

# Clinical Psychology Program Newsletter

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## A Note from the Program Chair

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Dear Pacifica Clinical Community,

I feel grateful to write this note from our Lambert campus, which remained safe through the largest fires in California history and the most devastating mudslides for this area. I am also holding great sorrow and grief for lives lost, homes and businesses destroyed, and our community life here scarred.

I believe it is this tension – between mourning and joy, between terror and awe, between losses and new beginnings, as well as all that is in between – that we are called to hold as a depth psychological clinical community. We always hold these tensions in lives of individuals, families, and communities we work with in clinical settings. We also hold these tensions within ourselves. And I believe we are asked to hold these tensions for the world, for our natural, political, and global home.

In holding these, we are also asked to respond. In our rituals here in campus as a community, many of you, current students, asked about how we can act not only individually but also collectively. Here are some of the ideas shared, suggestions made, and visions expressed...

What is or can be depth psychological response and clinical care for disaster situations?

(One of the new initiatives from faculty across our campus is working with children from local areas through play therapy; another is working with responders who manage the violence of disasters on our behalf).

What is our individual and collective response to environmental crises and ongoing environmental degradation?

How can we re-connect with long standing history of facing natural and social disasters and upheavals through story-telling, myth, and rituals (after all, most of the world's creation stories begin with natural disasters and many world myths include such events)

What kinds of research and clinical contributions can we make? One of the examples comes from our associate provost Dr. Chalquist, who is working with environmental scientists around the world to help create narrative story-telling approaches to communicating complex, important scientific information in a way that galvanizes change. I hope we can join with this and other depth psychological undertakings.

How can we pay attention to the impact of these disasters on those who are already marginalized and may be experiencing many other forms of ongoing social trauma, including poverty, racism, sexual violence, or fear of deportations?

What can we learn from indigenous communities and First Nation cultures about care for the land and its creatures?

How do we continually pay attention and actively respond to many many global disasters, which are often too far from our physical realities or our awareness? Whether the earthquake in Haiti that killed over 200,000, or tsunamis that cost lives of as many, or the fact that 1/3d of Puerto Rico still lives without any electricity, many months after the hurricane – these disasters and events also require our com-passionate and passionate response.

How do we also care for ourselves in the midst of these events and this work? As some of you know, I have lived through the worst nuclear disaster in Chernobyl, Ukraine – the nuclear station that served the city I grew up in-- Kyiv, Ukraine—is at a distance of approximately 60 miles from my apartment building. In times of disasters, such prior life-threatening events can be activating... I believe our depth psychological tradition attends to such personal and collective histories, recognizes their impact, and helps us to understand our very human responses.

Lastly, how do we as Pacifica clinical community--students, faculty, staff, and alumni—come together to grieve, celebrate, fear, hope, grow, question, and connect?

I want to share these questions and observations from all of us, knowing that there are many differing responses to all of them. With that, some of you expressed a wish to become active and to create visible answers – let me and us know whether we can work together on these initiatives. And we will also invite you to join the initiatives that continue to emerge here at Pacifica.

I end this note with gratitude for our diverse community, with recognition of how challenging this work (as being human!) is, and with offering my own honor to the Land and the World I inhabit.



With care,

*Oksana Yakushko*

Clinical Chair

# Welcome Dr. Liz Schewe, our new Director of Clinical Training

## From Clinical Chair, Dr. Yakushko:

I want to introduce you to our new Director of Clinical Training, Dr. Liz Schewe. [**Pronounced SHOE-ee**]. I am delighted she will join us in leading our training office as well as building our training toward the goals of offering depth psychological treatment to diverse individuals and communities.

I am also profoundly grateful for the work of Dr. Juliet Rohde Brown in her role as the Director of Clinical Training for these several past years. Under her leadership, our office expanded and improved, and many many of you have been supported through the vitally important and required educational parts of training as a psychologist. Please join me in thanking her and wishing her well as the new Chair of the *Depth Psychology: Integrative Therapy and Healing Practices* program, at Pacifica. She'll remain a part of our program, and will continue to support and mentor Dr. Schewe in her DCT role.

## From Director of Clinical Training, Dr. Liz Schewe:

I am so honored to serve the Pacifica community as the Director of Clinical Training. I've been at Pacifica for a month now and have enjoyed my assimilation process. It's been a joy working alongside Juliet and Wendy and I've learned a lot along the way. I've hit the ground running and have enjoyed getting to know students in classes and through emails, one on one phone calls and personal meetings.

I must say, with the natural disasters that have happened in our community, it's been a curious time to arrive to Santa Barbara and Pacifica. I've observed so much resiliency in this community. I've seen staff and students offer helping hands to community members who have been displaced or affected. Many of us at Lambert have been sharing our offices and classroom spaces to accommodate fellow colleagues and students from our still-closed Ladera campus. I've also noticed that there has been so much space for



processing the emotional and symbolic impacts of what's happening and I have cherished these meaningful, very real connections.

Lastly, during my first week I was fortunate to experience the beautiful altar space that was curated by Evergreen. [ see photo page 7]

I want you all to know that I am so happy to be here and I am eager to work with you. I want to emphasize the importance of staying connected so invite you to schedule either a phone or in person conversation with me. I want to know who you are, what you're passionate about, the kind of working you're doing and hope to do, where you stand with your clinical training and anything relevant to your professional development and growth as an emerging clinical psychologist. Please send me an email to schedule an appointment, [eschewe@pacifica.edu](mailto:eschewe@pacifica.edu).

I graduated from Pacifica's PhD Clinical Psychology program and hold an M.A. Counseling Psychology from the Adler School of Professional Psychology. As part of my clinical training, I have provided psychodynamic psychotherapy and outreach programming to students at Williams College, Bennington College, as well as Hampshire College where I completed part of my postdoctoral training. I have special interests in helping those struggling with eating disorders and completed my pre-doctoral internship at The Bella Vita in Los Angeles, CA where I had rotations in the residential and outpatient clinic.

My personal research interests include feminist-relational understandings of eating disorders, the meaning of voice and self-disclosure in eating disorder recovery, and education and training issues for emerging psychologists. As a Certified Yoga Teacher, I am curious about the combined healing benefits of psychotherapy with yoga and mindfulness practices. I recently moved to Santa Barbara from The Berkshires, Massachusetts and am happy to be here.

### From Dr. Juliet Rohde Brown:

As many of you already know, I am making the transition from my position as your DCT in the Clinical program to become the Chair of the Depth Psychology: Integrative Therapy and Healing Practices program here at Pacifica.

Although I am excited about this new and meaningful phase in the trajectory of my professional life, this is a bittersweet time for me. I have grown close to many of you and I have enjoyed interacting with faculty colleagues, students, staff, and supporting the clinical training process. Thursday evenings have been particularly meaningful to me, as these have given me an opportunity to be present to the nuances of each new cohort's individual and shared essence and to engage in some ritual time together. I am forever grateful to Dr. Oksana Yakushko for inviting me into the Clinical program



and into the Pacifica family. I have learned from her balanced leadership, passionate activism, and caring heart. We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Liz Schewe as the new DCT of the Clinical program; you may officially refer to her as DCT now. She comes to us with valuable experiences that make her particularly attuned to the Pacifica student's clinical training journey and to the joys and challenges of bridging depth psychology into the world at large. Her work with the relational therapeutic aspects of eating disorders brought her accolades from the renowned feminist researcher and author, Dr. Carol Gilligan, who suggested that her work was award-worthy. Having graduated from our Clinical program and having completed her clinical training in different states, she understands the unique experience of those in the Clinical program. On top of that, she is a delightful person.

Wendy Copca will continue to be working closely with you in her role as Clinical Training Coordinator. She has already proven herself to be invaluable to the program.

