

President’s Message

by Robin Deutsch, Ph.D.

Every seven years, SFCP has a site visit from APsaA’s Committee on Institutes (COI), which reviews our Center and our educational programs. This was our first site visit since becoming a Center. This year, for the first time, we had a simultaneous site visit from ACPE, Inc. Between the two teams, nine visiting analysts attended classes, meetings, supervisions, and met with faculty, graduates, and candidates. The teams came up with independent conclusions and both will be issuing reports to us. When they are received, these reports will be available to all members.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**“Play in Adult and Child Analysis:
The Concept of
Countertransference Play”**

December 12, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

James Herzog, M.D.

First, I would like to thank everyone who rearranged their schedule to meet with the site visitors. I know that I cannot possibly name every person who made the site visit successful. Thanks to all for allowing the site visitors to see us at work: in classes, in supervisions, in administrative meetings, and in individual meetings. Special thanks to Karen Johnson who developed and orchestrated the site visit schedule and was one of the primary contacts between the site visitors and the Center. Mary Margaret McClure also labored for many hours, reviewing reports from the previous site visit, preparing the application for the ACPE site visitors and collaborating with site visitors as well as members, candidates and faculty. She made herself available for questions, concerns, and discussions from all. Jeff Miller, our Chief Operating Officer, and the rest of our administrative staff managed to continue to run the Center while simultaneously preparing reams of documents, transporting site visitors, providing breakfast and lunch, and being available to answer questions, find documents, and fix problems at the drop of a hat.

Although we have not yet received the site visit reports, I would like to take the opportunity to begin a dialogue about some of the general themes that arose during the site visit wrap up on Sunday morning. Since I was unable to attend the ACPE wrap up, I am confining my comments to organizational issues raised

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by the APsaA site visitors. You will find comments about the preliminary findings regarding psychoanalytic education in the Psychoanalytic Education Division column by Mary Margaret McClure in this newsletter.

Looking back on the summary of the site visitors' report from 2004, written by Chuck Fisher, M.D., many of their comments focused on how best to work through the sequelae of "recently endured painful losses". Now seven years later, we are no longer SFPI&S; we are a Center. Governance structure has changed. At the beginning of their comments, the site visitors raised the question of can we meet our own standards for openness. They felt our Center was of enviable size and intellectual vigor. They wondered about the persistent effects of trauma on our organization, now including the stressors of converting to the Center model, and moving from our traditional home to a temporary home. They drew attention to our decision making process. Themes of dislocation and insecurity about change on the one hand and lack of transparency and trust on the other, seemed to color many of their group process observations. Members and leaders were seen to be bright and hard working. However, members experience leadership as opaque, and feel that information is not candidly shared. Leadership feels they have made adequate efforts to be transparent. The Center was encouraged to hold onto our differences and promote ways for dissent to be expressed.

We have work to do to. As President, I am hopeful that when the full report arrives, it will foster conversation and collaboration about how best to move our organization forward. I look forward to our dialogue.

Thanks to all for making the recent site visit a successful one.

Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Education Division: Autumn Update

by Gary Grossman, Ph.D.

It has been a busy and productive fall for our new **Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Education Division (PPED)**. Included in this division are our two psychotherapy training programs: **Palo Alto Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (PAPPTP)**, and the new **Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program (PPTP)** in San Francisco; the **Extension Education Committee** (which includes *Year Long Programs and Seminars, Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis, A Day With/Conference Committee, and Child Psychotherapy Program*) and **Psychoanalytic Student Seminars**. *Each of these programs offers mental health clinicians the opportunity to enrich and expand their work through exposure to a psychoanalytic perspective.*

It has been especially exciting to discover the surge of interest and enthusiasm in our new psychotherapy training program. As Chair John Jemerin reported in the [September Newsletter](#), the **PPTP** began this year with 24 trainees, divided into two sections, with nearly half of the 24 positions filled for the class that will begin in 2012. The class has representation from a variety of mental health disciplines, including social work, psychiatry, and psychology with a broad range of clinical experience.

