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Let the Institute know if you have items or information (about programs, people, publications, achievements, problems, etc.) that are of interest and could be included in the newsletter.

Akhtar to Do Double Duty

Salman Akhtar, M.D., the featured speaker for the Society's spring workshop, will also present a clinically-oriented intersession program for Institute Candidates, Advanced Candidates, and faculty. The full-day Society workshop, entitled "Guilt Will Kill You: Reflections Upon Remorse, Self-Destructiveness, Masochism, and Suicide", takes place on Saturday, April 16, at the Marriott Plaza Hotel. The intersession program, for which there is no charge and which is open to Institute faculty, Candidates, and psychotherapy students, will be held at the Institute on Friday evening, April 15. Dr. Akhtar, a psychoanalytic thinker and author of great breadth and originality (as well as a published poet), has written a number of books, most recently New Clinical Realms: Pushing the Envelope of Theory and Technique.

In the Public Eye

Our faculty and candidates continue to make public presentations that advance psychoanalytic ideas and bring favorable notice to the Institute. In recent weeks:

- Salomon Alfie gave a lecture at the UMKC Department of Psychiatry entitled "Why Chickens Cannot Sing (A Musical Dilemma)" – dealing with neural Darwinism and topics in contemporary brain research.
- Tony Bram completed the Psychoanalytic Research Training Program at the Yale Child Study Center, co-sponsored by the Anna Freud Center. (Tony has information for anyone interested in the program next year.)
- Bonnie Buchele participated in the American Group Psychotherapy Association meeting in multiple ways: led a two-day training institute, spoke as part of a panel discussion, and taught a course related to group psychotherapy for trauma. Her co-edited book (with Henry Spitz, M.D.) Group Interventions for Treatment of Psychological Trauma has been published, and she also co-authored an article on traumatic countertransference that appears in the January International Journal of Group Psychotherapy.
- Don Colson presented a paper on adult ADHD to the Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Society and spoke on the same subject at UMKC.
- Marilyn Dawson-McCarthy had a book review published in the Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic.
- Michael Harty gave a talk on contemporary developments in psychoanalysis at the meeting of the Missouri Counseling Association.
- Leonard Horwitz chaired a discussion of outcome studies at the APsA meeting in New York.
- Helen Stein was lead author for a poster presentation at the same meeting.
- John Whipple published an article on his work with geriatric patients in TAP, the APsA newsletter.

Please help us keep your colleagues informed by letting the Institute office know about your publications, speeches, and projects.

Foundation Schedules Theater Fundraiser

The Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation, in the process of developing fundraising efforts to support Institute and Society programs, will sponsor a theater event on Sunday, June 26. Ticketholders will attend a matinee performance of the American Heartland Theatre's production of "Tuesdays with Morrie", a two-character play based on Mitch Albom's best-selling memoir of conversations with a wise, ailing mentor. After the performance there will be a psychoanalytically informed discussion of the play, with cast members present if possible. Ticket prices will be announced soon. The Foundation hopes to sell 100 tickets, and encourages Institute and Society members to recruit colleagues and friends to attend.

Gandolfo Speaks on Immigrant Experience

Jorge Gandolfo, M.D., former Institute faculty member and now a faculty member of the Buenos Aires Psychoanalytic Institute, recently presented a talk on "Metamorphosis in the Immigrant Family" at the Institute headquarters. Using an extended clinical example, he discussed the many meanings immigration may have, and how the fantasy of solving certain family dilemmas through immigration becomes problematic. Dr. Gandolfo's talk was arranged on short notice by Salomon Alfie and publicized by email through the Institute office. Faculty and candidates are encouraged to take initiative in this way when a visitor becomes available to present something of psychoanalytic interest. The Institute's classrooms are available most evenings for this purpose.

COMING EVENTS:

- Apr. 9 – Society annual meeting
- Apr. 10 – Martin Leichtman presentation
- Apr. 15 & 16 – Dr. Salman Akhtar intersession & workshop
- May 3 – Society meeting – Marilyn Metzl speaker
- May 6 – Ida Abbott presentation
- June 8-12 – APsA meeting in Seattle
- June 26 – Foundation theater fundraising event