I am not going far, just shifting focus. I am still here on campus in the same office in the Studio building. In addition, I will still be teaching in the Clinical program and, although I have officially started as Chair of the DPT program, I will still be here to support Liz and Wendy in the clinical office if needed.



We have experienced some intense times with the elements as of late, so please bear with us as we get caught up with our work in this alchemical mix. One of the greatest lessons I have learned in life and continue to be astounded by is the inevitability of change and the experience of impermanence. My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones in these natural disasters and to those without homes. We are grateful to have our campuses and to visit the sacred land they rest on. I look forward to my continued interactions with you in this special place and wish the best for you!

# Welcome DP Leighton, our new Clinical PA

In October, DP Leighton joined us as the new Clinical Psychology Program Administrator.

His professional background includes numerous positions within higher education, specifically in student services, admissions, and active inclusion initiatives.

An artist with a BFA and MFA in photography (see page 16), DP focuses on art as advocacy for queer intersectionality.

In addition to his career and art practice, DP is a community leader for a number of non-profit organizations such as Diversity Collective, AlAnon, and PFLAG Ventura, in addition to running his own non-profit, Proud Art, which teaches skills and curates the work of LGBTQ+ artists in Ventura County.

We are grateful for the many contributions DP has already made to our students and program over these challenging months.

This photo shows DP in his Halloween costume!



**Thank you  
Linda and Joe!**



We are grateful to receive a donation of a sandtray/sandplay library of figurines and new trays for the Lecture Hall on Lambert Campus from Linda Carter and Joseph Cambray's private collection.

This new resource, in addition to collections on Ladera campus, will be used in our future classes and training opportunities.

As many of you know, Dora Kalff, who was influenced by Jungian psychology, is considered a founder of this approach, which holds central the idea that symbols, imagination, and an engagement through play or action can provide a pathway toward profound psychological development and transformation for both children and adults.

You can read more about this approach [here](#).



## Time to tend the soul

As students, staff and faculty returned to campus after both a major wildfire and flood that profoundly affected all of us in the area, as well as those who were connected to us and the land here, it seemed important to have a way to creatively express some of our complicated thoughts and feelings.

This ritual space ended up staying present over a number of residencies (our Clinical sessions, and others) and it provided a way for us to engage with each other, remembering those we've lost with small gestures of beauty and inclusion.

Memorial was not the only urge, but the full spectrum of anger, confusion, gratitude, fear,

longing, celebration, numbness – the manifold movements of the soul in such times. Poems were also offered – and often were incorporated into the altar area.

The names of those who perished in the Montecito mudslide in January were soon accompanied by the victims of the Parkland Florida shooting of February 14 – reminders that in life, we are in death.



## Congratulations

We are so proud that our remarkable students have secured internship sites at the following places:

*Sharper Future Forensic Agency, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*Life Skills Training, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*Wright Institute Clinic, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*Reiss-Davis Child Study Center, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*C.G. Jung Institute, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*Mindful Heart Kids, Los Angeles, CA (CAPIC)*

*C.G. Jung Institute, San Francisco, CA (CAPIC)*

*Wise and Healthy Aging, Santa Monica, CA (CAPIC)*

*People Helping People, Solvang, CA (CAPIC)*

*New Beginnings Counseling Center, Santa Barbara, CA*

*Nevada County Behavioral Health, Grass Valley, CA*

*Valley Community Healthcare, North Hollywood, CA (CAPIC)*

*The Lotus Collaborative, Santa Cruz, CA (CAPIC)*

*Rose City Center, Pasadena, CA*

*Northern California DOC & Rehabilitation Consortium, Vacaville, CA, Valley State Prison (APPIC)*

*Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA (APPIC)*

*Fairfax Behavioral Health Psychiatric Hospital, Kirkland, WA (APPIC)*

*Puget Sound Psychiatric Center, Bothel, WA (APPIC)*

*Valley Cities, King County, WA*

*Community Services Institute, Springfield, MA (APPIC)*

*Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC (APPIC, just became APA)*

*Nevada Psychology Internship Consortium (NV-PIC). The State of Nevada Division of Public and BH. (APPIC)*

*The New School Student Health Support Services, NY, NY*

*Pacific Quest, Reeds Bay, HI*



Digital art by Roseli Ribeira, first year PhD student.

'Tis a fearful thing  
to love what death can touch.  
A fearful thing  
to love, to hope, to dream, to be –  
to be,  
And oh, to lose.  
A thing for fools, this,  
And a holy thing,  
a holy thing  
to love.  
For your life has lived in me,  
your laugh once lifted me,  
your word was gift to me.  
To remember this brings painful  
joy.  
'Tis a human thing, love,  
a holy thing, to love  
what death has touched.

~Yehuda HaLevi  
(1075-1141)

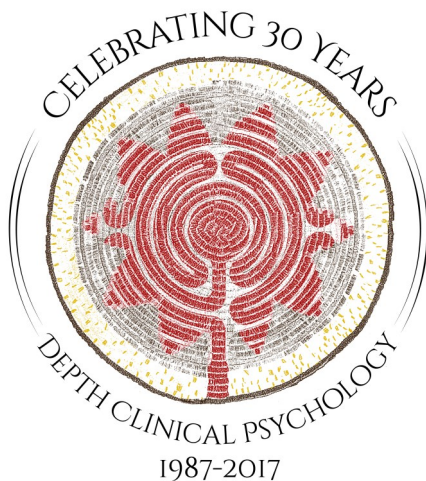
## Up Against the Wall: Politics, Community, Psyche



We were honored to have Andrew Samuels, internationally recognized political commentator and theorist from the perspectives of psychotherapy and depth psychology, present at the fall 2017 Clinical Department conference [\*\*Up Against the Wall: Politics, Community Psyche\*\*](#). Dr. Samuels presented "A New Therapy for Politics?" and we are delighted to share that lecture with the Pacifica community.

In his talk Dr. Samuels' discussed whether the many projects that seek to couple politics and psychology/therapy can in fact succeed in changing anything. Some ways in which we might do the 'analysis and activism' thing better are suggested, and tribute is paid to the approaches being pioneered at Pacifica. Discussion covered a range of political concerns from the perspective of 'therapy thinking'. In co-operation with the audience, the topic of the political contribution of transgressive styles of personal and intimate relationships was chosen for further exploration.

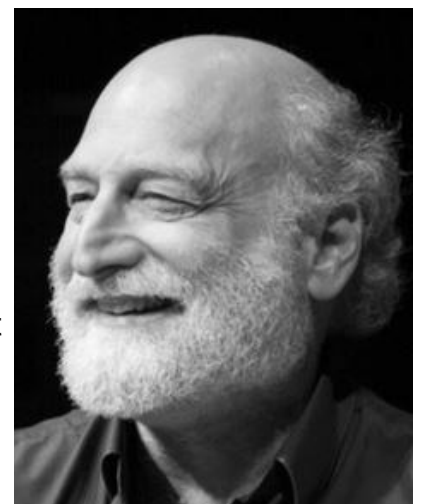
Go here for the [\*\*video of Dr. Samuels's lecture\*\*](#) (98 minutes).



Another 30th Anniversary event was a panel discussion titled **"Psychology on the Edge: Conversations on Suppression, Resistance and Transformations in the Field"** with our core faculty Oksana Yakushko, Michael Sipiora, and special guest Dr. Philip Cushman.

In his now classic American Psychologist article "Why the Self is Empty," Philip Cushman (1990) called for a "rethinking" of the whole "business of psychology." But he quickly noted that "most of us do not have the training to attempt such a task." On the 30th anniversary of the clinical Ph.D. program and as social engagement is included among the program's core competencies, Chair Oksana Yakushko and Director of Research Michael Sipiora join Dr. Cushman in a discussion of graduate education in clinical psychology that addresses "the integrity of our profession," and the "viability of our society" (Cushman, 1990).

