License News

Angela Musolino (AM), Editor of the Analyst, interviews Kathy Joyce (KJ), member and spokesperson for the Psychoanalytic Committee of the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners about the new law governing the practice of psychoanalysis. The interview took place January 28, 2004.

AM: What is the purpose of the law?

KJ: The overall intent of chapter 676 is to regulate the practice of psychotherapy. Effective January 1, 2006, only licensed persons can practice psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in New York State.

AM: What does the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners do?

KJ: The board has set up six committees to perform the work of developing the regulations that will be used to administer the law. There is one committee for each of the four professions outlined in the law; each committee is comprised of three members of the profession and one public member. One committee comprised of three public members is developing an informational brochure. The medical committee is charged with defining the regulations covering the medical consultation aspect of the law. This committee is in discussion with both the legal and professional offices to ensure that the regulations they develop meet the requirements of the law and the needs of the professions.

AM: What are the licensing requirements for psychoanalysts?

KJ: To qualify for a license as a Licensed Psychoanalyst, an individual must apply to the Department of Education, possess a Master's degree or higher from a degree-granting program registered by the department, and have completed a program of study in a psychoanalytic institute chartered by the Board of Regents. The course work, clinical practice and personal analysis parameters are defined by the law. In addition, the applicant has to have completed a two-hour course in Child Abuse Identification and Reporting. Finally, the applicant must pass an examination in psychoanalysis.

AM: What about grandparenting and equivalency?

KJ: Current psychoanalysts or therapists practicing psychoanalysis can apply to be grandparented between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005. Applicants must meet the course work requirement for Child Abuse Identification and Reporting prior to applying. If the Board finds the applicant meets all the requirements, they can be licensed without taking a written examination. There will be no grandparenting after December 31, 2005.

“Equivalency” is an option for those people currently practicing psychoanalysis who meet the requirements of the law. 212-260-7050 or ad@cmps.edu.

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INSTITUTE NEWS

Institutes Pursue New York State Master’s in Psychoanalysis

The Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis has applied to the New York State Education Department to offer the Master of Arts in Psychoanalysis degree at the campus of the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies in New York City. The application is under review by the State. An evaluation and site visit was conducted on March 11th at BGSP and on March 12th at CMPS. Pending approval, the program would offer one of the first Master of Arts in psychoanalysis degrees in the State, and would be the first to incorporate modern psychoanalysis into the curriculum. The degree, if granted, would allow students to complete their training without first pursuing graduate education in fields outside of psychoanalysis. 212-260-7050 or ad@cmps.edu.

SMP’s Annual Scientific Conference & Luncheon Sunday April 18th

Join us for SMP’s 11th Annual Conference, April 18th from 12 noon to 3:45pm at the Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC. After luncheon and a business meeting, Robert Marshall will speak on: “Humor & Play in Psychoanalysis.” A panel discussion follows with, Phyllis Meadow, Murray Sherman, Lucy Holmes and Leslie Rosenthal. Detailed brochures are in the mail.

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psychoanalysis although they do not meet the licensing requirement as stated in the law. It will be available only from January 1 to December 31, 2005. The State Board for Mental Health Practitioners is currently considering several options for licensing under the equivalency option: (1) a person who graduated from an analytic training institute prior to 1975 would be excused from the master’s degree requirement; (2) a person who completed all of their analytic coursework, has the required hours of personal analysis and supervision and an accredited masters degree, but has not completed a final project, may apply for equivalency; (3) a person who has not completed coursework in an analytic training institute may apply for equivalency with an accredited masters degree, required hours of personal analysis and supervision, have three certified psychoanalysts attest to the fact that he/she has been practicing psychoanalysis for 15 of the preceding 20 years and document 200 hours of professional development, which may include, but is not limited to, conferences, workshops, seminars and independent studies. In lieu of this option, a person may take the licensing exam.

AM: When and how will institutes be accredited?

