.

characteristic of the Paranoid-Schizoid position. While these mechanisms in the form of dissociation, projection, and projective identification are crucial in understanding many clinical situations, others of our patients use 'higher level' defenses of the sort that Anna Freud cataloged. The whole idea of defense is one aspect of Freud's concept of the intrapsychic system of ego – that there are patterned ways of feeling/thinking/acting that the psyche uses for adaptation, or to protect from disorganization, over-excitement, or paralysis. Both Heinz Hartmann's emphasis on adaptation (see Part I in the last Newsletter) as a general function and Anna Freud's expansion of the range of defenses give us a part of the psyche devoted to maintaining the person's function in the outside world. And the ego is an ally, as Richard Sterba points out, in psychoanalytic process.

Roy Schafer

Roy Schafer – whose heavy Bronx accent contrasted with Anna Freud's gentle Viennese British English – was a powerful intellectual presence while I was at Yale.



Roy Schafer

Brilliant, opinionated, he was an intimidating figure for us residents at our clinical presentations. I got to know Schafer over the years, partly through a mutual friend, partly through presenting

cases to him both at Yale and in Palo Alto. Maybe the personal connection spared me from his acerbic clinical critiques. Until his death in 2018 we both attended Stan Coen's Literature and Psychoanalysis Colloquium at APsA meetings.

Few American analysts have been as creative and far-ranging in their contributions. While he was at Yale, Schafer introduced what he called "A New Language for Psychoanalysis."^[4] He felt that psychoanalytic theory was too taken with static mental systems that did not capture a sense of people in action, as we experience them. His proposal was that we use a language of verbs in their active, doing, gerundive form – words ending in "ing." (fearing, thinking, hating, loving, etc.). This would bridge between conceptualizations of a person's internal dynamics – described by libido theory and ego psychology – and actual behavior. Schafer felt that this is particularly important in treatment, where we want to talk with the patient about action and its effects as well as fantasy. His contribution here is another aspect of ego psychology – describing how drives and defenses play out in action.

Schafer next became interested in *narrative*, creating a bridge to literary criticism.^[5] Personality and character are carried in the psyche in the form of stories about ourselves. Pathology results from maladaptive, rigid internal narratives; psychoanalysis opens latent alternative ones. Late in his career Schafer became interested in neo-Kleinian ideas, authoring a book about their work.^[6] The clinical source of this turn for Schafer was the significant attention neo-Kleinians give to countertransference. Through projective

[4] Schafer, R. (1976) *A New Language for Psychoanalysis*. Yale University Press.

[5] Schafer, R. (1980b). Narration in the psychoanalytic dialogue. *Critical Inquiry*, 7, p. 29-53

[6] Schafer, R (1997) *The Contemporary Kleinians of London*, International Universities Press. Schafer's late marriage to the New York Kleinian, Rita Frankiel, no doubt was a personal link

A Psychoanalytic Memoir: Part II cont.

identification the analyst becomes a receptacle for unwanted aspects of the patient's psyche. The analyst's subjective experience is a clue to what is happening inside the patient.

Fritz Redlich, Daniel Levinson, Kenneth Keniston and Robert Lifton

Back to my training experience at Yale: the Department Chair, Fritz Redlich, was an analytically trained academic psychiatrist who became interested in groups, organizations, and community psychiatry. He attended Tavistock Group Relations Conferences in England and brought to Yale a broadening of psychoanalytic ideas to include study of *social phenomena in families, groups, and organizations*.^[7] As a psychiatric resident I developed immense respect for Redlich because of his openness to interdisciplinary ideas. Also, he was a model teacher: while administering a large academic department he took the time to lead a case presentation group with us every year, even presenting his own tape-recorded ongoing therapy work. I internalized the model of an intellectually curious academic who was also serious about doing psychoanalytic psychotherapy and willing to be vulnerable by exposing his own work to residents.



Fritz Redlich

My significant personal influences at Yale were psychoanalytically sophisticated researchers whom Redlich had recruited; all were interested in understanding social-psychological phenomena. After spending a summer as a psychiatric aide in the long-term Yale Psychiatric Institute, puzzling over patients' difficulty getting better, I became interested in a new, innovative "*therapeutic community*" in the general hospital. Therapeutic community is a way of organizing patients/staff hospital life via multiple group activities in which a sense of mutual responsibility is encouraged. (In those days, an "acute" stay averaged three months.) Therapeutic community was in part a response to work by anthropologists and sociologists who observed or lived on psychiatric units and described the patients' informal social system. This system, left on its own, often supports the patients' more destructive potential, in a sort of "prisoners against the guards" mentality. Therapeutic community sought to harness this energy on behalf of the adaptive side of the patient. I was interested in how patients internalized the values of therapeutic community. This led me to a research project, developing a questionnaire that tapped these values along with more authoritarian ones. I was interested in how new patients were acculturated.^[8] My guides in this were the social psychologists Kenneth Keniston and Daniel Levinson. Keniston had written



Ken Keniston



Daniel Levinson

[7] Hollingshead, A. B., & Redlich, F. C. (1958). *Social class and mental illness: Community study*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

[8] Almond, Richard. (1974) *The Healing Community: Dynamics of the Therapeutic Milieu*. New York: Jason Aronson.

A Psychoanalytic Memoir: Part II cont.

about malaise among college students.[9] Levinson had studied the value system of custodial hospitals and showed its relationship to authoritarian personality. [10] My work built on Levinson's in both the sense of bridging the psychosocial, and specifically by incorporating some of his questionnaire items in mine for therapeutic community values.