Watch the panel discussion with Dr. Cushman [\*\*here\*\*](#).



# Clinical Dissertations Published—Congratulations!

**Anthony Bonavita**

*A Hermeneutic Exploration of Jung's and Buddhist Commentary on the Bardo Thodol*

**Shanna Butler**

*The Alchemy of Gender: A Hermeneutic Inquiry*

**V. Compagna-Doll**

*Unearthing the Third: The Crone in Depth Psychotherapy*

**Sheena Demery**

*Physicians' Diagnosing of and Prescribing Practices for Anxiety and Depression in Peri-Adolescent Children*

**Laura Fierro**

*Mexican Expatriate Stepfathers' Perceptions of the Mexican Stepfamily*

**Ericka Hofmeyer**

*An Exploration of Women in Long-Term Recovery from Alcoholism: A Phenomenological Study*

**Constance Kellogg**

*Back to Recovery: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Inquiry Into Childhood Psychotropic Medication Management*

**Kim Leverett**

*Narratives of Grace: Divine Recollection in the Aftermath of Childhood Sexual Abuse*

**John Mascaro**

*Psychotherapeutic Implications of Psychic Dissonance on Gay Roman Catholic Diocesan Priests: A Phenomenological Study*

**Gina Marchetti**

*Healing the Soul Through Nature: Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy—Not Just Horsing Around*

**Tarin Olson**

*An Exploration of Authentic Flirting Within Romantic Marriage*

**Eric Perry**

*Exploration of Mindfulness in Mindfulness-based Therapy: A Qualitative Study*

**Brent Potter**

*Elements of Self-Destruction: A Thematic Hermeneutic Study*

**Diana Prizgintas**

*Ordering Chaos*

**Crystal Prung**

*Countertransference and Attachment Patterns of Therapists in Couples Therapy with Eating Disorders*

**Priscille Schwarcz-Besson**

*The Field in Psychoanalytic Research Methodology*

**Mabel Vasquez**

*A Study of Intergenerational Transmission of Resilience in Latina Mother-Daughter Dyads in Southern California*

**Shefali Vatsa**

*The Goddesses' Call to Dance: Experiences of Garba Dancers During Navaratri*

**Charles Walton**

*Psychological Implications of Cavell's Interpretation of Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Students getting attention!

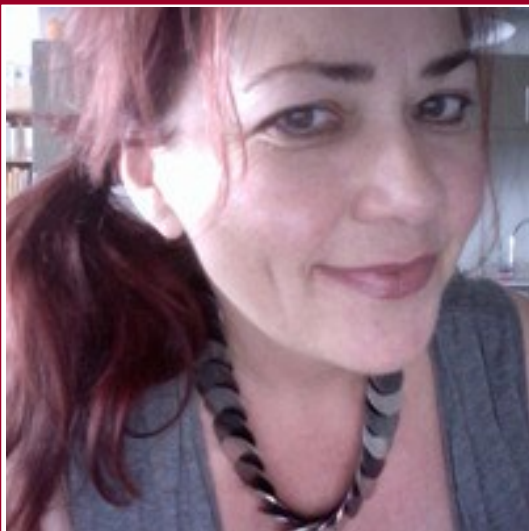
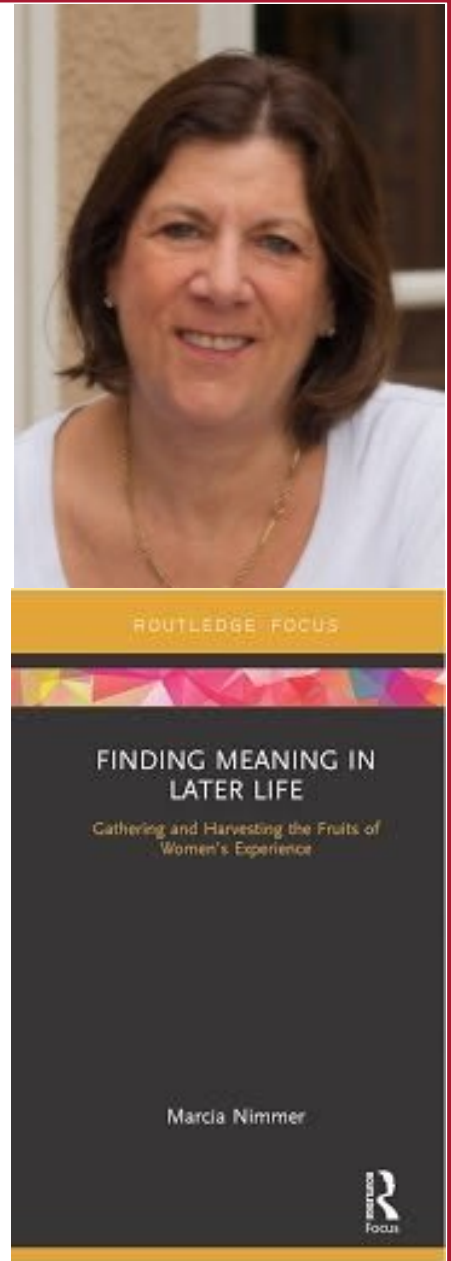
**Marcia Nimmer**, (PsyD) published *Finding Meaning in Later Life* through the Routledge Focus book series. Her book is based on her Pacifica dissertation on aging and meaning-making through the lens of depth psychology.

From a recent [review](#) from the Jewish Journal:

*Nimmer's book is rooted in the real-life experiences of women from ages 63 to 73 who agreed to be interviewed about their "stories and reflections, joys and tribulations about this developmental life stage." Indeed, their musings amount to a kind of parallel narrative that fleshes out the theoretical framework of Nimmer's book, as when a woman in her early 70s named Marion observes: "How do you find meaning? At this point in your life, you see the arc of your life. You can tell the story of your life. Whereas, the early years, you're so busy writing it that you can't see it."*  
....

*"Finding Meaning in Later Life" is a work of scholarship that is primarily addressed to the author's colleagues in professional practice. But Nimmer writes with such clarity, grace and depth of feeling that she reaches far beyond both her generation and her profession and speaks powerfully to readers of all ages and backgrounds.*

Please see page 29 for details and a book discount!



*Congratulations*

Fourth year PhD student Viktoria Byczkiewicz has been awarded one of the APA Division 39 [2018 Graduate Student Scholar Awards!](#)



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## News from Clinical Faculty



**Veronica Goodchild, PhD.,** (Professor Emerita) taught Jungian and Imaginal Psychology at Pacifica for 16 years. She has been a Jungian psychotherapist for over 35 years, and is an Affiliate Member of the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts.

This month she was a presenter for *Remembering the Truth of Who We Are*, an online summit. Her interview was, [\*\*The Alchemical Nigredo as a Portal to Awakening.\*\*](#)

Veronica will also lead a Pilgrimage Journey this fall to Crete and Mainland Greece: [\*\*In the Footsteps of the Goddess: An Initiatory Journey\*\*](#) May 18 to June 1. See above link or page 27 flier for details.

**Robert Romanyshyn, Ph.D.** (Professor Emeritus) was also a presenter for *Remembering the Truth of Who We Are*, with an interview titled [\*\*Re-Membering Our Broken Bonds with Nature\*\*](#)



Robert also presented for a Pacifica Salon on March 2.