KJ: The Department of Education, Office of the Professions must evaluate all institutes to ensure that they include all courses listed in the law plus the child abuse requirement. There are 39 psychoanalytic institutes in New York State. The State Board for Mental Health Practitioners will probably recommend that the State acknowledge several accrediting bodies, which can then be evaluated to make sure that their criteria are high, and that any institute accredited by them meets all the criteria for licensing, including full education, clinical experience and personal analysis. The State is not yet ready to do that. Currently, individuals who apply will have their transcripts evaluated against the requirements and, if there are questions, the State may contact the graduating institute to request clarification and written material if necessary, e.g., school bulletins, course descriptions. Institutes may consider offering the necessary course work in Child Abuse Identification and Reporting. Institutes that do so will have license-qualified graduates, ready to take the licensing examination upon graduation.

AM: What kind of information will be tested on the licensing examination?

KJ: The licensing examination has to be developed. An interim evaluation tool presently being considered is a case presentation according to specific and detailed criteria. The Office of Professions has developed a scoring criteria that is objective. Joyce added that there is still much work to be done in bringing this law into practice. She will keep the psychoanalytic community informed as regulations are developed.

The Analyst will be creating an e-mail bulletin system to keep members current. If you would like to receive updates, please send your e-mail address to melnikcs@hotmail.com or amusolino@earthlink.net.

SMP Spring Conference/Tour
Seattle, Washington: May 13-May 19, 2004

SMP Members and their families are cordially invited to join this professional and pleasure trip which coincides with an invitation from Eva Silver (BCSP graduate and certified psychoanalyst) from the Puget Sound Group Psychotherapy Network (PSPGN) to Dr. Phyllis Meadow to lecture and provide workshops on Modern Psychoanalysis and her recently published book, “The New Psychoanalysis.” Call Ted Laquercia: 212-242-1107, or tlaquercia@aol.com.
Tuesdays March through May 2004
Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies (CMPS)
Semester Course: Modern Perspectives in Psychoanalysis, 7:10-8:40pm. (10 sessions: March 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20, 27; May, 4, 11, 18, 25.) Open to anyone interested in learning more about Modern Psychoanalysis. Sessions are independent, addressing various topics from a modern psychoanalytic viewpoint.
Senior Faculty: $250/10 sessions. CMPS, 16 West 10th St., NYC 10011. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Friday, March 26
Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis (ACAP) (formerly PCNJ) Open House: 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Join ACAP faculty and students to learn about our Certificate Program and MA in Psychoanalysis and how they might fit your needs. ACAP, 769 Northfield Avenue, L12, West Orange, NJ 07052; For more Information: Phone: 973-736-7600 or www.acap-online.org. ACAP.

Friday, March 26
ACAP Clinical Talk, 8–9:30PM, “Road Rage,” with Diana Ladden. Attendees eligible for CE credits. 973-736-7600 ACAP.

Friday, March 26
CMPS Friday Night Film: "The Hours." Film will be shown at 7:15 sharp, discussion follows with Rose McAloon. Viewing of film is free. Discussion and refreshments $10. CMPS Great Hall. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Saturday, March 27
Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute (KPI) Lecture and Workshop: “The Compass of the Soul: Archetypal Directions for a Fuller Life,” with John Giannini. KPI, 1326 South Third Street, Louisville KY 40208. For information phone: 502-637-2639 or e-mail: kpi2639@bellsouth.net. KPI.

Sunday March 28
Brooklyn Seminars in Modern Psychoanalysis (BSMP) Brunch series "Being Successful in Spite of Our Feelings" continues with Dr. Michaela Schaeffer: “Tolerating your Feelings while Helping Others,” followed by workshops/brunch. 10:30am. Phone: 212-807-0344 or Elg4321@aol.com. BSMP.

Thursday, April 1
Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (BGSP), Extension Division Workshop: “The Importance of Belonging,” 7:00-9:00pm. Learn how the mix of longing, ambivalence, isolation and personal history shape our sense of belonging, with Eileen Keating. $32. BGSP, 1581 Beacon Street, Brookline MA 02446. For detailed information on all BGSP events including CE credits, visit BGSP’s web site: www.bgsp.edu. or phone: 617-277-3915. BGSP.

