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MAIN THEME: Exploring the Intersection Between History and Psychology
SUB-THEME: Psychohistory in the Age of Trump
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Co-sponsored by the NYU Silver School of Social Work and the Object Relations Institute for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis (ORI)
Howard Stein, ORGANIZATIONAL POETRY AS A PORTAL TO UNDERSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETY, AND HISTORY. Prof. Stein publishes extensively on helping organizations function more effectively and cooperatively. He has also published many books of poetry. His paper shows how poetry can aid organizations.

Peter Kuznick, TRUMP AND FOREIGN POLICY. Prof. Kunzick is the co-author (with Oliver Stone) of The Untold History of the United States. He will discuss President Trump’s foreign policy initiatives and will place them in the context of American history.

*PANEL: GASLIGHTING–FROM THE PERSONAL TO THE POLITICAL. Robin Stern and Judith Logue. Gaslighting is the manipulation of another’s reality with the unwitting cooperation of the victim. This presentation applies gaslighting to our social and political climate, including at the Presidential level.

*PANEL: THE LEGACY OF CHRISTOPHER LASCH’S THE CULTURE OF NARCISSISM. Elizabeth Lunbeck, Dagmar Herzog, and Natasha Zaretsky. Three historians will each give papers on Christopher Lasch’s 1979 best-seller The Culture of Narcissism. Topics include: (1) Narcissism in the Age of Trump; (2) Christopher Lasch and His Critics: Narcissism in Historical Perspective; and (3) Narcissism Post-Nazism.

*PANEL: THE POLITICS OF EXCLUSION–DISCUSSION OF DR. RICHARDS’ SELECTED PAPERS. Arnold Richards, Arthur Lynch, and Burt Seitler. Dr. Arnold Richards has long been an active member of the psychoanalytic community, including a decade as editor of the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association. His work illuminates many of the organizational and intellectual dilemmas of American psychoanalysis. The panelists will discuss the second volume of Arnold Richards' Selected Papers.

Herb Barry, NEW FEDERAL TAX PROPOSAL PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD LOVE. This paper will discuss the Constitutional amendment to tax owners of land, exempting the value of buildings, which would benefit builders of hotels. The new tax on land would make more urban land available at lower prices, and most other taxpayers also would benefit.

Robinson Lilienthal, NIETZSCHE AND FREUD AS PHYSICIANS OF CULTURE. The role of the psychologist as a physician of culture is a fundamental one, but so far little explored. This presentation explores similarities and differences in the ways Nietzsche and Freud enacted this role, and their cultural impact in a variety of ways.

Brian D’Agostino, MILITARISM, MACHISMO, AND THE REGULATION OF SELF-IMAGE. In 2015, the world spent over 1.6 trillion dollars on war and war preparations. Militarist fantasies consume the Republican Party and President. This paper presents a comprehensive theoretical framework for understanding militarism, building on survey data, feminist psychoanalytic theory, research on the effects of punitive parenting, and the application of control systems theory to human psychology.

Habibeh Rahim and Constance L. Benson, JERUSALEM: MULTICULTURAL PSYCHOHISTORY AND HEALING. The intensity of religious attachment to the City of Jerusalem by members of the Abrahamic faiths has taken the form of religious and political conflict, historically and in the current Israeli/Palestinian saga. This presentation aims to provide a multicultural perspective on this history of conflict as a basis for healing, dialog, and multi-faith global citizenry.

STUDENT PANEL, NYU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK: EXAMINING FAILURES AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF SOCIAL POLICY. Chair: Denis O’Keefe, Andrea Greer, Jesse A. Cordero, and Jean C. Nastasi. Panelists will focus primarily on the unspoken, non-conscious elements that

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**STUDENT PANEL, NYU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

EXAMINING FAILURES AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES of SOCIAL POLICY


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### Room 914

**Psychohistory Forum Panel**

**The Psychology of Trump and the 2016 Election**

- **Paul, Elovitz, Ph.D.**, Prof. and Founding Member, Ramapo College
- **Peter Petschauer, Ph.D.**, Prof. Emeritus, Appalachian State University
- **David Cifelli**, Student, Ramapo College