## THE FRANKENSTEIN PROPHECIES

*Mary Shelley's Frankenstein; Or the Modern Prometheus* is a pivotal and prophetic story about the lethal nature of denial. In this talk, I retell her story from the 'Monster's' perspective. Created and abandoned by his maker, he carries the nightmare side of Friday, March 2, 2018 Frankenstein's noble but flawed wish to be a new god who would banish death from the human condition. In the guise of the monsters we are creating by our unbridled enthusiasm for technological innovations and our denial of responsibility for its potential consequences, *The Frankenstein Prophecies-Seven Questions and Replies* describes how Victor Frankenstein's story and the Monster's tale continue today. Climate crises with their destructive impact on nature, the terrorism of the 'god wars' among our major religions, the swelling worldwide population of refugees, and two ways in which our genetic and computer technologies are redefining what it means to be a human being without a body are prophetically present in Shelley's story. *The Frankenstein Prophecies*





*Pictured at the dissertation defense of Yasaman Mostajeran, left to right: Dr. Juliet Rohde Brown , Yasaman Mostajeran, Dr. Avedis Panajian , Natali Thalji, and Megan Henderson Bloom.*

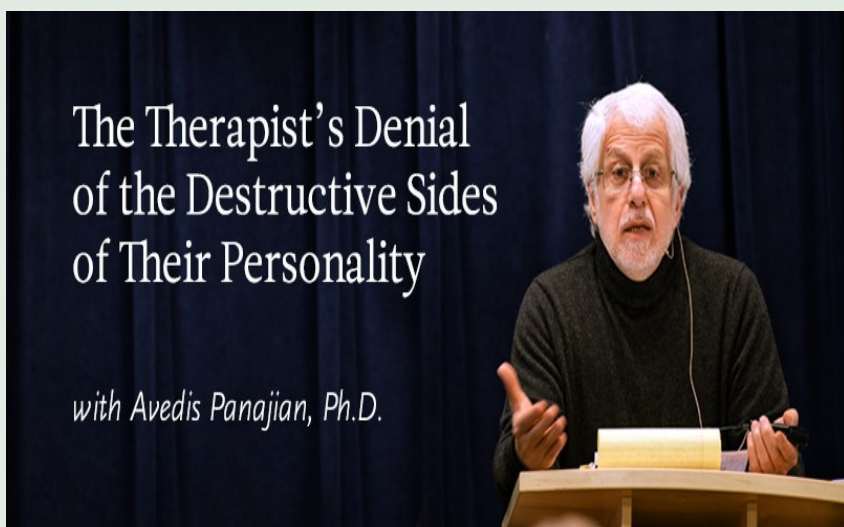
During such hard times, I want to share with you some good news regarding my recognition in the international circles— something that humbles me and makes me proud of having been with Pacifica almost from the start. I was the only person who was selected from among thousands of lay analysts in U.S. to contribute to an upcoming book through Karnac Books (acquired by Routledge) It is sponsored by the International Psychoanalytic Association and is in press now. Some of the other authors represented are (Canadian) Charles Hanly, the first and only lay analyst who became the president of the [International Psychoanalytic Association](#) and others from Brazil, Germany, Russia, Argentina, Italy, France, and Australia.

The other good news that moved me is being invited to give a set of lectures and a scientific presentation for the Rio de Janeiro Psychoanalytic Society and then to give a paper at the [International Conference on Bion](#) in July 2018, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Brazilians are the international scholars on Bion. They have been very organized and very selective in who they have asked to be on the organizing committee and who would be selected to present. I was selected to be on the committee and to send them a proposal. I gladly accepted to present "Analyst's Dreams, and a Way to Deal with Them," next summer.

Thank you all,

*Avedis*

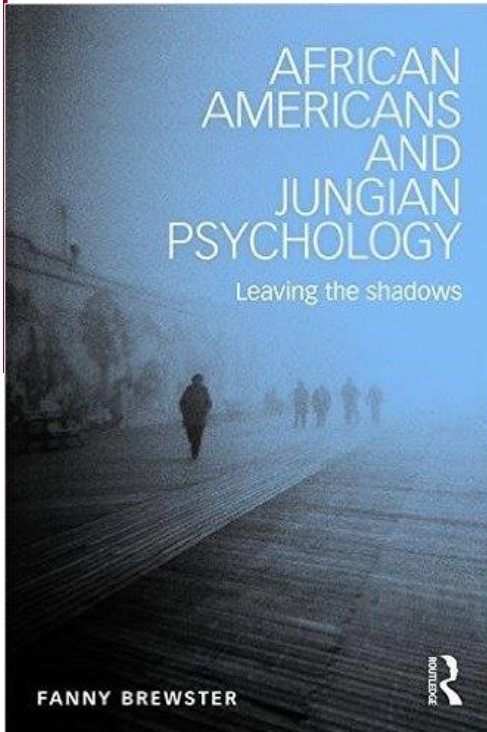
**Dr. Panajian gave a two part seminar at The Seattle School of Psychology** on Psychotic Sides of Psychotherapists and Patients. The class explored the ways powerful but often denied forces undermine a therapist's work with patients. Dr. Panajian lectured on the role that training, therapy, supervision, and unhealthy lifestyle adaptations play in this denied and how these problems can be counteracted.



**Fanny Brewster, PhD, MFA** (core faculty) is also a faculty member of the New York C.G. Jung Foundation where she teaches a variety of classes and gives public forum lectures on Jungian related topics. She recently facilitated “Dreaming in Black and White: Race in the Unconscious,” in which participants explored their own cultural dream symbols using active imagination, dreamwork and creative writing. Multicultural dream analysis can deepen our understanding of shadow issues and race relations and hopefully engage us in conversation about “unspeakable things.” While a Board Member with the New York Analytical Psychology Club, Dr. Brewster developed and led experiential workshops on Dreams, Creative Writing and Mythology.



She has a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Nonfiction and has received two Gradiva Award nominations for her writing, from the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis. Her new book, *Archetypal Grief: Slavery's Legacy of Intergenerational Child Loss* is forthcoming from Routledge in 2019.



**Juliet Rohde Brown, PhD** (Core Faculty) will attend the 2018 The Association for the Study of Women & Mythology Conference Las Vegas NV this March. The theme is “Scholarly Speculations: Animal, Earth, Person, Story.”

She recently published *“Should I Also Make a Garden Out of the Desert?”: Camus' Story of Janine* in the Journal Psychological Perspectives - A Quarterly Journal of Jungian Thought ( Volume 60, 2017 - Issue 3: Gender Diversity) This article explores Albert Camus' short story “The Adulterous Woman” as a nature-based initiation into deeper complexity.



Juliet has just made the transition from the Clinical program to become the Chair of the Depth Psychology: Integrative Therapy and Healing Practices program. We wish her all the best in her new role!

**Oksana Yakushko, PhD**, (Clinical Chair) continues to write on eugenics, problems of "positive" psychology in the age of oppression, and other factors that have shaped psychology. She just returned from London, where she presented on eugenics and psychology ; her visit resulted in a proposal for a special issue, a book, and a conference. Several of her publications are coming out in scholarly journals and books this and next year. She will be on Sabbatical late Spring-early summer 2018 to complete her writings.