PAPPTP, chaired by Richard Almond and now in its 5th year, started its 3rd class in September. In addition, several members of the 2nd class, after completing their two years of course work, expressed interest in continuing their training, and are now taking a 3rd year of Continuous Case Conferences. I would like to extend a special welcome to our psychotherapy trainees, and hope to meet all of you during this next year at SFCP events.

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The programs sponsored by the **Extension Education Committee**, chaired by Louis Roussel, are also getting off to a good start this year. Each of our Year Long Programs offers a unique theme: “Can You Hear Me Now? Messages from the Unconscious” for the Peninsula program, chaired by Sharon Levin and Mark Snyder; “On the Boundary Between Theory and Unmediated Experience: Creative Listening in the Consulting Room” in the East Bay, chaired by David Socholitzky; and “Across the Pond: The British, the French and the Italians” in San Francisco, chaired by Meryl Botkin and Patricia Marra. Each program had healthy enrollment, with both first time and repeat participants.

The Child Psychotherapy Program, chaired by Laurie Goldsmith and Christina Lapedes, had a slightly smaller enrollment than in prior years, with five participants who began coursework this fall. The class includes therapists with a range of experience in working with children, and has formed a lively and engaged work group.

The **Extension Education Committee** will also be launching a Seasoned Clinicians Program, scheduled to begin in January 2013. Spearheaded by Elizabeth Simpson and Community Member Jan Messer, the Seasoned Clinicians Program will provide a unique learning opportunity specifically designed to meet the needs of psychoanalytic psychotherapists with many years of clinical experience. Laura Dansky will join Jan Messer as co-chair of this exciting new program.

The first program in our Dialogues in Contemporary Psychoanalysis series, co-chaired by Henry Markman and Julie Ruskin, featured Boston psychoanalyst Steven Cooper, who presented his paper, The Transference-Countertransference Surround: Some elusive aspects of the analyst's relationship to the transference. Stephen Seligman provided an insightful discussion with a highly engaged and enthusiastic audience. Upcoming Dialogue programs include: Peter Goldberg and John DiMartini in February, Henry Markman and Stephen Purcell in March and British analyst Paul Williams with Alice Jones in June.

Our **Psychoanalytic Student Seminar** series, chaired by Catherine Mallouh, has also gotten off to a robust start with an overflowing class for Walt Beckman's course, Working with Difficult Moments in Psychotherapy in San Francisco. Marc Wallis, taking over this year as the San Francisco committee chair, has put together a strong program with offerings in the winter and spring from Beth Steinberg, Jacqueline De Lon, and Michael Levin. In the East Bay, Leora Benioff begins her tenure as chair, taking over from Margo Chapin, who has stepped down after several years of able leadership. Michael Loughran continues as chair of the Peninsula committee. Please be sure to check SFCP's website for the East Bay and Peninsula winter/spring seminars.

As I write this column, we are in the middle of our Visiting Professor Week with British psychoanalyst Michael Feldman, and it was a thrill to begin the week with a sold out attendance at our A Day With Michael Feldman community program, creating an exciting buzz for the remaining week. 170 mental health providers, including graduate students, residents and trainees, early and mid-career, and seasoned clinicians gathered at the JCC of San Francisco to hear Dr. Feldman's clinical paper, The Manic Defense and Its Effect on The Countertransference, with discussion by Henry Markman, and an afternoon case presentation to Dr. Feldman by Mitchell Wilson. The A Day With/Conference Committee, co-chaired by Marilynne Kanter and Catherine Mallouh, spent nearly a year planning this event and it is especially rewarding to have such a large audience and to see so much enthusiasm for psychoanalysis from the San Francisco mental health community.

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With its mission to provide psychoanalytically informed education to psychotherapists throughout the greater Bay Area, the **PPED** relies on well over 100 SFCP faculty who have contributed countless hours of preparation and instruction to make these programs successful and rewarding. I want to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and acknowledge the generosity of their service. I also encourage faculty members who would like to teach in in the **PPED** to inform program chairs of your interests and availability. In addition, each of these programs has devoted committee members working throughout the year in planning, development and implementation of these educational offerings. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please do not hesitate to contact a program chair or me.

