

The IRSJA Bulletin Board

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My friends, do not lose heart. We were made for these times. I have heard from so many recently who are deeply and properly bewildered. They are concerned about the state of affairs in our world now. Ours is a time of almost daily astonishment and often righteous rage over the latest degradations of what matters most to civilized, visionary people.

You are right in your assessments. The lustre and hubris some have aspired to while endorsing acts so heinous against children, elders, everyday people, the poor, the unguarded, the helpless, is breathtaking. Yet, I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. Most particularly because, the fact is that we were made for these times. Yes. For years, we have been learning, practicing, been in training for and just waiting to meet on this exact plain of engagement.

I grew up on the Great Lakes and recognize a seaworthy vessel when I see one. Regarding awakened souls, there have never been more able vessels in the waters than there are right now across the world. And they are fully provisioned and able to signal one another as never before in the history of humankind.

Look out over the prow; there are millions of boats of righteous souls on the waters with you. Even though your veneers may shiver from every wave in this stormy roil, I assure you that the long timbers composing your prow and rudder come from a greater forest. That long-grained lumber is known to withstand storms, to hold together, to hold its own, and to advance, regardless.

In any dark time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unended in the world. Do not focus on that. There is a tendency, too, to fall into being weakened by dwelling on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be. Do not focus there. That is spending the wind without raising the sails.

We are needed, that is all we can know. And though we meet resistance, we more so will meet great souls who will hail us, love us and guide us, and we will know them when they appear. Didn't you say you were a believer? Didn't you say you pledged to listen to a voice greater? Didn't you ask for grace? Don't you remember that to be in grace means to submit to the voice greater?

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good.

What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these - to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity.

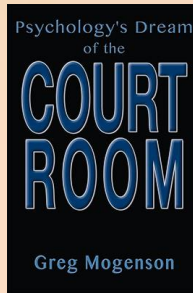
Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do. There will always be times when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it. I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate.

The reason is this: In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.

Clarissa Pinkola Estes

NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Psychology's Dream of the Courtroom



Psychology and the law have long maintained a collegial association with one another as adjacent disciplines. In the criminal justice system, for example, psychologists and psychiatrists serve regularly as expert witnesses, providing insight into the motivations and mental status of accused and convicted persons. But what about the reverse of this relation? What contribution has "the law" made to the work of analyst and patient in the consulting room? And what insights may be drawn from putting psychology itself on trial? In this ground-breaking book, the use of legal metaphors and the courtroom analogy by Freud, Jung, and psychology more generally are examined in relation to the practice psychotherapy and analysis. In this way, psychoanalysis and analytical psychology are shown in fresh perspective to be disciplines of truth in the spirit of a trial or court proceeding.

For more information and to purchase:

http://www.springjournalandbooks.com/cgi-bin/ecommerce/ac/agora.cgi?p_id=03228&xm=on&p_pinc=search2

"In this awful world where the efforts of caring people often pale in comparison to what is done by those who have power, how do I manage to stay involved and seemingly happy? To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places - and there are so many - where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory."

By Howard Zinn

Winter Wondering

A Colloquium Intensive Weekend in Santa Fe, NM

Through years of deep study and writing, Bill Kotsch, PhD brings perspective on epistemological and spiritual aspects that correspond and integrate with the analytical frame, including Jung's conceptualization of the Religious Function and of the Self. This will provide our context and lens as we delve deeply into each case presentation, focusing on the analytic dyad and emergent material.

Bring a case; bring dreams; bring questions...

Dr. Kotsch is a seasoned analyst in private practice in Santa Fe and Taos, NM, a member analyst of IRSJA, and he is a Buddhist Lama. In Santa Fe, Dr. Kotsch offers his service generously, as the Santa Fe C.G. Jung Institute's current Vice President, as well as serving on our Training Committee, and as an Analyst Instructor in the Training Seminar and Colloquium Programs.