**Panel**

**New Directions in Psychohistory and Psychobiography**

- Ken Fuchzman, Ed.D., University of Connecticut and IPA
- Irene Javors, M.Ed., LMHC, Yeshiva University

**Lunch [For All]**
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**KEYNOTE [ROOM 914]**

**1:55-3:20**  
PANEL: THE PROCESS OF CHANGE: WHAT PROMOTES AND WHAT RETARDS SOCIAL MOBILITY.  
**Alice Maher, M.D.**, psychoanalyst in private practice; Founder of Emotional Imprint™  
**Sean Campbell**, Student, Rutgers University School of Law  
**Jimmy Fuchsman, M.S.**, Quinnipiac University

**3:20-3:30**  
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**3:30-4:10**  
**Molly Castelloe, Ph.D.**, Metropolitan College of NY  
REFLECTIONS ON AMERICAN IDENTITY

**4:25-5:00**  
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*PANEL: ARTISTS RETHINKING BLACK & ASIAN IDENTITY—IMMIGRATION, GLOBALIZATION, & INTERGENERATIONAL MEMORY*  
**Lan Ding Liu; Keisha Thompson, Ph.D.**, Kingsborough Community College;  
**Brian D’Agostino, Ph.D.**. International Psychohistorical Association

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**Guy Lord, M.D.**, Child Psychiatrist, Milwaukee, WI.  
THE EVOLUTION OF DIAGNOSES RELATING TO SEXUALITY IN THE DSM SERIES: FROM OBJECT CHOICE TO IDENTITY

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Paul Elovitz, Ph.D., Ramapo College; Peter Petschauer, Ph.D., Appalachian State University; Denis O’Keefe, LCSW-R, New York University

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**Jay Einhorn, Ph.D.**

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**RETHINKING CONSTRUCTIONS OF CHILDREN AND HAVING CHILDREN.**

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**Natalie Medina-Minton, LCSW**, Kings County Hospital; Brooklyn College; NYU  
**Rebecca Harrington, LCSW**, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center; NYU |

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### ROOM 904

**Merle Molofsky, M.F.A.,** National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis and Harlem Family Institute. IN A TIME OF GROUP PROTEST AND GROUP ACTION, EVERY SINGLE VOICE MATTERS: A SINGULAR VOICE.

**Jeffrey Lewis, Ph.D.,** Object Relations Institute for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: FROM THERAPEUTIC REGRESSION TO DEPENDENCY AS NECESSITY - PENDING


**Iyad Alkhouri, M.D.,** psychiatrist. DON’T JUST STAND THERE DO SOMETHING: CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DISASTER AREAS

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**PANEL: TALKING WITH CHINA**

REFLECTIONS ON SEVEN YEARS OF CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOANALYTIC TEACHING, SUPERVISION, AND TREATMENT.

*Keisha Thompson, Ph.D.,* Kingsborough Community College.

STONY THE ROAD WE TROD . . . CLINICIANS AND CLIENTS OF COLOR DEALING WITH RACIAL MICROAGGRESSIONS AND RACIAL BATTLE FATIGUE

*Jack Schwartz, LCSW, PsyD, NCPsyA.*

THE DANCE BETWEEN THE LATENT AND THE MANIFEST WHILE INTERPRETING DREAMS: A PRACTITIONER’S GUIDE

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influence the development, enactment and implementa-
tion of social policy across a range of social justice
issues resulting in policy paradoxes. Such elements
include underlying value systems, historical processes,
and/or group processes that service the creation of
outcomes deviating from their stated purpose.

Claude Barbre, THE IMPACT OF WAR AND
CULTURAL TRAUMA ON THE PSYCHOANALYTIC
THEORIES AND THERAPEUTIC COLLABORA-
TIONS OF JOHN RICKMAN AND WILFRED BION:
PSYCHOHISTORICAL CORRESPONDENCES AND
INTERSECTIONS. This presentation will show how the
collaboration between psychoanalysts John Rickman and
Wilfred Bion led to numerous approaches to treat those
exposed to cultural atrocities and the historical impact of
war and post-war trauma.