Robert Lifton

Keniston introduced me to other faculty with interests in psychosocial issues. One of them was Robert Lifton, recruited by Redlich after his psychological study of American soldiers "brainwashed" by North Koreans. Lifton went on to write a series of books on the psychology of extreme phenomena – Hiroshima survivors, Nazi doctors, Viet Nam veterans. In 1967 Lifton invited me to be the recorder for a group of academics, psychoanalysts, and writers interested in the new field of psychohistory created by Erik Erikson. The Psycho-historical Study Group met annually for a week of papers and discussion at Lifton's summer home on Cape Cod. Central was Erikson, who had recently published a psychobiography of Martin Luther.[11] These scholars shared the view that psychoanalytic ideas and approach could be applied to history and culture.

Erikson had become involved in psychoanalysis through working in Anna Freud's nursery school in Vienna. He had trained as an artist and came to



Erik Erikson

psychoanalysis with no mental health training. But through his work in the school and an analysis with Anna Freud herself, he became part of the nascent psychoanalytic movement. His non-mental health background may account for his pursuit of a wide array of interests, including anthropological studies of Native Americans, studies of child and adolescent development, a theory of the human life cycle from infancy to death, and at the height of his career, psycho-historical studies of Martin Luther and Mohandas Ghandi. Erikson's breadth of experience beyond the analytic office made it possible for him to consider how the psychology of these powerful individuals interacted with their historical and social contexts – their family, class and religious backgrounds. In a sense Erikson was applying the ideas about development and adaptation that Hartmann had proposed.

Among the papers presented at the Psycho-historical Study Group's annual meetings we heard Erikson present chapters of the Ghandi biography in draft form. Erikson was the center of this group. In the high-power, rapid-fire discussions that I was frantically trying to take notes on, he asserted his position as the senior figure in Psycho-historical studies since Freud. Unlike Kohut, Erikson had little interest in developing a

[9] Kenniston, K. (1965) *The Uncommitted*. Harcourt, Brace, and World.

[10] Levinson, D. J. (1959). Role, personality, and social structure in the organizational setting. *The Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology*, 58, pp. 170–180.

[11] Erikson, E. (1958) *Young Man Luther: A Study in Psychoanalysis and History*. W. W. Norton.

A Psychoanalytic Memoir: Part II cont.

following. His ideas have disappeared from the psychoanalytic canon. I think this is analysis' loss. For example, his work on late adolescence focused on the task of identity formation, its normal development, and pathological forms. His work on the life cycle legitimized thinking about development in early adulthood and beyond – what are the developmental tasks, accomplishments, and failures in stages of adulthood and old age?[12] Neurophysiological research is now confirming that brain development continues through life, particularly during adolescence and young adulthood.

Locally, I would guess that few are aware Erikson was one of the founding members of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute; our Library is named for him. Considering Erikson's work makes us aware how much psychoanalysis has turned inward, that his willingness to conceptualize the individual in a social context was mirrored by the interest in psychoanalysis among later twentieth century social scientists. Lifton's Psycho-historical Study Group – which included academic participants from history, anthropology, sociology, along with psychoanalysts – spoke to the rich stimulation of interdisciplinary collaboration and discussion.



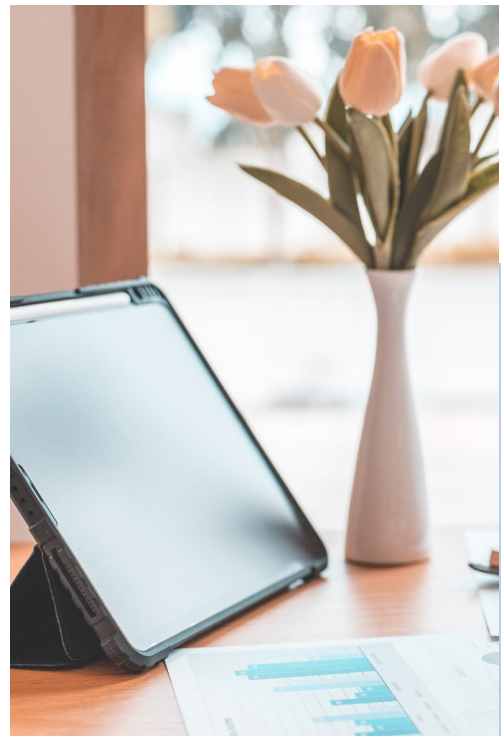
Pictured: Author, Richard Almond

[12] Daniel Levinson took this seriously in a study of men in their 30s and 40s: Levinson, D. J., with Darrow, C. N, Klein, E. B. & Levinson, M. (1978). *Seasons of a Man's Life*. New York: Random House. The term "mid-life crisis" was first used there.

Administration Room



Hear from the
volunteers who
turn the wheels
and shift the
gears as this
organization
moves through
time



Board Chair Report

Brett Penfil

SFCP Board of Trustees Chair

I hope the academic year is off to a meaningful start for all members. As always the Board of Trustees continues its work of strategic and financial oversight of SFCP. We are happy to announce that Dorian Newton and Joanna Wise-Bradman have joined the Board as Analyst Trustee and Community Trustee, respectively. Both have been involved with SFCP for over two decades and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. Together they have co-chaired the Seasoned Clinicians program for eight years so they also bring administrative expertise and team skills to the Board. They will both join the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board, for which Dorian will serve as Chair. Welcome, Dorian and Joanna!

