



The Philadelphia Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology

Presents

“Why Can’t We Just Get Along?” Love, Hate and Mutual Destruction in the Psychoanalytic Community

A symposium exploring the history and dynamics
of conflict within and among the psychoanalytic families

Presentations by:

Howard Covitz, Ph.D.

Elio Frattaroli, M.D.

Alice Maher, M.D.

David Mark, Ph.D.

Burton Seitler, Ph.D.

With breakout conversations involving all participants

Saturday, May 10, 2008

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Arch Street Meeting House
and Conference Center

320 Arch Street
Old City, Philadelphia



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Program Description

In the early years of psychoanalysis, Freud and Adler, who had come together to forward their seemingly united professional goals and purpose, sat with one another at a 1907 meeting of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society and *battled over differing viewpoints*; in this instance, Adler expressed “doubts that psychoanalysis can be taught or learned” while Freud was emphatic that “it will be possible once the arbitrariness of individual psychoanalysts is curbed by tested rules.” By 1911, their mutual animosity regarding theoretical position was so great that Adler, along with nine other members, left the Society to form an opposing psychoanalytic group, the Society for Free Analytic Research (later called the Society for Individual Psychology). A century later, many psychoanalytic societies, institutes and schools have been founded and *continue to be prone to schismatic splitting*. The compulsively repetitive demonizing that warring psychoanalytic factions have continued to inflict on each other from Freud's time through our own bodes poorly for the attainment of peace in our times.

The program will begin with an introduction and three position papers that will add to our understanding of the ongoing tensions in the psychoanalytic world and will address questions related to the ethics of the battles for command therein. Discussion will follow. After lunch, there will be smaller group conversations, led by the paper presenters and others. Toward the conclusion of the day, there will be a response to the day’s discussion from a Relational perspective, followed by an open forum involving audience and panelists. A goal of this program is to encourage discussion of how we might proceed to lessen the tensions within and between psychoanalytic camps and apply what we can from these “psychoanalytic wars” to group schisms and intergroup tensions, in general.

Learning Objectives

- To increase awareness of the ethical boundary that separates the expression of theoretical differences from efforts to discredit competing theories.
- To clarify the dynamics that lead to schisms within psychoanalysis, in particular, and organizations, in general.
- To promote the acceptance of diversity within and between differing psychoanalytic

Registration Form

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Fees and Policies

If received by May 1, 2008

PSPP members	\$90
Non-members	\$100
Students/Retired	\$25
Early Career Professionals*/Candidates	\$65

If received after May 1, 2008

PSPP members	\$100
Non-members	\$110
Students/Retired	\$25
Early Career Professionals*/Candidates	\$70

*Early Career Professionals are those within three years of receiving their professional degree.

Refunds in full will be made with written request up to 24 hours before the program. Participants with special needs will be accommodated if possible. For any questions or other concerns regarding access, confidentiality, privacy or other issues, contact Joseph Schaller, Psy.D., 303 W. Lancaster Ave., Suite 2C, Wayne, PA 19087, 610-995-0189; DrSchaller@JosephSchaller.com. Dr. Schaller may be contacted on the day of the program at 610-716-8635.

Participants

This program is intended for mental health professionals and other professionals involved with education. The instructional level is intermediate.

Location and Parking

The Arch Street Meeting House, located at 4th and Arch Streets in Old City, Philadelphia, is described as “a symbol of tolerance, equality and peace.” It is built on land given to the Philadelphia Quakers by William Penn in 1693. The building is used for weekly Meetings as well as a variety of other conferences.

Free parking is available at the site of the meeting. Enter the Meeting House lot via 4th Street between Arch and Market. (4th Street runs southbound). Enter across from the Holiday Inn.