David Lotto, REFLECTIONS ON THE TRUMP
PHENOMENON: AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM
GONE WILD. This paper suggests that Trump’s
campaign slogan Make America Great Again presents
him as the symbolic leader who will restore the US to our
rightful place in the world as the most powerful, richest,
and most influential nation on this planet.

Sharon Kahn, FROM CHIMNEY SWEEPING TO
SWAPPING TALES: HOW THE LAW OF RECEP-
TION BEGOT MUTUAL ANALYSIS. Freudian
analysis turned chimney sweeping from a patient-
informing practice into an authoritarian one, limned by
oedipal conflict. Ferenczian analysis was mutual, based
on tolerance and acceptance of patients’ reality.

* Burt Seitler, CREATING A JOURNAL THAT MAKES
MEANING OF THE MISUNDERSTOOD MENTA-
TIONS OF THE MAD, SAD, SCARED: J.A.S.P.E.R.
This journal provides a home for publishing detailed and
systematic qualitative and quantitative research, and
examines the individual in an historical, intergenerational,
cultural and inter- and intrapsychic context.

* Jamshid Marvasti, SEX AND SEXUALITY: THE
GOOD (NORMAL), THE BAD (ABNORMAL), AND
THE UGLY (PERVERTED): A PSYCHO-SOCIAL
AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. In this presenta-
tion the psychological and historical aspect of sexuality
will be explored from ancient times to the present. A
couple of the President’s sexual characteristics as
reported by news media will be analyzed.

Denis O’Keefe, MORTALITY FEARS, POLITICAL
 MOTIVATION, AND XENOPHOBIA: RESISTANCES
to EFFECTIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY AND
MAINTENANCE OF AN AMERICAN HUMANI-
TARIAN CRISIS IN IMMIGRANT DETENTION. This
paper highlights how non-rational, psychological and
cultural/historical factors impact on social issues.
Immigrant sentiment and resistance to change in
immigration policy will be used to explore how collective
traumas, economic conditions and major demographic
shifts reinforced xenophobic tendencies and polarized
politics.

*PSYCHOHISTORY FORUM PANEL: THE PSY-
CHOLOGY OF TRUMP AND THE 2016 ELECTION.
Paul Elovitz, Peter Petschauer, and David Cifelli.
Topics in this panel include (1) Trump’s Disruptive
Personality and His Need for Conflict; (2) Trump’s
Continuing Appeal; and (3) The Past in the Present:
Ordinary People and Authoritarian Regimes.

*PANEL: NEW DIRECTIONS IN PSYCHOHISTORY
AND PSYCHOBIOGRAPHY. Irene Javors and Ken
Fuchsman. Irene Javors will address how psychohistory
needs to focus on multiculturalism, diversity, and the
effects of institutionalized racism, sexism, homopreju-
dice, class bias, and ageism. Ken Fuchsman will discuss
the current condition and new agendas for the field of
psychohistory.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 1

PANEL: THE PROCESS OF CHANGE—WHAT
PROMOTES AND WHAT RETARDS SOCIAL
MOBILITY. Alice Maher, Sean Campbell, and Jimmy
Fuchsman. The purpose of this panel is to show how the
process of change can work. A moderate Republican law
student and a young liberal Democrat will discuss the
above issue. Psychiatrist Alice Maher will facilitate the
discussion in the hope of reaching common ground.

Molly Castelloe, REFLECTIONS ON AMERICAN
IDENTITY. This presentation will focus on the chosen
trauma of the U.S. Civil War. It will feature video clips
from interviews conducted at Austen Riggs Center with
Jerry Fromm and Vamik Volkan, and discuss how the
Civil War trauma can be seen in racial tensions today.
PANEL: ARTISTS RETHINKING BLACK & ASIAN IDENTITY–IMMIGRATION, GLOBALIZATION, & INTERGENERATIONAL MEMORY. Robert Craddock, Lan Ding Liu, Keisha Thompson, and Brian D’Agostino. Along with new economic opportunities, immigrants have always encountered the opportunity and necessity to forge new identities. This panel explores such questions through the art of Robert Craddock, an African American art therapist and educator, and Lan Ding Liu, an immigrant from China whose painting, sculpture, and multi-media productions explore the themes of cultural dislocation, family, and inter-generational memory.