At the same time that we welcome new Trustees, this month marks the end of Maria Longuemare's three-year term as President of SFCP. From the start of her term Maria has consistently demonstrated her dedication to the mission of a more inclusive organization. As the strategic planning process was concluding in 2022, Maria recognized the need for a President to help guide the implementation of the plan. She graciously stepped up and into this essential leadership role. Throughout her term Maria worked tirelessly on multiple fronts, always connecting the dots across the organization and never dropping a ball. Many members have spoken about the importance of Maria's leadership during a critical transitional period at SFCP. In addition to providing overall leadership, Maria enhanced SFCP in many ways including:

- Working closely with the PED to usher in a change in training aimed at greater inclusivity
- Leading the Vision and Mission Writing Team which wrote [SFCP's new vision and mission statement](#) based on the strategic plan and the input of over 80 members



- Aligned with the strategic direction of creating a more inclusive and reflective organization, revising many processes including the Ethics and Impairment Committee and Accommodations of Persons with Disabilities
- Expanding programming by partnering with the Regional Bion Symposium to offer the James Grotstein Memorial Lectures in Comparative Psychoanalysis
- Collaborating with the C.G. Jung Institute and the Regional Bion Symposium to offer programming aimed at fostering dialogue and deeper understanding between the various schools of thought
- Creating and implementing the Demographics Survey to help us better understand our membership trends
- Supporting the ongoing work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Steering Committee, itself an outcome of the strategic plan

Thank you, Maria, for your outstanding service as President. Please see pages 13-15 for more celebration of you. We look forward to the leadership you will provide for the Membership Division starting in November!

Other Board Updates:

- At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board voted for a one-time 5% tuition and fees increase. SFCP raises tuition and fees annually by 3%, but due to increased costs such as property taxes and health care for staff, a larger increase was needed this year. The increase will take effect on January 1, 2025.
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Board Chair Report cont.

Brett Penfil

SFCP Board of Trustees Chair

- Last year, the Board implemented the Fund Development Committee which is composed of representatives from all three fundraising campaigns - Annual Giving, Enrico Jones, and Candidate Training Grants. The committee meets three times per year to learn from each other and to support each campaign. We are deeply grateful to the generosity of our members who contributed \$198,755 across the three funds. This is the highest total raised in a single year at SFCP. Thank you to ALL donors. Each of you helps strengthen SFCP!



As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. And thank you to everyone who continues to create the Center.

Best wishes,
Brett Penfil

A handwritten signature of Brett Penfil in black ink.

P.S. In case this is the only sentence you read, SFCP is now without a President. This role is crucial for the ongoing growth and development of SFCP. Please reach out to Dorian Newton or me if you want to learn more. SFCP needs you!



Celebrating Maria Longuemare's Three-Year Term as President

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COLLABORATIVE
STRONG LEADER
VISIONARY
GENUINE
INTELLIGENT
OPEN
GRACIOUS
DILIGENT
AUTHENTIC
INCLUSIVE
SMART

Read some comments below on Maria's amazing work!

What do you appreciate about Maria?

“ Maria has a tremendous capacity to cut to the chase which I greatly admire. In the process of getting an enviable amount of work done, she does so with clarity, openness, kindness and thoughtful listening. It has been such a pleasure working with and learning from her. I'm enormously grateful for her tireless dedication and work on behalf of SFCP.
- Deborah Fletcher ”

“ I appreciate so much about Maria. She is able to think about extremely complex situations, and hone in on the most important parts, she is also so thorough and does not drop issues until they have been thought about and digested, and then she works incredibly hard to bring people together and then to thoroughly implement changes. She is such a hard worker. She is always there when people want to talk things through with her. She is always willing to look at herself and her part in things and then to change in response to feedback. She is able to really bring people together.
- Anonymous ”

“ Everything. Her intelligence, ability to listen, constant contributions with her capacity to do so much, and her commitment of time. She is kind and generous in so many ways.
- Mary-Stone Bowers ”

“ I appreciate the quality of Maria's thinking. She has a big picture view and is very nuanced.
- Meryl Botkin ”

“ How open she is, and how hard she works always, to make connections with others.
- Clara Kwun ”

“ I hold Maria in the highest esteem, as she is one of the most personable, engaged, and community-oriented leaders I have had the privilege of working with and serving. She invests in and encourages both my personal and professional growth, something rare in a leader. Maria consistently values my input and thoughtfully considers the perspectives of the staff, creating an environment of respect and collaboration.
- Anonymous ”

“ Over the years, I have always looked forward to spending time with Maria. Over a meal, drink, or hike with Maria, you can count on compelling conversation and a ready-to-go sense of humor — sharp or dry as you like or, on occasion, as silly as you like. At more serious moments, or when I've needed support, I have treasured Maria's mix of caring humanity, creativity, and wise pragmatism.
- Anonymous ”

What do you value about Maria's leadership?

“ Intelligence, fairness, a model of being psychologically minded.

— Cheryl Goodrich ”

“ Maria takes a genuine interest in my life, asking about my family and remembering what is happening with me. She acknowledges the challenges I am facing and offers support. Her approachable nature and willingness to be available even outside the work context make her an exceptional leader.

— Anonymous ”

“ Maria is a thoughtful, kind, and compassionate leader. She brings her humanity and humility to the role. Maria works in a collaborative manner that truly fosters collective effort. She is organized and efficient in the way she works, which I think is containing for the group. I deeply appreciate Maria's commitment to the improvement of SFCP and to taking on the hard tasks required to help move SFCP in a more expansive and inclusive direction.

— Loïc Pritchard ”

“ She holds a big picture--interprets details into a wide and deep vision

— Mary McMillan ”

“ Maria never lets anything fall through the cracks. Her attention to detail is remarkable.

— Anonymous ”

What impact has Maria had on SFCP?