Program Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and introduction
9:15 – 10:45	Morning program
	Dr. Covitz: Introduction: Is there something missing in our training analyses?
	Dr. Seitler: Boys and girls, can we play nice?
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Continuation of morning program
	Dr. Maher: Harnessing Thanatos: Is it possible to analyze the forces of war in a way that leads to real change?
	Dr. Frattaroli: An Answer to Rodney King’s “Why can’t we just get along?”
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch (included)
1:15 – 2:00	Breakout Groups
2:00 – 2:30	Presentation by Dr. Mark A response to the day's discussion from a Relational perspective.
2:30 – 3:00	Discussion and closing comments

Continuing Education

PSYCHOLOGISTS & SOCIAL WORKERS: 5.0 Continuing Education credits will be offered by the Philadelphia Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology. Credits will not be given for partial attendance. Upon completion of the program evaluation form, a certificate will be provided. This serves as documentation of attendance for all participants. Psychologists will have their participation registered through Division 39. Division 39 is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Division 39 maintains responsibility for this program and its content.



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Presenters

Our presenters were chosen as representatives of varying psychoanalytic positions and for their interest in working towards a peaceful resolution of psychoanalytic conflict.

Howard Covitz, Ph.D.

Howard Covitz is a middle-aged analyst who practices near Philadelphia. For many years he was director of the Institute for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies in Bryn Mawr. He teaches Mathematics in Temple University’s Tyler School of Art and Biblical Characterology at Gratz College. His 1998 *Oedipal Paradigms in Collision* was nominated for the Gradiva Book of the Year Award from the *National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis*. A recent paper in *AJPA* sought to address the ongoing pugnaciousness in psychoanalysis. He belongs to at least three analytic organizations that betimes don’t speak with each other and sits on the Board of Trustees of one of them.

Elio Frattaroli, M.D.

Elio Frattaroli is a psychoanalyst and psychiatrist in full-time private practice of psychoanalysis and dynamic psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and couples. He is on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. Dr. Frattaroli studied Shakespeare at Harvard and worked with Bruno Bettelheim at the University of Chicago’s Orthogenic School before turning to medicine. He has written and lectured widely on topics including Shakespeare, psychotherapy and medication, the philosophy of psychoanalysis and the philosophy of science, and American culture before and after 9/11. Dr. Frattaroli’s book, *Healing the Soul in the Age of the Brain: Becoming Conscious in an Unconscious World* was first published on September 10, 2001. His website is www.healingthesoul.net.

Alice Maher, M.D.

Alice Lombardo Maher is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in New York, NY. A member of the American Psychoanalytic Association, she trained at the New York University Psychoanalytic Institute and was a member of their faculty for 16 years. She was awarded the Sander Lorand Prize for her paper, “Creativity: A Work in Progress,” published in the *Psychoanalytic Quarterly* in 1993. “Is ‘War’ Essential for Peace?: A Methodology for the Psychoanalysis of

Conflict and Prejudice,” was presented at the Prejudice Conference in Salt Lake City in 2005 and is published in the *International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies* and reproduced on her website, www.wagingdialogue.org.

David Mark, Ph.D.

David Mark, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist/psychoanalyst who sees adults, couples, and adolescents in private practice. He is on the clinical faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and Widener University and is currently director of the Institute for Relational Psychoanalysis of Philadelphia. In 1997, he co-authored with Dr. Jeffrey Faude *The Psychotherapy of Cocaine Addiction: Entering the Interpersonal World of the Cocaine Addict*.

Burton Seidler, Ph.D.

Burton Seidler is a psychoanalyst/clinical psychologist in private practice. He is also the Director of Counseling And Psychotherapy Services-R (C.A.P.S-R), with offices in Ridgewood and Oakland, New Jersey. His postgraduate education in analysis was received at the New Jersey Institute for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (NJI), in Teaneck, New Jersey. Dr. Seidler is on the faculty of NJI, where he also serves as the Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy Studies program (Ch.APS). His most recent paper, entitled “On the Implications and Consequence of a Neurobiochemical Etiology of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD),” is published in *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry* (2006).