Friday, April 2
BGSP Extension Division Workshop — “Parenting and Love.” 7-9pm. Learn how to enjoy the various dimensions of parenting, and to bring newfound love and enjoyment to the parenting of children at any age, with Vincent Panetta. $32. For information: phone: 617-277-3915 or visit: www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Saturday, April 10
BGSP Extension Division Workshop: “Brain for Psychoanalysis,” 4-sessions/every other Saturday, 11am-12:30pm. Brain research explains a lot about how we think and feel. Come learn how it can add to your understanding of yourself and others. Mary Shepherd. $128/4 sessions. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Friday, April 16
CMPS Clinical Seminar Series: 5:30-7pm. An informational discussion of cases held one Friday each month. Students, faculty, and clinical practitioners discuss new ideas, present difficult cases, and hear what others are discovering. Come join us. Information: 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Friday, April 16
CMPS Scientific Lecture Series: 8:00-9:30 pm. Kathleen Colebank and Allen Oliver (KPI), panelists from CMPS 2003 conference Getting Even, speak on “Totem and Taboo Redux: A Modern Children’s Crusade.” 212-260-7050. CMPS.

Friday, April 16
BGSP Extension Division Workshop "Integrative Psychotherapy—Beyond the Eclectic." 1-4 pm. Learn to integrate psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral approaches towards a unified theory. Bill Packard. $46. 617-277-3915. BGSP.

Friday, April 16
BGSP Literature Salon: “Celebrities in Disgrace.” 7-9:00 pm. Character is revealed and analyzed through readings from Celebrities in Disgrace. Subject matter: Voyeurism. Elizabeth Searle & Claudia Luiz. $7. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Sunday, April 18
SMP Annual Conference and Luncheon.
—Humor and Play in Psychoanalysis—
See article on page one. Detailed brochures in the mail.

Tuesday, April 20
CMPS Informational Open House. 1:00-2:00 pm. Small group meetings to learn about our psychoanalytic training program and how it might best meet your needs. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and to tour the landmark Center building. Call CMPS to reserve your spot. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Full name and address of institute is listed with the first entry only. Please submit all calendar dates to Charlotte Melnik at melnikcs@hotmail.com for inclusion in the Analyst. (No ads will be taken.)
Two Tuesdays, April 20 & 27
CMPS Extension Division Workshop—Adults & Adolescents: A Love-Hate Relationship. 7:10-8:40 PM. Learn to tolerate the feelings induced by adolescent provocations, devaluations, defiance and secretiveness, and to strike a balance between control and neglect. Nicole Kirman and Annick Joumdan. $80 for 2 sessions. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Friday, April 23
CMPS Friday Night Film Series: “A Beautiful Mind” Film shown at 7:15 sharp, discussion follows with Steve Poser. Viewing free. Discussion/refreshments $10. 212-260-7050. CMPS.

Friday, April 23

Friday, April 23
ACAP Open House from 2:00 to 3:00pm. Join faculty and students to learn about our Certificate Program and MA in Psychoanalysis. 973-736-7600/www.acap-online.org. ACAP.

Friday, April 23
ACAP Case Discussion for Clinicians/Teachers, 7-8:30pm, Maurice Lovell, PhD. Explore how modern psychoanalytic techniques can be used to understand and address treatment difficulties and problems in the classroom. Attendees eligible for CE credits. 973-736-7600/www.acap-online.org. ACAP

Two Fridays—April 23 & 30
CMPS Extension Division Workshop: Working with the Developmentally Disabled, 5:30-7pm. Modern psychoanalytic theory & technique applied to treatment of the developmentally disabled. “Joining the resistance”, “object oriented questions” and “speaking to the emotion” discussed & illustrated, Judith Akullian. $80/2 sessions. 212-260-7050. CMPS.

Sunday, April 25

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Cyril Z. Meadow Institute (CZMI) Sunday Information Session, 12 noon. Come to Dummerston, Vermont to learn about our PsyD doctoral program in psychoanalysis and get a tour. CZMI, 40 Tucker Reed Road, Dummerston, VT 05301. Phone: 802-257-0919 or visit: www.bgsp.edu. CZMI.