Guy Lord, THE EVOLUTION OF DIAGNOSES RELATING TO SEXUALITY IN THE DSM SERIES: FROM OBJECT CHOICE TO IDENTITY. The DSM series will be reviewed from the first DSM (1952) to DSM5 (2013) with regard to sections relating to sexual diagnoses. This paper will note the recent phenomenon of clinics for children and adolescents experiencing gender dysphoria and the issue of stigmatization vs. access to treatment in diagnosing individuals with sexual disorders.

PANEL: BEHOLDER’S SHARE THROUGH THE LENS OF NEUROSCIENCE, ART, AND PSYCHO-HISTORY. Sandra Indig and Inna Rozentsvit. The first presentation will be based on the work of Nobel laureate and neuroscientist Eric R. Kandel, who tried to tackle the issue of “the beholder’s share” from the scientist’s and the art lover’s points of view. The second paper will present selections from Sandra Indig’s Talking Colors: Seeing Words/Hearing Images. Poems and paintings weave together threads of aesthetic, spiritual, scientific, and psychoanalytic concerns which bring the beholder to experience deeper levels of consciousness and greater depths of human understanding.

Richard Morrock, HOW AMERICA GOT TRUMPED. Trump rode to power on a wave of xenophobia, originally caused by 9/11, and exacerbated by the San Bernardino and Orlando massacres. This paper will connect these violent acts to other historic events and place these instances in an international context.

Janice Gump, KEYNOTE ADDRESS: WE CAN’T KNOW THE PRESENT ABSENT HISTORY OF THE PAST—THE TRANSMISSION OF SLAVERY’S TRAUMAS. This talk will show how the legacy of slavery has a significant impact on the present lives of African-Americans and race-relations in the United States.

PANEL: THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID BEISEL TO PSYCHOHISTORY. Paul Elovitz, Peter Petschauer, and Denis O’Keefe. This panel will discuss the works of David Beisel, a former editor of The Journal of Psychohistory and a past President of the IPA. One paper will be on his work overall, another on his excellence as a professor, and the third on his book The Suicidal Embrace.

Jay Einhorn, THE ELECTION PIE CHART: HOW DID THIS HAPPEN. We’ll ruthlessly analyze the political, social, economic, and psychological factors culminating in the 2016 election. Hadley Cantril’s psychological study of social movements, gender and political issues will contribute to our understanding of the 2016 election.

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Claude Barbre, REHUMANIZING LIFE: HISTORICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERSECTIONS IN THE THEORETICAL AND THERAPEUTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGARET MORGAN LAWRENCE, MD. Margaret Morgan Lawrence, MD was the first African American psychoanalyst trained in the United States, the first African American female pediatrician certified by the American Board of Pediatricians, and the first African American resident at the New York Psychiatric Institute. We will explore the impact of historical and cultural forces on Dr. Lawrence’s theoretical innovations and therapeutic contributions to psychology, psychoanalysis, education, pastoral care, and medicine.

Juhani Ihanus, “TRUMPUTIN:” FUSION, CONFUSION, MIRRORING, and PARANOIA between DONALD J. TRUMP AND VLADIMIR PUTIN. This presentation is a comparative evaluation of the personality aspects of Trump and Putin. Their converging and diverging developmental and psychopolitical trajectories and strategies, their conflicts, defenses, motives, aims, skills and relational constellations will be analyzed.

Howard Covitz, THE POLITICS OF YOU AND ME: WHAT’S MISSING IN THE PUBLIC TRUMP PERSONA. A world view needs to encompass a theory of the healthy individual and of the healthy polity. I will explore the difficulties that arise in a republic when a leader arises who passes muster according to a monadic notion of health but fails that same test of fitness when centered on intersubjectivity.
Dorothea Leicher, THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN VALUES IN TWO GENERATIONS. The author develops parallels between her parents’ struggles to deal with (limited) awareness of the Holocaust and her own struggles to address climate change. Acknowledging the differences in risk regarding protest actions, the paper will describe the mourning necessary to abandon comforting ideologies and experiences from the author’s life-style changes.