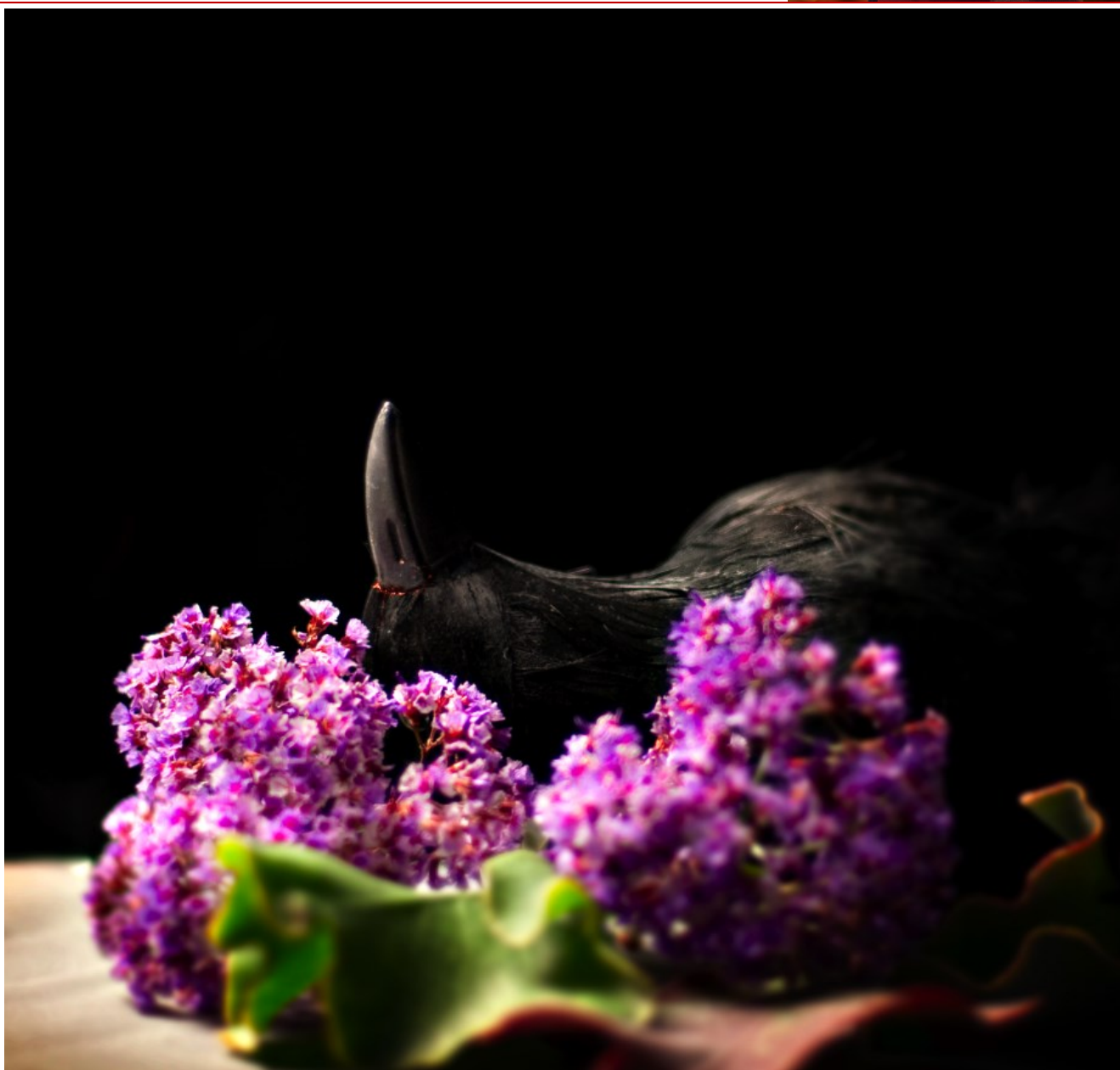


Photo : David Paul Leighton

## More News from Clinical Faculty



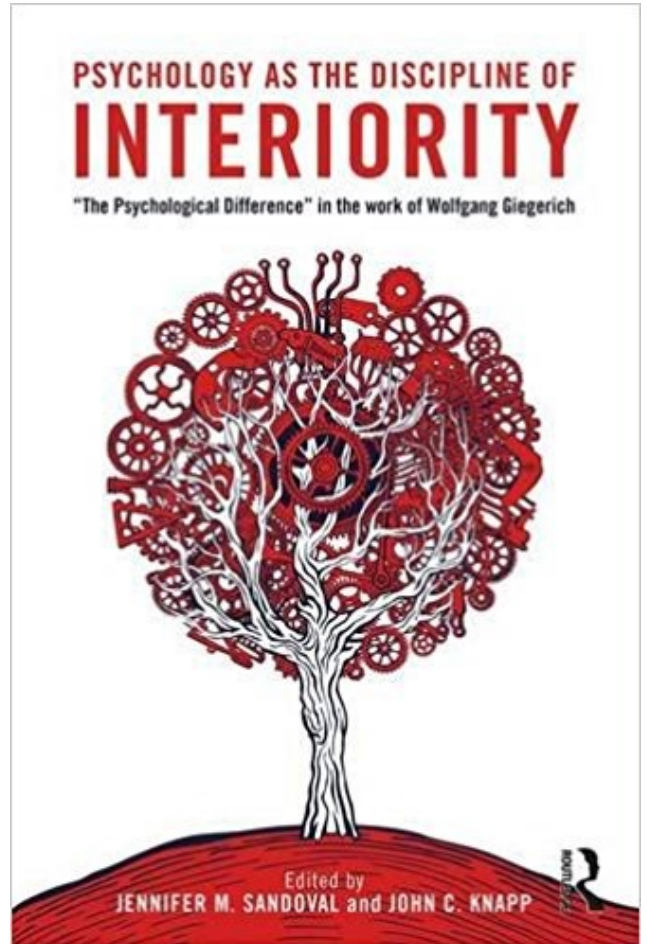
**Jennifer M. Sandoval, Ph.D.**

(adjunct faculty) is a licensed clinical psychologist, lecturer and writer. Her current interests include the study and practice of psychology as the discipline of interiority and dialectical materialist perspectives within psychology. Dr. Sandoval has spoken internationally on the topic of psychological forgiveness and has two publications with Routledge last year: [\*A Psychological\*](#)

[\*Inquiry into the Meaning and\*](#)

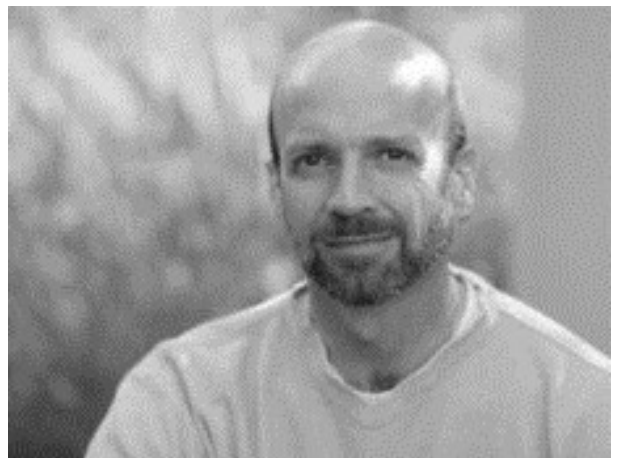
[\*Concept of Forgiveness\*](#) (2017), and [\*Psychology as the Discipline of Interiority: The 'Psychological Difference' in the Work of Wolfgang Giegerich\*](#) (2017), co-edited with Pacifica alum **John C. Knapp, PhD.**

She recommends the International Society for Psychology as the Discipline of Interiority (ISPDI) conference at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland on August 3-5, 2018. The theme is "The Soul Always Thinks." Click [here](#) for details.