“ In her three years as president, she leaves that role with SFCP in much better shape, organizationally and culturally. She has catalyzed the Center to come to grips with a series of difficult, often unexpected challenges. Her early focus on the realities of our demographics helped orient us to our long term tasks.

— Neil Brast ”

“ It's impossible to quantify. Practically, I think it's fair to say that she lead the organization through some incredibly difficult, divisive times, very successfully and with grace.

— Anonymous ”

“ Maria has made an impact on SFCP on many levels. On one end, her leadership has allowed SFCP to function more coherently and efficiently in a very "nuts and bolts" kind of way. At the same time, her unflagging efforts in working towards equity and inclusion at SFCP have helped to significantly shift the culture at SFCP in remarkable ways. I don't think we would have made it this far without her leadership.

— Loïc Pritchard ”



Volunteer of the Month - Corey Datz-Greenberg

Mary McMillan
SFCP Newsletter Editor

As a member of the Coalition for Clinical Social Work (CCSW) Steering Committee, Corey finds many ways to share his profound interest in, and abiding care for, applying psychoanalytic thinking to organizations and groups that are working to improve social justice. And, he says, even in his private practice, where his training in psychoanalysis gives him insight into internal psychological processes, he is also always aware of the influences of power, culture, justice, capitalism, politics. He says that he, like many of us, compartmentalizes his awareness of the difficulties of living in the world today, but it's important to at least be aware of the unconscious ways we are being influenced by those difficulties. He says his foundation in psychoanalysis is what makes his awareness sustainable.

At CCSW, Corey is involved in expanding how we think about psychoanalysis. He helps to run the Mentorship Program for early career social workers who are working in mental health nonprofits with people who have scarce resources and often multiple diagnoses—and also dealing with pressure from MediCal and other insurance companies. These social workers, like the mentors with whom Corey matches them, receive little financial compensation, but are dedicated to the work, and are hungry for relationship with a seasoned social worker. Corey refers to the mentors, who have found ways to continue the work despite the financial hardships, as “heroes.”

He also helps to plan and produce the Clinical Evening events, and is eagerly looking forward to the event on December 3 called



“Psychoanalysis Under Attack,” when the presenter, Dr. Silvia Rivera, a social worker in Colombia, will talk about the impact on communities of the ongoing war there, and the discussant, Dania Dandashli, is a social worker in Beirut who is working with children from Gaza and Southern Lebanon. (For more information, see p.34 in the Opportunities Room)

And in the Spring, he will be teaching four weeks of the CCSW eighteen-week extension class in the series called “What Helps.”

Corey has a long history of interest in social justice. While doing his undergraduate work, he was organizing a queer union. He worked in Nicaragua while in the Peace Corps, and then spent eleven years at the labor union for hotel workers. After graduating from Smith in 2019, he worked at Access Institute and then at UCSF Citywide, where, he says, he loved doing the “grimy, gritty work” of helping patients discharged from various psychiatric hospitals, as part of an Intensive Case Management program. As both case manager and therapist, he was helping patients adapt to what he describes as “a broken system.” With a case load of ten people with severe mental illness, he had “fun” linking them up with medical, psychological, and housing resources and job training and SSI. He was often “doing therapy while riding the bus with them, taking them to the doctor’s, etc.” He says, “Thinking psychoanalytically helped me a great deal.”

BYLAWS CORNER

SFCP Townhall

by Mary McMillan



SAVE THE DATE: SFCP TOWN HALL

Please join us on Sunday, February 8, 2026 to discuss potential revisions to the SFCP Bylaws.

We will meet via Zoom from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

The purpose of the Town Hall is to hear members' concerns, questions and needs. The Bylaws Task Force of the Board will present potential revisions to the Bylaws—each of which will have already been presented here in the Bylaws Corner prior to the Town Hall—and ask for feedback and input. The Bylaws Task Force and the Board will take the comments from the Town Hall into consideration as they prepare for the next step in the revision process.

The Bylaws of San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis is a legal document of our rules. Like the Constitution of the United States, it is the Constitution of SFCP—the rules that reveal our values by defining how our organization operates. It is posted on our website under “About SFCP.” Here is a link to it: <https://www.sfcps.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Bylaws-Adopted-2021-06-18.pdf>.

This year, the Board of Trustees has assigned a task force to create a process for thoroughly revising our Bylaws. The members of this task force are Cheryl Goodrich, Marcia Hodges, Mary McMillan, Brett Penfil and Kira Steifman.

The full revision process will include many steps, and obtaining member input is a crucial element in this process. Some of the Bylaws rules about which the task force wants member input are:

- Should we change rules about membership classification (Analyst, Associate, Community): the different qualifications and rights and privileges for each one?
- Should we change rules about which members are allowed to vote?
- Should we change the rules about how many members are on the Board, how the Board votes, when the Board meets, the qualifications for who can be President of SFCP, the Board Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary and a Board Trustee?

The voting membership will ultimately vote on the final version.



Academic & Applied Psychoanalysis, Advocacy, Research Division

by Christopher Scott

SFCP is reviving the Academic & Applied Psychoanalysis, Advocacy, Research Division. The Division's goal is to foster psychoanalytic study, research, and writing for publication. Chaired by Christopher Scott, the Division is currently creating a structure for itself.

Mali Mann, MD, has taken on the role of Chair of the Research Committee within the Division. She is building the committee and looks forward to connecting with members who are interested in engaging psychoanalytic research. Please reach out to Mali with your interest (mannm@stanford.edu).

We will form a writing group to begin in 2026. The aim will be to produce writing for publication in psychoanalytic journals or psychoanalytic writing for publication elsewhere. Daniel Duane brings his experience as a professional writer to the role of leading the writing group. Please reach out to Daniel if you are interested in joining the writing group (dandduane6@gmail.com).

