

Free Associations

A Newsletter for the PSP Community

...dedicated to excellence in learning, teaching and application of psychoanalytic knowledge

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NOTABLE QUOTE: “The only way that we have of keeping the spirit of Freud alive is to take his observations further with the help of the method of enquiry he developed – analysis – but without the phobic avoidance of other methods of enquiry such as empirical research.”
-Alessandra Lemma, psychoanalyst & author

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This past week, I’ve been thinking about the good work we do: the school, the clinic and our own private practices. We’re in the business of helping people – whether it’s students working toward being better clinicians or patients wanting to improve their health. In order to continue our quest and meet our mission, we require ‘working capital’: funds to support our ventures. You’ll soon be receiving a request to donate to the school/clinic. Please consider helping us continue the good work we do. I hope you have a happy and healthy New Year.

-Bill Lorman

THE THERAPIST’S THESAURUS

Apraxia. Inability to perform a voluntary purposeful motor activity; cannot be explained by paralysis or other motor or sensory impairment. In *constructional apraxia*, a patient cannot draw two- or three-dimensional forms.

Pressured speech. Increase in the amount of spontaneous speech; rapid, loud, accelerated speech, as occurs in mania, schizophrenia, and cognitive disorders.

Acalculia. Loss of ability to do calculations; not caused by anxiety or impairment in concentration. Occurs with neurological deficit, learning disorder.

STANDARDS FOR

ACCREDITATION: Standard 5-5

Faculty members teaching courses in the theory and practice of psychoanalysis are predominantly certified psychoanalysts.

All current faculty members are certified psychoanalysts with knowledge, skill and experience in the subject matter presented in the courses we offer.



A NOTE FROM A GRATEFUL ANALYST

This semester, after several years away from being a student, I decided to take classes again. It has been a truly humbling and enriching experience, reminding me of Socrates’ words: “As for me, all I know is that I know nothing.” The experience has been incredible—students bring remarkable intelligence, and the instructors are deeply thought-provoking. This is what makes a classroom truly magical: diverse perspectives coming together, reasoning collectively, and discovering new ways of thinking.

I wholeheartedly encourage others to pursue continuing education by taking classes and actively engaging with our community.

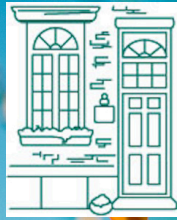
-Cristiane M Irej, Psy.D., NCPsyA

THEORY CORNER: *Transference Variants – Part 4c*

TRANSFERENCE NEUROSIS

Contemporary opinion is divided to its importance and centrality, whether it forms to the extent Freud believed, and whether it is necessary for successful analysis – for some, it remains an essential

vehicle for analytical interpretation and therapeutic effectiveness; for others, it may never develop or, to the extent that it does, may play a less central role in the process of cure.




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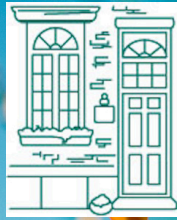
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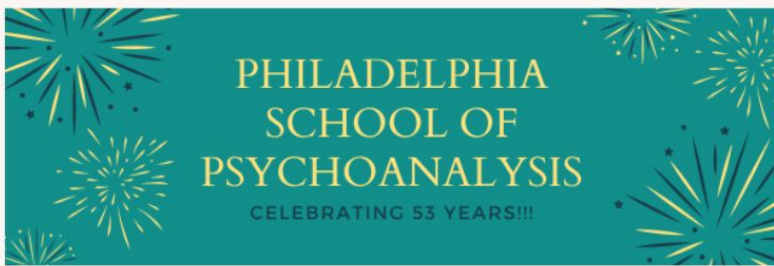
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