Finally, after what will be four years of chairing a division and serving on the Management Team, I will be stepping down as the **PPED** chair at the end of June 2012. I am delighted that Beth Steinberg has agreed to take over as chair beginning in July and we are especially fortunate to have the division in such able, creative and enthusiastic hands.

Psychoanalytic Education Division News

by Mary Margaret McClure, D.M.H.

APsaA and ACPEinc Site Visits

The simultaneous site visits from the APsaA Committee on Institutes and the Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education at the end of October were demanding and fruitful, and I want to thank everyone who participated. Special thanks go to Karen Johnson who organized the site visits and to Jeff Miller, Marcia Parham, Greg Goglin, and Alyson Barrett-Ryan who worked very hard to show the site visitors the inner workings of SFCP. We have not yet received the written reports from the two teams, but at the wrap-up meetings on October 30 both sets of site visitors reported extremely positive impressions of our psychoanalytic education program, our faculty, our candidates, our curriculum, and our supervisions. There will be many details to review when we have the written report in hand, but I want to give a brief and incomplete summary of the wrap-up as it addressed the Psychoanalytic Education at SFCP. The curriculum is “excellent to outstanding” in their evaluation. They felt the Admissions process is excellent. The records are in excellent shape with regard to completeness, confidentiality, and organization. They felt the ten classes they observed were excellent, and the site visitor reporting this said she wished she could take a sabbatical to attend the classes herself. They did register that we have an extensive, lively faculty, but that there are many who want to teach candidates who are not, and they wondered why we are not making more use of co-teaching. They had many questions and suggestions about the place of the Faculty in SFCP, which of course is something they know we are actively working on. They did meet in private and in group settings with many of our members and our candidates, and they reported elements of unhappiness and disaffection in what they heard. We are left with the challenging work of finding ways to address these real problems, since we are on the one hand a membership organization serving as an important life-long professional community for one another and also an educational institution striving to maintain the highest standards for our candidates and for our faculty. We will circulate the written reports when we receive them, but we will also have a chance to discuss these issues in the upcoming Faculty Meeting scheduled for December 10th.

Proposed Reconfiguration of the Curriculum Schedule

One observation of our psychoanalytic education program is the enormous amount of change we have

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experienced in recent years and are still experiencing. There is another important and substantial change before us to consider. A Task Force made up of the Chair of Curriculum (Lisa Buchberg), the Dean (Steve Goldberg), a Board member with extensive experience in the Davis/Sacramento area (Katherine Fraser), and a previous Chair of Admissions (Jonathan Dunn) have made the following curriculum proposal to radically reconfigure our curriculum schedule by offering all classes on one day, beginning in the early afternoon, and extending through the evening. Candidates in all four years of training would have one clinical case conference and two didactic seminars throughout. Our long-standing format of the candidates' curriculum seems not to be serving us well in several regards. As you all know, the curriculum now offers all seminars on Thursday and Friday mornings. In the first year, candidates have three didactic seminars and a first year case conference; in the second and third years of training, candidates take one didactic seminar on Thursday, and on Friday a case conference and one didactic seminar. Then in the fourth year their load is reduced to one didactic seminar and one case conference, both on Friday morning. This Thursday/Friday morning schedule began in the fifties, following a time when all seminars were offered in the evening. The diminishing course load made sense in the past in a way that has changed as candidates are no longer typically carrying so many cases during their training.

This proposed change began with the awareness of candidates feeling overloaded with reading and academic seminars in the first year of training. In addition to this Katherine Fraser has made us aware of her experience that clinicians who live at a substantial distance from the Center would consider psychoanalytic training if classes were offered in a different configuration. Katherine reported that, in the recent past, clinicians from the Sacramento/Davis area have decided to train at PINC and elsewhere rather than at SFCP because the schedules at the other institutions are more compatible for a commuting candidate. The members of the Task Force, the members of the Psychoanalytic Education Division and the Management Team are in preliminary agreement about several things. We are concerned about making training a viable choice at a time of economic uncertainty. We are sensitive to the training needs of beginning candidates, and want to revisit the long held tradition of offering three didactic courses to first year candidates, and only one to fourth year candidates. And, we would like to allow candidates who live at a distance to pursue training. (We learned from the newly formed Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program, which meets Tuesday evenings, that there were seven applications and 6 matriculations from the Davis area.)