In the future, the Division plans to organize study groups and programming in collaboration with scholars whose work engages psychoanalysis. As we build relationships with Bay Area universities, we hope to make SFCP a place where people from non-clinical backgrounds can study psychoanalysis.

Finally, we would like to rename the Division. One possibility is Psychoanalytic Studies in the Arts and Sciences. If you have a suggestion, please reach out to Christopher Scott (christopherscottphd@gmail.com).

We look forward to expanding the Division by adding new members from the SFCP community. To express your interest in joining the Division, please contact Christopher.



Research Committee, Academic & Applied Psychoanalysis, Advocacy, Research Division

by Mali Mann

Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of the Research Committee at our San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis, I am reaching out to invite individuals passionate about research to join our Research Division. We seek dedicated people interested in contributing to ongoing projects and exploring new research opportunities in our field.

If you're interested in psychoanalytic research, I invite you to reach out to me. Your insights and experience are crucial as we work to deepen our understanding of the ongoing research projects in our field. The Research Committee has an ongoing interest in Neuroscience and Neuro-psychoanalysis. It also welcomes members engaged in other fields of research who may be interested in forming their own research groups within the Division. I look forward to hearing from you and working together to develop a vibrant community

To share your interest or ask questions, please contact me at mannm@stanford.edu or call my cell at 650-867-7461.

Warm regards,

Mali



LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

SFCP OPPORTUNITIES

SFCP has well over two hundred non-teaching volunteer roles, which are essential to the functioning of the Center.

HERE ARE TWO EXAMPLES:

ROLE 1

ANALYST MEMBER OF THE SFCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **What are the tasks and responsibilities for this role?**
- Attend board meetings
- Provide fiduciary oversight and other guidance
- Serve on at least one committee of the Board
- Generously contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign

ROLE 2

CHAIR, COMMUNITY MEMBERS MENTORING PROGRAM

- **What are the tasks and responsibilities for this role?**
- publicize the program
- match applicants with mentors

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ROLES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Please visit [Help Wanted - Opportunities to Participate](#) in the Membership Section of the SFCP website.

FOR PROGRAM LEADS OR THOSE PLANNING TO LEAVE THEIR ROLE:

Please complete this questionnaire to get the role posted - [SFCP Roles Questionnaire](#).

SFCP Community Members – Mentoring Program!

Holly Gordon

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](#).

And here is [the link to the 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

hollygordon4@gmail.com

COST: FREE to SFCP Community Members.

[LINK TO APPLICATION](#)

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

Holly Gordon hollygordon4@gmail.com

by this time, in the eyes of a doting Prime Minister, Rupert could do no wrong. Now, as Minister for Sport, with Gerald Middleton as an exceptional private secretary to do the donkey work, Rupert was free to roam round exuding confidence, raising money for the Olympic team here, defusing a bomb against a South African athlete there. Responsible, even, he hadn't cleaned up his private life at all. With Helen, he could behave as he chose, he could do as he pleased with Beattie Johnson in the Post House.

Glancing at Rupert, sprawled out on the sofa, taking up most of Gerald's seat, Tony felt a pang. The emergent stubble, Tony felt, couldn't remember a time in which he hadn't envied the Campbell's behaviour, they had always been in the shire. They had lived in the Penscombe for years, behind net curtains, in a ham. Tony had been at school, and he had seen the

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Email: rashmita.sriram@sfcps.org

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playwright, Dermot
the second. There followed a
towering genius, and how happy



This fund was established in memory of Enrico E. Jones, PhD, an African American Psychologist and Professor of Psychology at UC Berkeley. Enrico (Rico) completed his analytic training at San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute in 1992 and served on the faculty until 2000. Rico died in 2003, after a 3-year battle with multiple myeloma.

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(415) 563-5815

THE ENRICO JONES FUND FOR EQUALITY AND EXCELLENCE

124 grants have been given to
people of color since 2021!

- 15 students received tuition credits in 2021
- 25 students received tuition credits in 2022
- 27 students received tuition credits in 2023
- 27 students received tuition credits in 2024
- 30 students estimated to receive tuition credits in 2025

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."

Join Us!

The EJ Fund has received significant support from the SFCP community, with 123+ members contributing since inception. As the number of recipients has increased each year since the Fund's inception, the diversity of SFCP's students has grown and we anticipate an increase of applicants going forward. To continue providing meaningful tuition support to persons of color, it is essential that contributions continue yearly. Please consider making the EJ Fund an annual recipient of your charitable giving.

Opportunities Room (in chronological order)

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Ways members
can participate
in programs
and events





SFCP in conjunction with the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco and RBS present:

Transformation, Creativity, and the Aesthetic Experience:

Jungian and Contemporary Object Relations Comparative Perspectives

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | October 18, 2025 | November 15, 2025

9:30AM - 12:30PM Pacific Time

In-Person at SFCP (444 Natoma Street, San Francisco) and via Zoom

The historic divide between Freud and Jung has often limited cross-disciplinary learning between the Freudian/Object Relations psychoanalytic tradition and Jungian clinical approaches. This collaboration between SFCP, the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, and The Regional Bion Symposium aims to bridge that gap, fostering dialogue and deeper understanding between these schools of thought.

This series offers a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of Jungian and Contemporary Object Relationalist notions of psychoanalytic therapeutic action, with specific attention to the role of transformation, creativity, and aesthetic experience in the clinical setting and beyond.