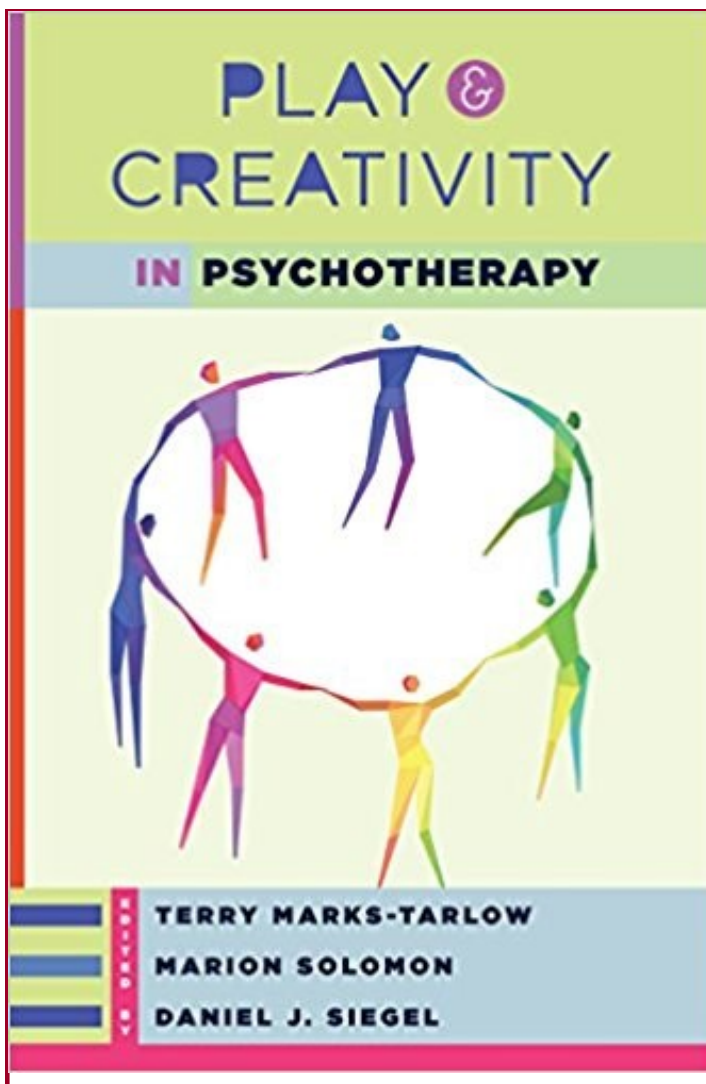


**Douglas Thomas PhD, LCSW**, (adjunct faculty) presented "*My Kinky Shadow: The Poetics of the Sado-masochistic Other*" at the International Association for Jungian Studies (IAJS) Conference in Cape Town, South Africa last summer. In his paper he challenges the Jungian orthodoxy:

"what arouses curiosity from a Jungian perspective is the pronounced tendency to pathologize, marginalize, and ignore the kinks that come into the consulting room with patients. If a patient were to share a dream involving imprisonment in a dungeon, or tying a beautiful youth to a tree, a Jungian analyst would likely greet these images with enthusiasm, noticing the dynamic archetypal themes on display. Are the mythopoetic elements of these images any less vital when they appear as part of a couple's consensual sex play?"



Listen to Doug speak briefly about the key themes of the paper [here](#) and read the full paper [here](#).



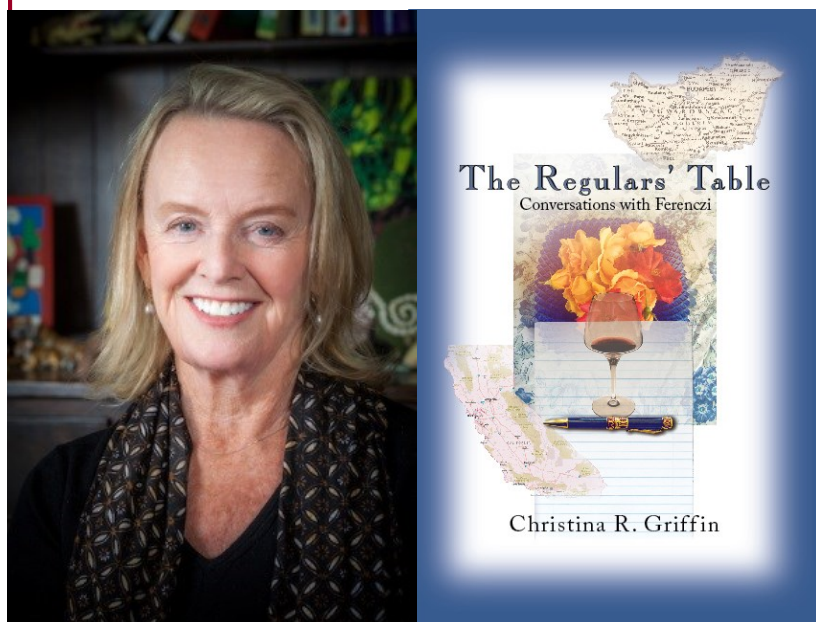
**Victoria Stevens, PhD** ( adjunct faculty) has published a chapter in *[Play and Creativity in Psychotherapy](#)* (Norton, 2017)

*"Play and Creativity in Psychotherapy is a good resource for clinicians who may be skeptical about the concept of play in psychotherapy, yet may be burned out on traditional ways of doing therapy day after day. It provides a framework to approach the work from a different mindset, and perhaps breathe new life into clinical sessions."* — *Psych Central*

Her chapter is entitled *"Resonance, Synchrony, and Empathic Attunement: Musical Dimensions of Psychotherapy"*



**Christina Griffin, PhD** (Adjunct Faculty) is a psychoanalyst and clinical and forensic psychologist practicing in Southern California. She is incoming Co-President for The *International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education*. Her book is *[The Regular's Table](#)*



"An intimate series of glimpses into the life and times of Sándor Ferenczi, friend and disciple of Sigmund Freud. Utilizing primary and secondary sources, fictionalized accounts of historical events and private musings about her own experiences and the workings of her mind, Griffin takes us on a wide-ranging journey through space and time."

— Peter Hoffer, Ph.D., translator

## Clinical Alumni—In the World



Widely recognized and respected in the entertainment and healthcare communities as the go to composer for feature films with dramatic spiritual themes, award-winning music composer Michael R. Mollura has proven himself over and over again that composing music is not only a job, but a form of devotion. His original music work on such critically acclaimed films as *AWAKE: THE LIFE OF YOGANANDA*, *CLIMATE REFUGEES*, *THE HIGHEST PASS*, as well as dramatic features *RECONCILIATION*, *CLARITY* and countless others including films found on HBO, AMAZON and NETFLIX, have set groundbreaking standards for spiritual world music in film that incorporates depth, soul and an understanding of the art of cinema. His work with legendary Rock & Roll figure Jon Anderson has garnered critical success and industry respect. While his contributions to films have led to several SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL entrees and visits. Mollura's compositions for his most recent film score *HARE KRISHNA* (2017) are considered to be among his strongest and biggest scores to date. Currently Mollura is working on a score for a feature film titled *HEAL* (2017) which will include electronic minimalist inspired compositions in addition to the heart-driven piano melodies Mollura is known for.

Mollura is also known for his original music compositions produced to the actual dream reports of individuals suffering from a wide variety of mental illness including schizoaffective disorders, Bipolar and severe clinical depression.

Mollura currently sees patients in Beverly Hills using classical psychodynamic interventions as well as an innovative clinically researched technique he created called Dream-Music Therapy. When applicable, Mollura tends to the dreams of his patients by composing music to the images. The work is collaborative and healing and generates new experiences of the dream. Visit [michaelmolluramusic.com](http://michaelmolluramusic.com) or [drmichaelmollura.com](http://drmichaelmollura.com). Listen to the Dr. Erin show interview about “Heal” with Michael Mollura, [HERE](#). See the trailer for *HEAL* [HERE](#).



# **SOCAL LGBTQIA HEALTH CONFERENCE 2018**

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### **One Size Doesn't Fit All: Affirmative Sex Therapy Approaches with LGBTQIA Clients**

This presentation will highlight affirmative and sex positive best practices in supporting LGBTQIA individuals and couples with sexual health concerns. A review of the sex therapy literature will be discussed, including how to take a sexual health history, understand sexual dysfunctions from a biopsychosocial lens, and provide diverse treatment recommendations.