This proposed change will be discussed at the Faculty Meeting on December 10th. If you have questions about it please feel free to contact Lisa Buchberg or any of the other members of the Task Force (Katherine Fraser, Jonathan Dunn, Steve Goldberg) or Mary Margaret McClure.

Child Development Program's Preschool Consultation Project New Update

by Rebecca Schwartz, Ph.D. and Katya Woodmansee, Ph.D.

Our 6th Annual Event took place on November 2nd and it was most successful. Alicia F. Lieberman, Ph.D. presented on "The Identification and Treatment of Trauma in Early Childhood" to a packed auditorium of therapists and early childhood educators. Her presentation was extremely well received and she conveyed information that captured the interest of both groups present. The talk was preceded by a reception with lots of interaction between audience members. This event fostered community building and good public relations for SFCP. In addition to this event, the Preschool Consultation Group has had our monthly meetings, which continue to enrich our thinking and create opportunities for useful dialogue between group members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

San Francisco Psychotherapy Forum

Presenter: **Vickie Chang, Ph.D.**
 Discussant: **Sue von Baeyer, Ph.D.**
 Moderator: **Milton Schaefer, Ph.D.**

Thursday, December 1, 2011; 7:30pm - 9:00pm
 SFCP, 2340 Jackson Street, 4th Fl., San Francisco, CA

Peninsula Saturday Seminar

**Working With Patients Who Take Medication:
 A Psychodynamic Perspective**

Presenter: **Maureen Smith Ruffell, M.D.**

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos
 \$75; 3 CME/CE credits available.
 For more CME/CE credit information, click [here](#).

South Bay Psychotherapy Forum

Presenter: **Kristen Callahan, M.F.T.**
 Discussant: **Francisco Gonzalez, M.D.**
 Moderator: **Janice Mill, Ph.D.**

Tuesday, December 6, 2011; 7:15pm - 9:00pm
 Stanford Medical Center, 401 Quarry Rd., Stanford
 Free; 1.5 CME/CE credits available for \$ 15 or \$ 18
 For more CME/CE credit information, click [here](#).

East Bay Psychotherapy Forum

Presenter: **Ortal Krison-Trilling, Psy.D.**
 Discussant: **Robin Deutsch, Ph.D.**
 Moderator: **William Glover, Ph.D.**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011; 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 2001 Dwight Way, CC Meeting Room, Berkeley
 Free; 1.5 CME/CE credits available for \$ 15 or \$ 18
 For more CME/CE credit information, click [here](#).

Child Colloquium

Reading and Writing in the Library of the Mind
 Presenter: **James Herzog, M.D.**

Saturday, December 10, 2011; 10am - 12:00pm
 SFCP, 2340 Jackson Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco
 Free; 2 CME/CE are available for \$20 or \$24
 To register, call 415-563-5815 / aaron.chow@sf-cp.org
 For more CME/CE credit information, click [here](#).

Scientific Meeting

**Play in Adult and Child Analysis: The Concept of
 Countertransference Play**

Presenter: **James Herzog, M.D.**
 Discussant: **Lee Grossman, M.D.**

Monday, December 12, 2011; 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 SFCP, 2340 Jackson Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco
 Free; 2 CME/CE credits are available
 For more CME/CE credit information, click [here](#).

SFCP T-Shirts for Sale!



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NOTE FROM THE STAFF!

The SFCP office will be closed from **December 21st until January 1st** for the holidays. Please contact us at 415-563-5815 if you have any questions or needs before we close.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!
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The Scientific Meetings 2011-2012

The Scientific Meeting provides exposure to new and on-going work in psychoanalysis. SFCP members or other prominent psychoanalysts present papers in progress or recently published work on psychoanalytic theory, clinical work and applied psychoanalysis. All SFCP members, candidates, community members, and mental health professionals are welcome free of charge. The meetings take place on the second Monday of the month.