Part 1: September 27, 2025

9:30AM - 12:30PM Pacific Time
3 CE/CME Credits

Notions of Psychoanalytic Transformation in the Clinical Setting:

Case Presentations from a Jungian and British Object Relations Perspective
Presenters/Discussants: Henry Markman, MD & Sandy Pepper, MD

Part 2: October 18, 2025

9:30AM - 12:30PM Pacific Time
3 CE/CME Credits

Notions of Creativity in the Clinical Setting: Case Discussions from Jungian and Contemporary Object Relations Perspectives

Presenter: Jan Ole Luuk, LLM
Discussants: Robert Grossmark, PhD, ABPP and Paul Watsky, PhD, ABPP

Part 3: November 15, 2025

9:30AM - 12:30PM Pacific Time
3 CE/CME Credits

Transformation, Creativity, and the Aesthetic Experience:

Comparative Psychoanalytic Perspectives within the Jungian and Contemporary Object Relations Traditions
Presenters and Panel Discussion: John Beebe, MD; Dianne Elise, PhD; Henry Markman, MD; and Paul Watsky, PhD, ABPP

Participants are encouraged to register for the full 3-part series for maximum immersion; however single lecture tickets are also available.

Pre-registration is required.

	Full Series	Single Ticket
General Admission	\$270	\$105
Members of SFCP or CG Jung SF	\$215	\$85
Candidates, Students, and SFCP PPTP Trainees	Free	Free

Optional CME/CE Credits available for \$15 per credit. (Free for SFCP Members)

TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE, VISIT:



www.sfcp.org/tca-experience/





COMMITTEE ON GROUPS PRESENTS

DEEPEN THE DIALOGUE: CONVERSATIONS ACROSS DIFFERENCE

In a time increasingly marked by polarization, we invite members of the SFCP community to come together in dialogue that fosters reflection, engagement, and connection, moving beyond the familiar and comfortable. We aim to create conditions where participants can bring the fullness of their experience, including what may be difficult to put into words, and offer it to others in the spirit of genuine exchange. Our hope is to create a setting where each person can speak from the richness of their lived experience, and where differences in background, perspective, or ways of thinking are not barriers but invitations to explore new understandings.

We seek to cultivate an atmosphere where openness can replace certainty, and where each person can be surprised by their own speech as well as by what they hear from others. These conversations are intended to nourish a deeper sense of relatedness in our community — one that honors nuance, welcomes tension, and allows for the creative possibilities that arise when we meet across what separates us.

The gathering will also serve as a starting point for smaller groups, which we envision meeting on an ongoing basis — perhaps monthly — to continue these conversations in a more sustained and focused way. Participants in the larger gathering are expected to engage fully in the formation and ongoing work of these groups, which will provide a setting to build on the conversations initiated at the larger gathering and reflect collectively on all that has emerged.

*We will reconvene the original large group in a follow-up event a year from now, offering participants the opportunity to share what has developed in their groups, reflect on what has been learned, and consider next steps for the future.

We hope you will join us in this effort.

For more information and to register, visit:
sfcp.org/2025-11-02-committee-on-groups/



November 2, 2025

10am -1pm

San Francisco Center for
Psychoanalysis
444 Natoma Street, CA 94103



2025-2026

Child Colloquia Series

The Child Colloquium Series are offered free of charge through a generous support of the **SFCP** and the **Sophia Mirviss Fund**.

Sat, Oct 25

10:00AM – 12:00PM

LEARNING TO SURF: ANALYZING ADOLESCENTS

PRESENTER: MARY BRADY, PHD

DISCUSSANT: JILL SALLBERG, PHD, ABPP

MODERATOR: DAVID FRANKEL, PHD

Sat, Nov 8

10:00AM – 12:00PM

THE PLAY OF EROS: THE STORY OF AN ADOLESCENT BOY, HIS BODY AND HIS ANALYST'S BODY

PRESENTER: BRUCE REIS, PHD, FIPA, BCPSA

DISCUSSANT: TERRENCE OWENS, PHD

MODERATOR: DAVID FRANKEL, PHD

Sat, Jan 31

10:00AM – 12:00PM

SUPPORTING THE HEALTH OF TRANS, NONBINARY, AND GENDER-EXPLORING YOUTH BY SUPPORTING THEIR PARENTS

PRESENTER: MELISSA HOLUB, PHD

Sat, Feb 21

5:00PM - 9:00PM

FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

DISCUSSANT: REYNA COWAN, PSYD, LCSW

Sat, Mar 21

10:00AM – 12:00PM

MOURNING THE BODY AS BEDROCK: DEVELOPMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN TREATING TRANSEXUAL PATIENTS ANALYTICALLY

PRESENTER: AVGI SAKETOPOULOU, PSYD

Sat, Apr 18

10:00AM – 12:00PM

TREATING ADOLESCENT EATING DISORDERS THROUGH FAMILY THERAPY

PRESENTERS: JENNIFER VERA, MFT AND LYNN TRACY, PHD

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

www.sfcps.org/child-colloquium-series/



ALL EVENTS ARE IN PERSON AT SFCP
444 NATOMA STREET
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CHILD COLLOQUIA SERIES

THE PLAY OF EROS: THE STORY OF AN ADOLESCENT BOY, HIS BODY AND HIS ANALYST'S BODY

Bruce Reis presents his treatment with an adolescent boy, "Manny", in which he explores a broader meaning of Eros. What he finds is the pleasure in ideas, the pleasure in relationships, and the pleasure of play. This is Eros that is fueled by the life instinct, that seeks growth and seeks development; and a play between analyst and patient that is led not by theory, goal direction or understanding, but by an affection for the development of the individual. Drawing on his own experience of adolescence, Reis keeps the analytic space of adolescence open without a super egoic demand for maturation.