PANEL: RETHINKING CONSTRUCTIONS OF CHILDREN AND HAVING CHILDREN. Theresa Aiello (chair), Natalie Medina-Minton, Rebecca Harrington. One of these presentations, “The Oppressed Child,” explores how children have been historically viewed by adult authority figures and how this contributes to the need of incorporating children into a standpoint theory perspective today. The other, “Childfree by Choice,” explores the issue of voluntary and involuntary childlessness through an historical, psychoanalytic, feminist, and cultural lens. This panel includes clinical material.

Alan Mohl, THE RISE OF ROBOTS AND MACHINES AND THE THREAT OF A JOBLESS FUTURE. As technology continues to accelerate and machines begin taking care of themselves, fewer people will be necessary. This paper will attempt to touch on these issues and look at what can be done about it in order to prevent catastrophic levels of inequality and economic insecurity.

Claire Steinberger, FROZEN TIME: TRAUMA IN THE TRI-PERSONAL FIELD; THE FAMILIAR AND THE FOREIGN. This paper explores binary states of coupling in the unconscious and the paradoxical search for the “familiar” and the “foreign”. The clinical work introduces the notion of frozen time, suggesting an invisible role for psychic trauma in complementary forms of couple attraction — and aversion, an uncanny balance between mutual idealization and destruction, and enacting trauma-related self-fulfilling cycles of hope — and dread.

Marcie Newton, HELLE HATH NO FURY LIKE A COMMONER SCORNED: BREXIT AND THE RISE OF PLEBEITOCRACY. On June 23, 2016, a democratically-voted referendum result in favor of Britain exiting the European Union left nations in shock. Brexit signals the commoner’s rise to power but, as this paper will illustrate, the vote itself was motivated by a narcissistic injury.

*PANEL: LOVE BEFORE FIRST SIGHT, ATTACHMENT, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN. Ken Fuchman and Inna Rozentsvit. This panel will include a look at parent-child bonds and attachment through the lens of neurobiology, and examine the meaning of attachment in human development, family, and society.

*Susan Kavaler-Adler, THE PSYCHOHISTORICAL IMPACT OF D.W. WINNICOTT’S MOTHER. Through the reading of a poem written by D. W. Winnicott, Dr Kavaler-Adler will speak about the subjective experience of Winnicott that led to his life-long pursuit of healing all the traumas of inadequate, not “good enough” mothering.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 2

Merle Molofsky, IN A TIME OF GROUP PROTEST AND GROUP ACTION, EVERY SINGLE VOICE MATTERS: A SINGULAR VOICE. Today, social media activates activism. Everywhere massive numbers of people demonstrate in opposition to Trump’s pseudo-policies. Each demonstrator is an individual. Here are one person’s Instagram photographs and poetry. Discover the power of individual voice; hear the sound of one hand clapping.

Jeffrey Lewis, BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: FROM THERAPEUTIC REGRESSION TO DEPENDENCY AS NECESSITY — PENDING. Beginning with the work of Ferenczi and Balint on therapeutic use of regression, this presentation is going to try not only to use Ferenczi and Balint as the beginning and the end, but to bring their theory and technique to the present. It will include the discussion on therapeutic relationship, from regression to dependency to individuation.

Ruth Lijtmaer, RE-MAKING THE HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOANALYSIS: A WAKING THE POLITICAL IN THE CONSULTING ROOM. After the 2016 election, therapists are struggling with patients' concerns about being deported, ethnic discrimination, being sexually abused or not having health insurance. These are real situations in the outside world that affect the intrapsychic life of patients and therapists. Clinical examples will be provided.

Iyad Alkhouri, DON’T JUST STAND THERE DO SOMETHING: CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DISASTER AREAS. The fundamental aspect for the collective trauma in Syria is the preferential treatment of ethnic and political groups. This creates sub-communities that are in constant
competition for “favoritism.” The “survivor” among those sub-communities will blame other groups for discord and violence. And, in that community, some survivors experience guilt, making them rebels within their groups.