Monday, April 26,
BGSP Extension Division Workshop: “Psychoanalysis and a Sustainable Future.” 7-9:00pm. What can psychoanalysis contribute to understanding the causes of ecological threats? How can individuals and large groups adopt sustainable patterns of living and consumption? Frances Bigda-Peyton. $17. Phone: 617-277-3915 or visit: www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Thursday, April 29
BGSP Extension Division Workshop “Madness and Writing,” 7-9:00 pm. Learn about the “fine madness” within and how to embrace the qualities that threaten the freedom to create; with Helen Michael. $32. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Friday, April 30
BGSP—Modern Psychoanalysis Goes to the Movies— from 7:00-9:00pm. One of BGSP’s most popular Friday night events. Join Maureen Ryan as she discusses the movie, “Fast, Cheap and Out of Control.” Please view movie prior to the discussion. $7. 617-277-3915/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Friday April 30
CMPS Alumni Association Annual Scientific Presentation: “Discoveries in Psychoanalytic Research.” 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The panel of discussants are from the first class of CZMI Vermont doctoral program. Barbara D’Amato, Dan Gilhooley, and Richard Sacks discuss the progress of their dissertations and the process of arriving at a research topic. CMPS Great Hall. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, 24
BGSP Extension Division Workshop "Modern Psychoanalysis and Life," 7:00-9:00pm on four consecutive Mondays. Come and refresh your knowledge of psychoanalytic principles and how they relate to your life. Ron Viger. $128 for 4 sessions. 617-277-3915/www.bgsp.edu. BGSP.

Thursday, May 6
KPI clinical presentation: Marilyn McCabe, John Auerback, Jules Seeman, and Michele Rose on “A Relational Model of Grief.” 502-637-2639/e-mail: kpi2639@bellsouth.net. KPI.

Wednesday, May 12
CMPS Informational Open House, 5:45-6:45pm. Small group meetings to learn about our psychoanalytic training program and how it might best fit your needs. An opportunity to raise questions and to tour the landmark Center building. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Thursday, May 13
BGSP Extension Division Workshop—“The Journey,” 7-9pm. How to adapt to life’s shifting landscapes even if the destination is unknown. Jill Solomon. $32. 617-277-3915. BGSP.

Thursday, May 13 to Wednesday, May 19
SMP Spring Conference/Tour to Seattle, Washington See article on page two. SMP

Friday, May 14
CMPS Clinical Seminar Series Spring 2004. 5:30-7:00pm. An informational discussion of cases held one Friday a month. Students, faculty and clinical practitioners discuss new ideas, present difficult cases, and hear what others are discovering. Great Hall CMPS. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

CMPS Extension Division Annual June Workshops. Look for brochure in May. 212-260-7050/www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

ACAP Summer Term 2004. ACAP has added a summer term this year. See article on page six. ACAP.

CMPS Fall 2004 Semester registration starts. Information: 212-260-7050 or www.cmps.edu. CMPS.

Annual KPI Golf Scramble. For more information, please phone: 502-637-2639 or e-mail: kpi2639@bellsouth.net. KPI.

KPI clinical presentation: “Responsibility in Dreams: a Winnicottian Perspective on Adolescent Space.” with James Gorney. 502-637-2639/e-mail: kpi2639@bellsouth.net. KPI.

CMPS Annual Fall Conference—“The Art of Listening.” The 2004 CMPS Annual Fall Conference will again be held at Haft Auditorium at the Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The Conference agenda from 10am to 5pm includes presentations and panel discussions, followed by workshops. The audience is invited to come prepared with their own thoughts and be ready to participate. A social gathering follows the conference. Currently putting out a call for papers on the topic. Notice to go out shortly to the analytic community. Look for your detailed brochure in September. For information: call: 212-260-7050 or visit our expanded web site: www.cmps.edu. CMPS
ACAP working towards converting NJ Certification Law
Sheila Zaretsky

The directors of the Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis (ACAP) are working towards converting the New Jersey Certification Law to a Licensing Law. The original New Jersey law reflected a legislative prejudice against issuing any new licenses at the time the bill was passed in 2000, a prejudice that is no longer at issue. It is the assertion of ACAP’s directors that a licensure law would better protect the consumer. Licensure would aim at protecting the consumer from fraud rather than just clarifying the qualifications of a profession, as the certification law does. Though ACAP will have the State Department of Consumer Affairs supporting this effort, it will be costly in time and money. Any help would be most appreciated.

ACAP Offers Summer Term 2004

ACAP HAS ADDED A SUMMER TERM this year. One three-credit course will be offered for six weeks starting in June of 2004. “The Psychoanalytic Theory of Dream Interpretation,” will be co-taught by Dr. Maurice Lovell and Dr. Sheila Zaretsky. The course can be taken for Master’s Degree credits, Certification credits, or continuing education units. For information please call: 973-736-7600 or visit our newly expanded website: www.acap-online.org.