PRESENTER

BRUCE REIS, PHD, FIPA, BCPSA

DISCUSSANT

TERRENCE OWENS, PHD

MODERATOR

DAVID FRANKEL, PHD

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

10 AM - 12 PM

**IN-PERSON at
SFCP
444 Natoma Street
San Francisco, CA 94103**

FREE EVENT!

**TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:
www.sfcps.org/2025-11-08-child-colloquia/**



Psychoanalytic Training Informational Evening

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

Thursday, November 13, 2025

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
- clinical consultation
- 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 or (415) 826-9639 for a personal conversation.

Or RSVP using this
QR code:





Psychoanalysis Under Attack: Practicing Psychoanalytically-Informed Work in Beleaguered Communities Abroad

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

6:45pm - Greetings and Socializing

7:00pm – 09:00pm - Program

Location:

Remote on Zoom

Presenter:

Silvia Rivera, PhD

Psychotherapist, psychoanalyst,
academic and teacher,
based in Bogota, Colombia

Program Fee:

This program is free

To Register:

www.sfcps.org/2025-12-03-ccsw/

Discussant:

Dania Dandashli, MA, LPC-S

Psychotherapist and psychoanalyst
based in Beirut, Lebanon
Co-founder of the Beirut
Institute for Psychoanalytic Studies

Questions?

Clara Kwun, LCSW

claraandjon@comcast.net

Moderator:

Corey Datz-Greenberg, LCSW

Psychotherapist based in San Francisco and
PINC Candidate in Psychoanalysis
Steering Committee CCSW

Daniel Yu, LCSW

d.yu.lcsw@gmail.com



DIALOGUES IN CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOANALYSIS

2025-26

MOTHER MEDIA: SEEING MOMS *and* BEING MOMS
in the AGES of TECHNOLOGY

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

HANNAH
ZEAVIN,
PHD
in conversation
with
ELIZABETH
BRADSHAW,
PSYD

**A PASSION for
EVER MORE**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Presenter: DOMINIQUE SCARFONE, MD
Discussant: ADAM BLUM, PSYD
Moderator: JULIE RUSKIN, PHD

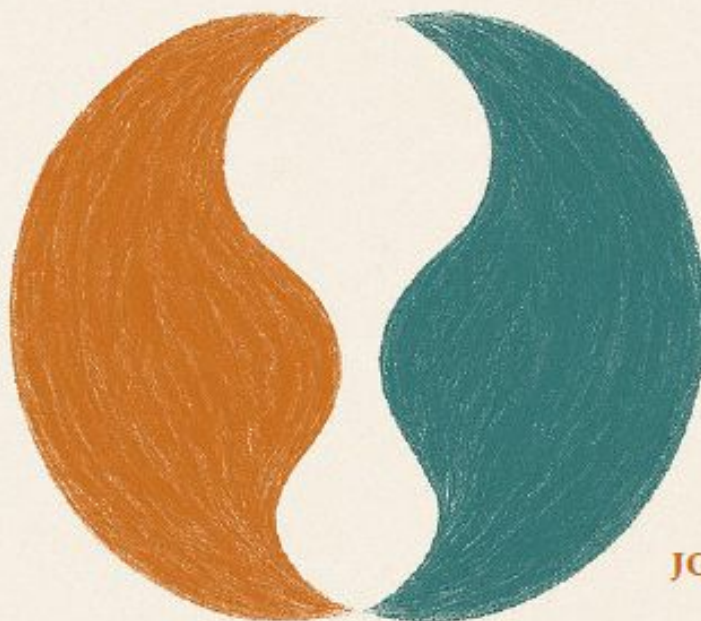
**MALIGNANT
NOSTALGIA :**
FANTASIES of WHOLENESS
and the VIOLENCE
of EXCLUSION

Saturday,
DECEMBER 6,
2025

Presenter:
DONALD
MOSS,
MD

Discussant:
MITCHELL
WILSON,
MD

Moderator:
JOHN DiMARTINI,
PHD



SPRING PROGRAM
to be announced

All programs
9:30am-12:30pm
AT SFCP and ON ZOOM

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The San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis'
Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis
presents

Malignant Nostalgia: the impulse to eradicate "the bitter experience of life"

*Donald Moss in conversation with
Mitchell Wilson*

Donald Moss, M.D. has been in psychoanalytic practice for 45 years. He is the author of five books—including the Grady Prize-winning *Psychoanalysis in a Plague Year*—and over sixty articles, most recently "Encountering Representations of Evil" and "Always There and Never Before: The Eclipse of Everyday Life." Winner of the Haskell Norman Prize for Excellence in Psychoanalysis, and member of the Holmes Commission on Racial Equality in American Psychoanalysis, he teaches Freudian theory at the New York Psychoanalytic Society & Institute.

Mitchell Wilson, M.D. is the Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*. In 2020, his book, *The Analyst's Desire: The Ethical Foundation of Clinical Practice*, was published by Bloomsbury Press. Lately, he has written on Lacan and Lucia Tower's paper "On Countertransference" as part of the special JAPA issue "Lacan in America," "Property, Materiality, Proximity: The Analytic Frame and Person Work" published in JAPA earlier this year, and also in JAPA, "The Edges of the Voice," a plenary he gave in New York in 2024. His essay, "Comedy and Cruelty: The Comic Mode in the Age of Trump," was recently published in *Parapraxis 6: Resistance*. He is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis, and a Supervising Analyst at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California. He is in private practice and leads study groups in Berkeley, CA.