*PANEL: TALKING WITH CHINA. Arlene Richards, Arnold Richards, Art Lynch, Margaret Yard. After a seven year experience in teaching, supervising and treating people in psychoanalytic psychotherapy in China, our three presenters will discuss the cultural differences between Chinese and American students as they learn how to do psychotherapy. We will have graduated 480 students by the time of our presentation. In addition, we have lectured to very large audiences via electronic media. All of these experiences have yielded rich anecdotal material from which we have formulated hypotheses about how cross cultural teaching can work.

*Keisha Thompson, STONY THE ROAD WE TROD. CLINICIANS AND CLIENTS OF COLOR DEALING WITH RACIAL MICROAGGRESSIONS AND RACIAL BATTLE FATIGUE. Covert acts of racism can oftentimes go undetected by both the perpetrators and the recipients. This presentation will focus on the racial microaggression and the ensuing race-related stress and racial battle fatigue felt by people of color in the United States which have seemingly peaked in recent months.

*Jack Schwartz, THE DANCE BETWEEN THE LATENT AND THE MANIFEST WHILE INTERPRETING DREAMS: A PRACTITIONER’S GUIDE. From the beginning of psychoanalysis, an argument ensued as to what constitutes “deep work.” The battle over introspection and projection will be revealed and brought together into a unified idea. Although dreams continue to hold mystery, this discussion will shed light on the subject.

*Krystyna Sanderson, THE CONCEPTS OF TRUE SELF AND FALSE SELF AS EXEMPLIFIED BY JEWS WHO SURVIVED ON “ARYAN PAPERS” IN NAZI- OCCUPIED POLAND: A HISTORICAL AND PSYCHOANALYTIC PERSPECTIVE. This lecture will describe ways in which some Jews survived in Poland during the Nazi occupation and how “passing” psychologically influenced the psyche of survivors in terms of true self and false self. The presentation will also address the posttraumatic stress disorder resulting from fear of being discovered and executed.

*Gilda Graff, M.A., LP, Vice President, International Psychohistorical Association. THE NAME OF THE GAME IS SHAME, PART II: EIGHT YEARS OF OBAMA, AND THEN WE ELECTED TRUMP. Our first black president has been followed by Donald Trump. Do white Americans understand the shame surrounding racial issues? Did the death of Michael Brown and the birth of the Black Lives Matter movement stem from black rage, or was it from white rage? Or did it stem from the shame of both blacks and whites?

Floyd Rudmin, NEAR-TERM HUMAN EXTINCTION: MASS POPULATION GRIEF REACTIONS AS CLIMATE COLLAPSE ENDS ALL NARRATIVES. Abrupt climate change can cause near-term human extinction. Societal grief reactions include denial, isolation, anger, bargaining, and depression. The end of all narratives about family, civilization, and history accelerates the collapse of civilization.

Sandra Indig, LIFE TRANSFORMATIONS THROUGH CREATIVITY AND CREATIVE PROCESS. This presentation embraces the stories (cases) which trigger creativity and creative processes in both analyst/artist and patient. Its focus is on their capacities to love, to be seduced, on their readiness to experience the joys and dangers of connection and on the willingness to withstand and survive pain and unbearable feelings of loss.

PANEL: DUELING THE DUALITY OF THE DEATH INSTINCT, AND TOWARD A NEW PARADIGM, Inna Rozentsvit and Jack Schwartz. This discussion starts with the psychohistorical excursion of the death instinct from Sigmund Freud to Karl Menninger. It pits approaches of basic biological determinism of the death drive with the psychological construct of the death instinct as a product of the failure of the social-environmental provision.

Katherine Jenness, THE ANTITOTALITARIAN SELF: FREUD AS COLD WAR HERO. This talk will explore the image of Freud in American life in the post WWII period, when psychoanalysis was at its peak of popularity and prestige. I show how Freud’s representation was shaped by Cold War anxieties, namely the fear that human individuality was imperiled by mass social forces.

Robinson Lilienthal, PSYCHOANALYTIC READING OF THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV: THE INTER-GENERATIONAL CONFLICT. The Brothers Karamazov has it all: compelling characters, intrigue, suspense, comedy, tragedy, love, hate, ambivalence, the murder mystery, sibling rivalry, ambition, greed, betrayal, suicide, patricide, a compelling courtroom drama, and much more. This presentation will explore this novel as a case study of inter-generational conflict.
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