BGSP Faculty Speak at Forum on Psychodynamics of Empire

BGSP FACULTY MEMBERS Stephen Price, Jane Snyder and Stephen Soldz spoke at a forum on the Psychodynamics of Empire on February 6, 2004, sponsored by Psychoanalysts for Peace and Justice (www.psychonaalystsopposewar.org) and co-sponsored by BGSP’s Institute for the Study of Violence. Dr. Price spoke on “The Role of Sacrifice”, Jane Snyder on “Power and Paranoia”, and Stephen Soldz on “Security, Terror, and the Psychodynamics of Empire.” (Dr. Soldz’s talk has been posted on at least three major web sites: ZNet; Information Clearinghouse; & Global Policy Forum.) The presentations stimulated a lively discussion of the role of psychoanalysis and psychodynamics in understanding and promoting social change. Material from these three talks was broadcast on radio station WMBR, MIT radio, Cambridge. MA. For information please contact Dr. Stephen Soldz: ssoldz@bgsp.edu.

BGSP offers coursework to qualify for MA Licensing

Beginning in Fall 2004, Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis will offer courses and coursework to enable BGSP Master’s program graduates to qualify for the Massachusetts licensing exam in Mental Health Counseling. The courses and coursework are in addition to BGSP’s regular Master’s program curriculum. 617-277-3915 or www.bgsp.edu.

CMPS 2003 Fall Conference “Getting Even”
Barbara D’Amato

THE ANNUAL CMPS CONFERENCE, Getting Even took place on November 15, 2003 at the Haft Auditorium at FIT. The conference, chaired and graciously hosted by Sara Sheftel, was a resounding success. We were greeted by the familiar faces of friends and colleagues, some not seen since last year, along with many newcomers. Dr. Phyllis Meadow’s presence at the book signing table was a special addition to the conference activities as she autographed copies of her recently published book, “The New Psychoanalysis.”

The morning program was very well attended and began with a panel of prominent Modern Analysts representing institutes from across the country. The diverse, yet theoretically heterogeneous panel was led and moderated by Dr. Jane Goldberg who delivered a poignant and powerful paper analyzing revenge. Goldberg, through various examples, unpacked the annihilating narcissism that lies beneath our murderous wish to destroy the other. Sheila Zaretsky, Faye Newsome, Kathleen Colebank, Allen Lee Oliver and Lucy Holmes presented clinical, theoretical and personal experiences with getting even.

Dr. Eugene Goldwater opened the afternoon session with a crisp, sardonic and captivating paper which discussed the historical, political and social aspects of the universal need for reprisal. He was followed by a second, equally impressive group of Modern Analytic presenters: Robert Marshall, Dan Gilhooley, June Bernstein and Joseph Scalia.

The Modern Psychoanalytic design of the conference seems to have appealed to many attendees who participated in further discourse during the workshops which completed the program. Finally, everyone was invited to attend a social gathering which promoted interaction, celebration of the day or…simply getting even.
CZMI is Growing!
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AFTER ONLY THREE YEARS of operation, more than sixty students have enrolled in BGSP’s Cyril Z. Meadow Institute (CZMI) Doctor of Psychoanalysis (PsyaD) degree program. CZMI, located in beautiful Dummerston, Vermont, has enrolled students from throughout the Western Hemisphere, from Canada to Chile. The program has also attracted increasing interest from students throughout New England and New York State.

The Institute’s resounding success pushes against its locally-imposed enrollment limit—resulting from zoning and environmental regulations—of 22 students in classes at any given moment. This year the program had to turn away several well-qualified applicants for lack of space.

To accommodate the demand for quality psychoanalytic training in western New England, CZMI has developed a seven-year plan for growing its capacity. The proposal, submitted to state and local authorities, calls for expanding the facilities on the Dummerston campus while respecting Vermont’s strict environmental regulations. Donations to the CZMI Capital Fund will support this important development.