**Saturday,
December 6, 2025
9:30am - 12:30pm**

San Francisco Center for
Psychoanalysis
444 Natoma Street, San
Francisco, CA 94103

For more information and to register, visit:
<https://www.sfcps.org/2025-12-06-dialogues/>





Wine, Cheese, & Community Building

2025-2026 Event Schedule

*Join us for one of our upcoming open houses
for Community Building,
in support of The Annual Giving Campaign!*

07
DECEMBER

**PAUL AND DENA
SORBO'S HOME**
PALO ALTO, CA (South Bay)



17
MAY

**AMY WALLERSTEIN
FRIEDMAN'S HOME**
PIEDMONT, CA (East Bay)



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WINE & CHEESE

party

AN OPEN HOUSE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING,
SPONSORED BY THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
2PM - 5PM

BID ON
VINTAGE
WINES AT THE
SILENT
AUCTION!

HOSTED BY
PAUL AND DENA SORBO
AT THEIR HOME IN MOUNTAIN VIEW
(ADDRESS PROVIDED UPON RSVP)

PLEASE RSVP HERE!





SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS 2025-2026

Mark your calendars for this wide
range of programs in '25-'26!

	Sat October 4 10:30am - 12pm THE RADICAL OTHERNESS OF MASUD KHAN <i>Presenter: Ilene Philipson, PhD, PhD; San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis (SFCP)</i> <i>Moderator: Chuck Fisher, MD; SFCP</i>
	Sat November 1 10:30am - 12pm LEADERSHIP IN THE PSYCHOANALYTIC MOVEMENT <i>Presenter: Harriet Wolfe, MD; SFCP; President, International Psychoanalytic Association</i> <i>In conversation with Brett Penfil, LMFT, MPH; Chair, SFCP Board of Trustees</i>
	Sat January 10 10:30am - 12:30pm PSYCHEDELIC PSYCHOANALYSIS: TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE SELF <i>Presenter: Megan Rundel, PhD; Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California</i> <i>Moderator: Ilene Philipson, PhD, PhD</i>
	Sat March 7 10:30am - 12pm ENDINGS IN ANALYSIS <i>Presenter: Stephen Purcell, MD; SFCP and Alice Jones, MD; SFCP</i> <i>Interviewer: Steven Goldberg, MD; SFCP</i>
	Sat April 4 10:30am - 12pm OUTCOME STUDY OF PSYCHOANALYSES OF CHRONICALLY DEPRESSED PATIENTS WITH EARLY TRAUMA, AN UPDATE OF MODE <i>Presenter: Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber, PhD; Senior Scientist of the University Medicine Mainz, Department of Psychosomatics and Psychiatry</i> <i>Interviewer: Cheryl Goodrich, PhD; SFCP</i>
	Sat May 16 10:30am - 12pm Title TBD <i>Presenter: SFCP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Steering Committee</i>
	Sat June 13 10:30am - 12pm HASKELL NORMAN EVENT <i>Award Recipient: Paul Williams, PhD</i>



For more details and updates about these events, please
visit our website www.sfcps.org/scientific-meetings/

CME/CE credits pending

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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PSYCHEDELIC PSYCHOANALYSIS: TRANSFORMATION OF THE SELF

As the psychedelic renaissance enters our consulting rooms, clinicians need to be able to understand and work with patients who are interested in using psychedelics. In this talk, we will discuss the main psychedelic agents being used for mental health treatment, clinical issues around their use, and how analysts can work skillfully with these patients.

Presenter:

Megan Rundel, PhD is a clinical psychologist, and a Personal and Supervising Analyst and Faculty at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California. She is also a graduate of the Psychedelic Assisted Therapies and Research program at the California Institute of Integral Studies, as well as a number of ketamine training programs. She has taught and written widely on the use of psychedelics in enhancing psychoanalysis; her most recent papers are "Psychedelic Psychoanalysis: Transformations of the Self," published in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* in 2022, and "Expansion and Regression in Oceanic Experience: A Model of Psychedelic Consciousness for Psychoanalysis" co-authored with Karen Peoples, Ph.D., to be published in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* later in 2025. She maintains a private practice of psychoanalysis and consultation in Oakland, California.

**Saturday,
January 10, 2026**

10:30am - 12:00pm



In Person at

**San Francisco Center for
Psychoanalysis
444 Natoma Street
San Francisco, CA 94103**

Remote option available

Moderator:

Ilene Philipson, PhD, PhD
San Francisco Center for
Psychoanalysis (SFCP)

1.5 CME/CE Credits Available

*This program is free
of charge!*

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SCIENTIFIC-MEETING/](http://WWW.SFCP.ORG/2026-01-10-SCIENTIFIC-MEETING/)**





PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDENT SEMINARS

2025-2026

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Online via Zoom



These seminars are offered as a community service intended to supplement local training with psychoanalytic clinical instruction. The courses are offered free of charge to pre-and post-doctoral psychology interns, psychiatry residents, and pre-licensed MFT and social work interns currently in clinical placements.

**JANUARY
7-28**

**Becoming a Couple: An Introduction to
Psychoanalytic Couple Psychotherapy**

Dana Iscoff, MFT

**FEBRUARY
4-25**

**Exploring the Unconscious – An
Introduction to Jungian Dreamwork**

Betty Tharpe, MFT

**MARCH
4-25**

**Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Psychoanalytic
Theory, and Trans Experience(s)**

Loic Pritchard, MFT

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TOWNHALL MEETING

Let Your Voice Be Heard: Join Our Townhall Meeting

**Engage in conversation
about proposed revisions
to the Bylaws!**

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2026
10AM - 12PM**

Bylaws Task Force will review
possible revisions
— that are also being shared
monthly in the Bylaws Corner —
and ask for your input.

ONLINE EVENT

MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

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