

Faculty Newsletter

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Comments from New Institute Director, Bonnie Buchele

Before summer truly grabs us all and distracts us temporarily from matters related to the Institute, I want to take a moment and express by thanks to all of you for the considerable time and energy you have given to our educational efforts. In this issue of the Newsletter you will read Mike Harty's goodbye remarks made at the annual brunch of the Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Society on June 5, 2005, at the ending of his term as Director of the Institute. We are very grateful to him for his devotion to the Institute as well as his conscientious shepherding of us through a developmentally crucial and demanding time. His remarks include an historical account of the Institute's life course to date and I think you will enjoy reading it. We are a young, vital institute with exciting possibilities before us and I am very much looking forward to my 5 years as Director. I am in the process of considering how we best accomplish communicating with one another internally. It seems likely that one helpful tool to stay in touch will be to have a Faculty Email Newsletter, conveying professional information, but also including a "Personals" section; you will find a few items of that nature included in this issue. We do not want to exclude or overlook anyone, but can only know about your presentations, writings, and important life events if you tell us – so please do! See you in the fall!

"A Look Back" Remarks from Michael Harty

The following remarks were made by Michael Harty at the June 5 annual brunch of the Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Society.

Some time ago I asked Manuel Morales for the opportunity to say a few words to this group on the occasion of my passing on the Institute directorship to Bonnie Buchele. I've realized that many of the words I want to say on this occasion are names. You will recognize many of them.

Harold Meyers, Irving Kartus, Ivy Bennett, Gerald Ehrenreich, Sigmund Gundle – the founders of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Kansas City, and the initiators of our practice of bringing at least one outstanding psychoanalytic speaker to Kansas City each year.

Charles Wilkinson – not a psychoanalyst himself, but a long-time supporter of the Study Group through a foundation he administered, and probably the earliest African-American friend of psychoanalysis in Kansas City.

Francisco Gomez, Ann and Steven Appelbaum, Walter Ricci, Salomon Alfie – the next generation of Study Group members and psychoanalytic practitioners, and, especially in the case of Walter and Moni, the teachers and mentors of dozens of aspiring analysts.

Then there are those who arrived, or joined, in the 80's and 90's, playing a role first in the evolution of Study Group into Society, and then in bringing our Institute into being: Mittleman, Wilson, Kulick, Emas, Zeitner, Macgregor, Buchele, Risk, Silwance. I count myself among that group as well. And then the first intrepid group of Candidates, without whom this ship would never have sailed: Mary Lorton, John Parker, Pam Seator, Carol Smith, Badresh Parikh.

That milestone – the establishment of this Institute – also marked the conjunction of our Kansas City psychoanalytic tradition with one even older, that of the Topeka Institute for Psychoanalysis. More names: Karl Menninger, Philip Holzman, Merton Gill, Robert Knight, Robert Wallerstein, Sybille Escalona, Otto Kernberg, Ramon Ganzarain, Gertrude and Ernst Ticho, Ishak Ramzy. By the time our Institute was forming, these – and more – were our ancestors, the builders of a remarkable institution that led the growth of psychoanalysis in the western half of the country. It was that institution that now became our sponsor, and its leaders who assisted at our birth: Glen Gabbard, as Director; Stuart Averill and Jack Ross, both lost to us far too soon; especially Len Horwitz, the most constant link, along with Salomon Alfie and Walter Ricci, already part of the Topeka Institute; and others who would soon join us: Irv Rosen, Larry Kennedy, Kathryn Zerbe, Becquer Benalcazar.

Walter Ricci had the difficult challenge of leading us through those first, formative years, including launching our first two groups of candidates. It fell to me to take the reins before I was quite ready, and then it fell to the Institute to accept a challenge for which it could not have been ready, when the Topeka Institute was forced to close. That, I think, became the major story of my tenure as Director, and I think our biggest accomplishment during that time has been to assimilate so many of our Topeka colleagues while simultaneously continuing our progress to Provisional Institute status. This would not have been done, and I could not have done my part, without the dedication and support of the present Education Committee, some of whom I've named previously – Alfie, Benalcazar, Buchele, Horwitz, Kulick, Ricci, Rosen, Wilson, Zeitner – and some I haven't: Alice Brand Bartlett, Mel Berg, Don Colson, and candidate representatives Mary Yanics, Michael Lubbers, and Marilyn Dawson-McCarthy.

There are still so many words unsaid, so many names unnamed – but perhaps that's in the nature of things, because all of these words belong to a story that is still being written. It's time for a new chapter, and in Bonnie we have chosen the right person to lead us forward: someone with vision, energy, a love for and a commitment to psychoanalysis, and a willingness to reach out to all sides in the interest of strengthening this institution we are building. It has been a great privilege, and (usually) a pleasure, for me to be part of this story so far; I will continue to be part of it; and I will do so with confidence in both our membership and our leadership, and with great interest to see what happens next.

COMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 6 – Society meeting – Martin Maldonado, M.D. (Plaza Public Library - 4801 Main St.)
- Sept. 10 – First day of class.
- Sept. 25 – Steven Knoblach, Ph.D. presented by KCAPP (Menorah Medical Center – 5721 W. 119th St.)
- Nov. 1 – Society meeting – Sharon Loewenstein (Plaza Public Library - 4801 Main St.)
- Nov. 5 & 13 – Diagnosis & Ethics Discussion Groups (St. Joseph Community Health Center)
- Nov. 12 & 13 – Institute Retreat (Hotel Phillips)

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In Focus

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

- Robin Onikul played violin in the concert performance of *Turandot* during the Kansas City Puccini Festival.
- Martin Leichtman presented a paper entitled "The Influence of Siblings on the Separation-Individuation Process Revisited" at April meeting of KCAPP Division 39.
- At the summer APsaA meeting, Tony Bram was Co-chair of a Special Program for Residents and Trainees entitled "Management of Hate in the Countertransference" with Glen Gabbard, M.D. as discussant.

Publications

- Leonard Horwitz "The Capacity to Forgive: Intrapsychic and Developmental Perspectives" published in Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 53 (2).
- Tony Bram & T. Bjorgvinsson (2004). A psychodynamic clinician's foray into cognitive-behavioral therapy utilizing exposure-response prevention for obsessive-compulsive disorder. American Journal of Psychotherapy, 58, pp. 304-320.

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