October 19, 2003 — Miracle on Tenth Street — CMPS Graduation

Thanks to the generous efforts of the officers of the Alumni Association, the 2002-2003 graduates were given a warm and joyful tribute. Even the sun shone brilliantly on the proceedings that took place in the CMPS Great Hall. Receiving diplomas handed out by Mimi Crowell and Ted Laquercia, were Elaine Hurst and Miriam Riss (2002); Carol Citerella-Garvey, Harriet Lenk, Cynthia Kaplan, Eleanor Timberman, and Jill Weiss (2003). Dolores Welber led off the occasion with an empathic communication about the “torture of logs.” This was followed by words marking this rite of passage from Mimi Crowell. Dr. Meadow offered congratulations as well, from her seat in the very front row.

Over one hundred people attended the ceremony. Among them were faculty, fellows, and peers and family and friends of the new graduates—all offering enthusiastic good wishes. Even grandchildren were in attendance, visible proof that an aggregate of several hundred years was represented by the eight certificate candidates. As each rose to present her unique final log, the support of their families and their own diligent efforts in achieving this distinction became more vivid. The loud popping of corks soon followed the applause as several cases of champagne were consumed. Oceans of scones, cakes and clotted cream, and a rainbow array of phenomenal tea sandwiches capped off the occasion.

The Alumni Association, represented by Angela Musolino, President; Charlotte Melnik, Secretary; Marc Tallent, Director of Scientific Presentations; and Lucie Grosvenor, Treasurer, chaired the event that was a wonderful gift to the eight graduates, and Lee Meltzer who so ably photographed the proceedings. And thanks too, to all who offered good counsel to us throughout the many years.

“Sex and the City”
THE CMPS EXTENSION DIVISION opened its Winter/Spring season on Friday evening, February 27th with a talk on “Sex and the City”— the cable TV program that has become a cultural phenomenon. The event’s topic drew over thirty to the Center, many newcomers. After an introduction by Lynne Laub, attendees engaged in a discussion of intimacy and commitment. Participation was 100%.

Art Show at CMPS

On Sunday, November 2, 2003, in the spirit of symbolic communication, the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies Extension Division sponsored an art show—“Reflections of the Unconscious.” The exhibit featured the art works of colleagues and friends of psychoanalysis. An opening reception was held in the Great Hall, followed by a discussion of the creative process with Lynne Laub, the show’s curator. Refreshments too were provided for the over 100 people who assembled, from all walks of life, to view the artwork, to reflect and to talk.

The works of art that occasioned this successful gathering were for sale. 30% of the proceeds went to the Carol Brod Memorial Technology Room and the balance to the artists.
Modern Analysts present panel at North American Society for Psychotherapy Research

FACULTY AND STUDENTS FROM BGSP, CMPS and CZMI presented a panel on “New Directions in the Psychoanalytic Case Study” at the meeting of the North American Society for Psychotherapy Research (NA-SPR) this November. The panel, organized by BGSP faculty member, Stephen Soldz, presented clinical, research and philosophical perspectives on the single case. Presenters included BGSP Certificate Graduate and ISV student Robin Gomolin: “A Systematic Analysis of a Defense,” CZMI student Dan Gilhooley: “Stepping Back: An Empirical Study of Regression in the Service of the Ego,” BGSP (and University of Wollongong, Australia) faculty Nigel Mackay: “The Logic of the Single Case Study,” and, CMPS faculty member, Steven Poser: “Finding A Shape: The Creation of Psychic Structure in a Psychoanalytic Setting.” (Abstracts of papers are available from Stephen Soldz: ssoldz@bgsp.edu). Both Dr. Poser and Ms. Gomolin’s papers were based on their final certificate projects at CMPS and BGSP respectively. Both papers illustrated the process of making psychodynamic inferences from the systematic examination of analytic case material. The audience was as interested in the possibility of treating such seriously disturbed personalities as in the details of the case study method. Mr. Gilhooley presented his ongoing dissertation research on developing a lexical measure of regression. This presentation evoked a lively discussion, largely of methodological issues. The panel concluded with Dr. Soldz’s reading of Dr. Mackay’s exploration of the role of the systematic psychoanalytic case study as an exemplar of psychoanalytic theory. During the discussion all participants agreed that systematic case studies like those presented by the panel were a legitimate form of psychotherapy research activity and encouraged more presentations of this type at future SPR meetings.

Reminder...

Have you paid your 2004 SMP Dues?
Plan to join with your colleagues and friends at SMP’s 11th Annual Scientific Conference & Luncheon on Sunday, April 18th.