#### **Objectives**

1. identify sex positive and affirmative therapeutic interventions for adults presenting with sexual health related concerns
2. provide a summary of LGBTQIA sex therapy research
3. discuss best practices for providing affirmative sex therapy for LGBTQIA individuals and couples



### **Janet Brito PhD Psy LCSW CST**

Pronouns: She/Her

Dr. Janet Brito is an AASECT certified sex therapist who also has a license in clinical psychology and social work. She completed her post doctoral fellowship from the University of Minnesota Medical School, one of only a few university programs in the world dedicated to sexuality training. Currently, she is based in Honolulu, Hawaii and is the founder of the Center for Sexual and Reproductive Health. Dr. Brito has been featured on many outlets, including Huffington Post, Thrive Global, Your Tango & Healthline. Reach out to her through her website at [sextherapyhawaii.com](http://sextherapyhawaii.com) or on Twitter.

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**Jennifer J. Wilhoit, PhD** is a published author, spiritual ecologist, research scholar, editor, writing mentor, hospice/bereavement volunteer, life and nature guide, consultant, and peacemaker.

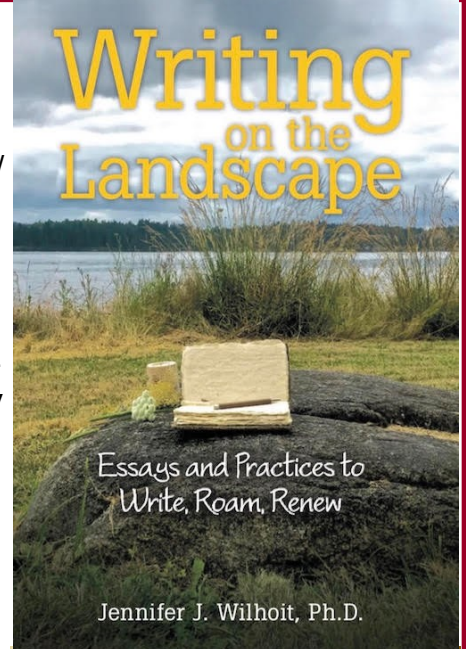
She has designed, implemented, and taught interdisciplinary curricula in a variety of subjects for all levels including

graduate (MA and PhD) courses. Her books, articles, and blogs focus on the human/nature relationship - what she calls “the inner/outer landscape.”

She founded *TEALabor stories* through which she compassionately mentors writers, facilitates story & nature guiding experiences, supports people in life transition, consults, & mediates conflicts. In addition to her one-on-one work with clients, Jennifer also offers presentations, workshops, and retreats. She is a partner with the Charter for Compassion. Jennifer was honored to present her compassionate nature and spirit writing practices at the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions. When she is not writing or working, she spends time hiking and making beauty in natural landscapes, reading, traveling (internationally, as often as possible), and dabbling in creative arts. Jennifer's soul thrives in the beautiful Pacific Northwest landscape where she lives.

March 5– April 1 she teaches [Growing Words of Compassion: Nature and Writing Practices to Love By](#) Check out more on her [website](#).

<http://www.tealarborstories.com/>



**Dr. Tracy Gillette, PhD** has become the new Assistant Dean and Director for Student Mental Health Coordination Services (SMHCS) for the Dean of Students Office at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Tracy brings many years of experience responding to crisis situations and complex mental health issues. Tracy joined the UCSB campus team in 2013 and has worked in SMHCS and Counseling and Psychological Services. She holds a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute and brings a calm and compassionate approach to her work.



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**William James Jones, Ph.D.** recently undertook new teaching duties at Azusa Pacific University and also published the article, “The Lives of Douglass, Du Bois, and Washington: Self-Actualization Among African American Males” in the *Journal of Humanistic Psychology* (based on his dissertation). Read the article [here](#):



In addition to continuing his busy private practice at the nonprofit La Vie counseling center near Los Angeles, where he treats Individuals, couples, college and graduate students, and teenagers (ages 15-19), Dr. Jones will bring his insights and talents to psychology students at Azusa Pacific University in the spring of 2018 when he begins teaching two sections on Writing. This new teaching trajectory combines three of his passions: psychology, teaching, and writing. For more of his story, click [here](#)

**Aaron B. Daniels, PhD**, Associate Professor in Psychology at Curry College (Milton, MA), presented his paper *Dante & Phenomenology* and moderated the panel in which it appeared at the [Psychology and the Other Conference](#):

Dr. Daniels's [LinkedIn page](#).



Charlyne Gelt, Ph.D. presented *Cinema, Therapy, Relationships and a Transformation of Consciousness* at the Santa Fe Conference on [Women of Resilience](#) in Feb. 2018. She will be giving a similar presentation to the Monterey/Carmel CAMFT on April 28, 2018.

“Film can be an effective adjunct in the therapeutic process, a useful tool in helping work through uncomfortable issues and create change. Viewed through a psychological lens, plots and motifs can illuminate our inner experiences, provide insights into human behavior, and guide us along a journey of transformation. Cinema can be used to model ways to wrestle with life's challenges, face conflicting aspects of the self, and sow the seeds of change. “



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"I came into Pacifica at age 48, while continuing to serve a United Methodist Church as an ordained minister. I was licensed ten years later, after having woven classes, dissertation, internships into continuing ministerial work. I am now almost 74 and will retire in a few months, having had 35 years in ministry and 16 as a licensed psychologist in my private therapy practice.



I couldn't answer any of the questions [in the alumni directory questionnaire] about accomplishments, as I'm not an academician and came late to the profession. All I have ever wanted to do is to work at the depth of Soul/Psyche, to honor the personal connection with the Sacred, and in very private ways I have done that with great joy. My accomplishments are shared words, silences, dreams, tears, gestures, laughter, insight, prayers, holding, and healing. The world of recognitions doesn't know these. The world probably wouldn't understand or honor these. The world will not know whose lives I've touched.

But I believe that Pacifica understands and honors this. I hope that while Pacifica continues to hold high academic and professional standards, it will also give space and respect those of us who work in the field in a different dimension. Sometimes this is lonely work.

I am eternally grateful for Pacifica's influence on my life, and I trust that Pacifica is also grateful that I have been true to the depth perspective and brought it forth in my own unique way."

Sincerely,  
**Roberta B. Corson, Ph.D.**  
San Jose, CA



**Roland Rotz, PhD**, was featured in a piece by the Coastal View, which focused on his 20 year therapy practice, here in Carpinteria, CA.

### **Roland Rotz: A Carpinteria gem**

"Two decades ago, psychologist and behavior scientist Dr. Roland Rotz found his study difficult in the midst of the noise and mayhem of city life. Seeking to escape the expanding urban sprawl of San Diego, Roland and his wife, Jody, and their two daughters and set up shop in the quietude of Carpinteria...."

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**Brent Fladmo, PhD**, recently published in the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*.

Click on the link below to go to the article:

[The Effect of Negative and Positive Childhood Divorce Experiences on Professional Performers](#)

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**Marcia S. Dobson, PhD** presented a response to Penelope Starr-Karlin's paper on "*The Phoenix Finds a Relational Home: The Emotional Phenomenology of Trauma, Myth, Image and Dissociation*," at the 2017 International Conference of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP) in Chicago, IL. Dr. Dobson also has a chapter on Jungian and Self State Dreams in a new book *Re-Encountering Jung* (Routledge 2018) on Jung and Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Ed. Robin Brown.

She recommends the [2018 IAPSP Annual International Conference](#):

**Vienna - Kohut - Self Psychology:  
Searching for Creativity in Times of  
Crisis** OCT 17 - 20, 2018 Austria, VIENNA

All details [here](#).

**Anthony Bean, PhD**, is a Licensed Psychologist in Fort Worth, Texas. He has worked across the lifespan focusing on various difficulties with life and emphasizes individual strengths and normalizing life experiences. Dr. Bean specializes in video games, children, adolescents, and adults who play video games. He is considered an expert in this growing field and has been published in the discipline. His clinical interests include archetypal identification, depth psychology, video games as therapeutic tools, play therapy, and personality research.