We have an exciting line-up for the year:

September –	Presenter: Dr. Steven Cooper Discussant: Dr. Erik Gann	February –	Presenter: Dr. Jed Sekoff Discussant: Dr. Peter Goldberg
October –	Haskell Norman lecture Presenter: Dr. Robert Stolorow Discussant: Dr. Suzanne Gassner	March –	Presenter: Dr. Judith Butler Discussant: Dr. Lisa Roth
November –	Visiting Professor week Presenter: Dr. Michael Feldman Discussant: Dr. Steve Purcell	April –	Windholz lecture Presenter: Dr. Cathy Caruth
December –	Presenter: Dr. James Herzog Discussant: Dr. Lee Grossman	May –	Lozoff lecture Presenter: Dr. Gerry Fromm
January –	There will be no Scientific Meeting	June –	Presenter: Dr. Paul Williams Clinical presenters: Dr. Maria Longuemare and Dr. Michael Wagner

Please feel free to submit proposals for upcoming programs.
Julie Ruskin, Scientific Meeting Chair

RECOGNITIONS

Richard Almond, M.D., will publish his paper, "Freud's 'The Dynamics of Transference' One Hundred Years Later" will be published in *JAPA*, Volume 59, Number 6 in December.

Joseph Caston, M.D., published "Agency as a Psychoanalytic Idea," in the *JAPA*, in 2011, 59(5), 907-938.

Jonathan Dunn, Ph.D.'s article, entitled "Two mental Orientations of Psychoanalysis and the Dialectical Experience of Transference," has been published in a current special issue of *Psychiatrie Francaise*, the journal of the Paris Psychoanalytic Society. The issue is comprised of articles that reflect contemporary trends in psychoanalysis in North America.

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Marc Jacobs, M.D., published "Interpreting in the Form of Action," in Dr. Salman Akhtar's recently released book, *Unusual Encounters*, by Karnac Books Ltd., London.

Alan Skolnikoff, M.D., published "Talking About Oneself," in Dr. Salman Akhtar's recently released book, *Unusual Encounters*, by Karnac Books Ltd., London

J. Marc Wallis, L.C.S.W., was selected for a fellowship to the American Psychoanalytic Association's Psychoanalytic and Psychodynamic Teachers' Academy, a professional development program for teachers of psychoanalysis and/or psychodynamic therapy.

Nathan Szajnberg, M.D., has sent us a link to his review of *On Latency: Individual Development, Narcissistic Impulse, Reminiscence and Cultural Ideal*, by Leticia Franieck and Michael Günter (Karnac, 2010), which appears in *International Psychoanalysis*. The book examines how cultural values affect development in Brazil and in Germany. To read the review, please click [here](#).

If you have something you would like to put before the community, please send it in to Marcia Parham at marcia.parham@sf-cp.org for inclusion in the Newsletter.

SFCP Library and Bookstore News

by Alyson Barrett-Ryan

Audio-Visual Equipment Donation — by Eric Rosen, Senior Library Assistant

The Library was recently fortunate to receive a donated ¼ open reel tape deck, courtesy of a connection of Ted Dively, our technology consultant, from the estate of an engineer at the local offices of Univision, the well-known Hispanic Broadcaster. The deck is an Otari MX-55, known as an indestructible workhorse of professional audio production, and will undoubtedly be an asset to the Library's collection of technology tools for years to come. Its acquisition has enabled the Library to begin to convert its collection of historic Lectures, Scientific Meetings, and Colloquiums on open reel tape held at SFCP from 1959-1980 to digital format so that they can be enjoyed and contribute to contemporary discussions about psychoanalysis and psychiatry. Keep watching the library's web pages for further information about our archival digitization projects.

Recent Acquisitions — Compiled by Alyson Barrett-Ryan, Library Director

Reis, B. and Grossmaker, R. (Eds.). (2009). *Heterosexual Masculinities: Contemporary perspectives from psychoanalytic gender theory*. London: Routledge.

Steiner, J. (2011). *Seeing and being seen: Emerging from a psychic retreat*. London: Routledge.

Tuckett, D. (2011). *Minding the markets: An emotional finance view of financial instability*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan.

Please note our [December Library Hours](#). And don't forget, our [catalog](#) is still online!