

WASHINGTON PROFESSIONALS FOR THE STUDY OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Washington Professionals for the Study of Psychoanalysis (WPSP) was organized in 1980 by a group of psychologists, most of them clinicians, who were interested in a forum for professional communication and exploration of the clinical and theoretical aspects of psychoanalysis from a variety of perspectives. WPSP was one of the first groups to be admitted as a local chapter of Division 39 (Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association. WPSP has evolved from a small group meeting monthly in members' homes to an organization providing a variety of opportunities for conversation collegiality, mentoring and continuing education. Our seminars address topics ranging from psychoanalysis and film, literature and opera to research, hypnosis, object relations, self-psychology, Winnicott and theory.

WPSP has sponsored workshops featuring major psychoanalytic thinkers, including: Neil Altman, Lewis Aron, Darlene Ehrenberg, Michael Eigen, Carol Gilligan, Rita Frankel, Joyce McDougall, Ethel Spector Person, Fred Pine, Harold Searles, Roy Schafer, Vamik Volkan, and Jonathan Lear. Our 2008 event featured Chenjo Dorji, MD, a Bhutanese psychiatrist who explored the interface of western medicine and Buddhism.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of WPSP is interdisciplinary, encompassing psychology, social work, psychiatry, and other mental health professions. Our members represent diverse theoretical perspectives and treatment modalities. Some are graduates of, or candidates in, psycho-analytic institutes; some have graduated from a variety of other training programs; and some have just begun to explore their interest in psychoanalysis. Among our membership are people who have a strong interest in the application of psycho-analytic concepts to other fields such as organizational development, group relations, political science, and philosophy. WPSP serves members across a broad spectrum of interests and expertise in psychoanalytic theory and practice. We enthusiastically welcome early career professionals, student members, and anyone with an interest in the application of psychoanalytic thinking.

SEMINARS

Over the years WPSP's sponsored seminars have grown in number and breadth. Members may start a seminar on a topic of interest. Any subject explored through a psychoanalytic lens is a possible focus for a seminar

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1-December 31

Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

If you are an APA Division 39 member, please designate your primary affiliation:

_____ WPSP _____ Another local Chapter of Division 39.

Membership Status you are applying for:

_____ Member (\$35)

_____ Student Member (\$20) _____ Graduate Program

**Please make your check payable to WPSP. Send this completed form and your dues to:
Sarah K. Brandel, WPSP Treasurer 4801 Wisconsin Ave. NW #503, Washington D.C. 20016**

If you have any questions, please call Karen Van Allen (240) 893-2410.

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Membership benefits include:

- Reduced fee (\$55) individual subscriptions to the P-E-P web which provides access to the major English language psychoanalytic journals, the collected works of Freud, Klein and Winnicott, and much more.
- Psychoanalytically informed seminars
CE credits available for psychologists and social workers
- Introduction to analytically-oriented professionals
- Mentorship concerning career decisions and opportunities
- Membership directory
- Discount for Seminars/Workshops with leading practitioners and researchers
- Social Events
- Membership Listserv
- Liaison with APA Division 39
Discount on registration at Division 39 Conferences

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Dear Colleagues:

WPSP's Board is looking forward to the coming year. The new Board met in June to begin the pleasing work of considering next year's focus and goals. We welcome the opportunity of strengthening and expanding our psychoanalytically informed community. In keeping with our history, we hope to find ways to continue to promote interest in using a psychoanalytic lens to examine our world through literature and the arts. As always, we welcome the participation of all members of WPSP.

The Board for 2008-2009 is:

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Please consider this an invitation to write or call with suggestions or comments.

Since WPSP is an official local chapter of Division 39 of the American Psychological Association (www.division39.org), we offer many advantages to members: There is of course a discount at Division 39 conferences as well as reduced fee individual subscriptions to the P-E-P website at www.dep-web.org (access to major English language psychoanalytic journals as well as the collected works of Freud, Klein, Winnicott and more). Being affiliated with Division 39 provides opportunities for collaboration and networking both locally and nationally. There are also exciting possibilities for grants to fund collaborative efforts sponsored by two or more APA Divisions (e.g., Voices of Feminist Diversity, Community Psychology task force on Disaster, Research Defined Practice). Visit: <http://www.apa.org/about/division.html>

We have a very user friendly web site: www.washpsp.org to further our members' search for information about our plans as well as links to happenings in the broader psychoanalytic community through a linked Regional Calendar of Events (Visit: <http://www.bwanalysis.org/Regional%20Calendar.html>). WPSP helped start this regional collaboration of psychoanalytically oriented groups which provide a monthly email and website listings of events in the Baltimore-Washington area. We do hope to gently progress towards more electronic exchanges of information as we comfortably can.

We continue to provide ongoing psychoanalytically informed seminar groups throughout the year providing a forum for study of theory and technique with like minded professionals: CE credits are available for psychologists and social workers participating in these seminars.

WPSP is also a partner in the Research Consortium: This diverse group blends clinical and research concerns with a psychoanalytic orientation.

We look forward to the coming year with anticipation.

Warmly, Laurel Nelson

Ongoing Seminar Groups

Concepts of the Self

Seminar Leader: Sally Brandel, Ph.D.
301-526-0936
Day/Time/Location: Third Friday of the month
9:30-11:30am (Sept.-June); Tenley/Wisconsin Ave.

The Works of Winnicott: Creativity and Potential Space

Seminar Leader: Mildred Goldstone, Ph.D.
202-363-9322
Day/Time/Location: First Friday of the month
1:30-3:30pm; Bethesda

Object Relations Issues in Opera and Classical Music

Seminar Leader: Mildred Goldstone, Ph.D.
202-363-9322
Day/Time/Location: Second Friday of the Month
1:30-3:30pm, Bethesda

Attachment Styles in the Works of Shakespeare

Seminar Leader: Mildred Goldstone Ph.D.
202-363-9322
Day/Time/Location: Fourth Friday of the month
1:30-3:30pm, Bethesda

Therapeutic Action

Seminar Leader: Fonya Helm, Ph.D.
301-229-9120
Day/Time/Location: Monday
1:15-2:45pm, Cabin John

Psychoanalytic Theory and Technique

Seminar Leader: Paula Ellman-Chavis, Ph.D.
301-770-1515
Day/Time/Location: Call Paula for particulars

Gender and Sexualities

The focus of this seminar is reading and discussing [Into the Void: Psychoanalytic Reflections on a Gender-Free Case](#), edited by Ellen L.K. Toronto, Gemma Ainslie, Molly Donovan, Maurine Kelly, Christine C. Kieffer and Nancy McWilliams. This new seminar will begin when at least three people register.

Seminar Leader: Maurine Kelly, Ph.D.
301-649-1896
Day/Time/Location: Call Maurine for particulars

Create Your Own Seminar

Is there a topic area or book you are interested in and would like to explore in depth with colleagues while earning CEU credits? Any WPSP member can form a seminar group. Included in the procedure is registration with WPSP, attendance record and distribution of evaluation forms. Please contact Carolyn Cole for more details:
202-232-1031; psych463doc@msn.com