Also he's been involved in creating a nonprofit, [The Telos Project](#), which hopes to expand into more than just a site for clinicians, but also a place for interns.

He recently co-authored an article for Professional Psychology: Research and Practice [Video Game Addiction: The Push To Pathologize Video Games](#). <https://beanpsychologicalservices.com/>



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## Announcements and Opportunities

For students with D2L access, a list of conferences and calls for proposals is available all in one place. Go to the "Conferences and Training Opportunities" folder in the Clinical Psychology Student Resource Center. Make sure to scroll to the bottom for newer opportunities that are listed as received.

Single postings are made immediately on our [PGI Clinical Psychology Group](#) on Facebook, when they are received. Please join to see posts or to share about your work in the field.

### **APA Division 39 - Psychoanalysis and Social Responsibility**

As many of you know, this section's mission is to engage psychoanalysis as a field in important social issues. Past work has included the creation of socially engaged course material for inclusion in institute and graduate school training. Members also took a very active role in the years-long fight against the APA's collusion with US torture policy. Their mission also includes supporting projects that seek to promote the provision of psychoanalytically oriented clinical services to underserved groups of people, and to expand the cultural applicability of psychoanalytic treatment. To this end, they have launched an initiative to create discussion and support groups for people doing psychodynamic community mental health work.

Please take a look at the newsletter, [The Psychoanalytic Activist](#), to see the kind of work the members of division 39 support and in which they participate. Click here for [more opportunities and information](#). Click here [to join or renew your membership](#).

### **APA Section III's Annual Dissertation Award is given to a member of Div. 39 who has completed a dissertation within the past two years.**

The dissertation should further the understanding of women and gender, preferably from a psychoanalytic viewpoint. Applicants should submit a CV and dissertation abstract. The winner will receive a \$250 prize.

The purpose of the dissertation prize is to encourage new feminist psychoanalytic scholarship and, hopefully, involvement in Division III. It is open to applicants who have completed their dissertations in the last two years. The abstract should be detailed enough to demonstrate the major thesis, a psychoanalytic approach and conclusions important for the understanding of women and the cultural constraints of gender for all identifications.

Applications should be sent to Margaret Carr at [marcarr00@yahoo.com](mailto:marcarr00@yahoo.com) by March 18th.

## **Call for Papers/Manuscripts- 4/30/18 deadline**

### **PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH WOMEN AWARD**

The Society for the Psychology of Women (Division 35 of APA) funds this award out of royalties from the book edited by Drs. Annette Brodsky and Rachel Hare-Mustin, *Women and Psychotherapy: An Assessment of Research and Practice*.

**Content:** Manuscripts on the broad topic of psychotherapy with women are eligible. Research (quantitative and qualitative), clinical applications, clinical case studies, and theoretical review articles are welcome.

**Eligibility:** Individual and jointly authored articles are eligible. However, only one submission can be made by the first author. Additionally, the first author may not have previously received this award through Division 35 of APA. Entries should be of approximately journal length and written in APA style. Papers that have been submitted for publication or presented at professional meetings are eligible, along with papers that have been accepted for publication or published within the past two years. In the case of the latter, the papers may not be published more than two years prior to the April 30, 2018 submission deadline.

**Judging:** Psychologists with expertise on the psychotherapy with women will read the entries using a standard anonymous review procedure. Judging will be made on the basis of scholarly rigor, clinical impact, theoretical creativity and innovation, methodological skills, clarity and style of presentation, in addition to its relevance and importance to psychotherapy with women. A cover sheet with the author's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers, along with the publication or presentation date, should accompany the paper. The author's name should not appear on the paper itself.

**Award:** The winner will be announced at APA 2018 and will receive the annual prize of \$250.

**Submission:** For anonymous review, please remove all information suggesting authors' identities, including reference information for published work. Please send author information and the paper in separate Word or pdf files electronically to Sharon Rae Jenkins at [Sharon.Jenkins@unt.edu](mailto:Sharon.Jenkins@unt.edu).

## **Submit to The Jung Journal**

The Jung Journal is very interested in representing graduate student papers. In a special section, *Streams & Currents*, the Journal has the capacity and desire to bring into the Jungian community those students who would like to submit work that is between 500-2000 words. The shorter word count allows students to submit quality work without the daunting concern of having to prepare feature articles. Our themes are broadly defined but are related to Jungian psychology in theory and in vivo.

The Jung Journal: *Culture & Psyche* is a peer review publication and all submissions are reviewed for suitability and rigor of content. That being said, our editorial group has some bandwidth to help authors refine their work to make it publication ready.

Students interested in submitting high-quality pieces, contact LeeAnn Pickrell, our Managing Editor, at [leeannpickrell@me.com](mailto:leeannpickrell@me.com) <<mailto:leeannpickrell@me.com>> or me at [jbenevedes@verizon.net](mailto:jbenevedes@verizon.net) <<mailto:jbenevedes@verizon.net>>.

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Distinguished Psychoanalytic Educators

## **Seattle, WA: Mayflower Park Hotel: October 25-27, 2018**

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This year's conference theme *Unsilencing* confronts us with what we are not talking about, the ways in which keeping quiet can be complicit, even dangerous. Eradicate the synonyms of silence. Consider submitting your presentation proposal and join us as we explore this year's topic, "UNSILENCING," through multi-faceted presentations and open dialogue.

**The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2018.**

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*Chris in Taormina with Mt Etna in the distance*

## **THE GREEKS IN SICILY with Chris Downing**

**April 28-May 12, 2018**

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Like Turkey, and much of Italy, Sicily was part of *Magna Graecia*, Greater Greece. Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE the Greeks established colonies there, bringing with them their language, and religious and cultural traditions. The temples and theaters are more ancient and often in much better repair than those in Greece itself. Made of golden-tinted limestone, not marble, they are stunningly beautiful, especially at sunset. The museums are full of amazing sculptures, reliefs, mosaics, and gorgeous vases! Sicily also plays an important role in Greek mythology and history. The most venerated deities were Demeter and Persephone and there are evidences of that everywhere! Typhon, the most monstrous of the giants was imprisoned under Mt. Etna, and it was there that Hephaestus (assisted by the Cyclops) had his forge. Polyphemus lived in a nearby cave. Heracles came to Sicily during the course of his battle with Geryon. Daedalus came to Sicily after the death of Icarus. Aeneas stopped in Sicily on his way to Italy after abandoning Dido and many of his company decided to stay. In historical times Empedocles, one of the most important pre-Socratic philosophers, who was born in Agrigento, in 433 jumped into the crater of Mt. Etna to prove he was a god. Aeschylus came to Siracusa to supervise the performance of several of his plays and supposedly died in Gela when an eagle dropped a tortoise that fell on his head and shattered his skull. Plato came to Siracusa in the illusory hope of bringing his vision of a city ruled by a philosopher king into actuality. During our tour Chris will have an opportunity to elaborate on these stories and also to retell the myths associated with the temples dedicated to Athena, Apollo, Hera, Olympian Zeus, and the Dioscuri, as well as the myths about Heracles, Actaeon, Perseus, and other Greek heroes represented on the friezes that once decorated those temples.

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**Veronica Goodchild, PhD**, is Professor Emerita, Writer, Jungian psychotherapist, and Pilgrimage Leader. Her latest book is *Songlines of the Soul: Pathways to a New Vision for a New Century*. **Website:** [veronicagoodchild.com](http://veronicagoodchild.com)

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**Svetlana Meritt, M.A.**, teaches courses on sacred sites and Earth energies. She is an author, teacher, public speaker, and esotericist. Her latest book is *Meet Me in the Underworld: How 77 Sacred Sites, 770 Cappuccinos, and 26,000 Miles Led Me to My Soul*.

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