Dates: February 24-26, 2017

Location: Santa Fe, NM
(precise meeting place TBA)

Cost: \$275.00

CEU: 12 hours

For information or to register, please contact:

Sheryl Corchnoy

by e-mail: sheryl@corchnoy.com

or phone: 505 310-6783

Dear Friends,

On the night of October 31, I dreamed of having a long and deep talk with President Obama. He then sits down next to me. He is very sad, and rests his head on my heart. He talks about the reaction of hatred to his presidency, and wishes to understand it more deeply. We go back and forth on this, and then we stand and face each other. I give him the analogy of someone with a psychological syndrome, where the pathology is latent. But then something happens which brings the pathology to the foreground. It's then that it can be addressed and treated. His presidency was such a phenomenon, I tell him. He becomes very animated and interested. There is a feeling of developing friendship.

I have heard, from many sources, evidence that the unconscious was well aware of what was underway prior to the election results. This dream hints at this, but does more. It offers a consolation by suggesting the purpose behind the emergence of this darkness.

In my seminars on *Mysterium Coniunctionis* in Louisiana, the week prior to the election, we covered only six paragraphs: all on the crossing of the Red Sea: the Gnostics and the alchemists saw it as a passage through the experience of suffering. It is a suffering, as Jung would say, of the experience of the objective psyche, which includes a facing of the great darkness in the collective and in each of us as individuals. The Gnostics say that those who drown are the "Not-Knowers", and those who pass through are the "Knowers" or the ones who are engaged in the inner process of attaining consciousness. Of course, where does passing through the Red Sea land you? In the desert, for 40 years! It's a long period of mortification, of suffering, of the feeling of alienation, of aloneness unto oneself. The desert is the psychological experience of isolation that accompanies contact with something deeper: it is a Self-discovery.

Several years ago, I visited an exhibit at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, called *The Artful Recluse*. It was of the paintings of artists during the decline of the Ming Dynasty. The artists left the cities and places of power, and retreated into the mountains to meditate and pursue their art. They did what was necessary to cultivate the inner connection in a time of collective disconnection and disintegration.

WE are in the world. Yet whatever it is that we do, whether we are analysts or therapists, or *any* other profession, when we do this by holding the value of the inner life as the highest value, then we stand rooted. I'm reminded that Jung felt that the world is on the brink, survival hanging by a thin thread. The only hope is the assiduous work on one's own consciousness that the individual commits her/himself to. This work radiates out into the world.

In a passage written by the alchemist Abraham Eleazar in the 1700's, he discusses the Shulamite, the embodiment of the rejected feminine. Speaking from her condition of exile and rejection, she exclaims,

What shall I say? I am lonely among the hidden; nevertheless I rejoice in my heart, because I can live privily, and refresh myself in myself.

But under my blackness I have hidden the fairest green.

Charles Zeltzer
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SANTA FE SUMMER INTENSIVE
JUNE 2-4, 2017
HOTEL SANTA FE, SANTA FE
NEW MEXICO

Brian Feldman, Ph.D., will coordinate the weekend intensive with an emphasis on:
Attachment, Infant Observation and Infant Research:
Their Impact upon the Practice of Contemporary Jungian
Psychoanalysis

The weekend intensive will focus on the impact of attachment theory, infant observation and infant research upon the practice of contemporary Jungian psychoanalysis with child, adolescents and adults. A particular focus will be directed at the use of the analytical transference/countertransference when working with infantile/primitive mental states as well as upon work with symbolic material. Symbolic processes as expressed via dreams, active imagination, and sandplay are often an important component of healing early trauma in analysis and will be an integral focus of the seminar. The development of the psychic skin as a container of symbolic/emotional experience and the impact of culture upon the developing psyche/soma will also be discussed. Participants will be able to present clinical cases and readings will be provided that expand upon both theory and clinical practice.

Brian Feldman is a certified child, adolescent, and adult Jungian psychoanalyst and infant observation seminar trainer (AIDOB). He holds visiting professorships at the State University of Humanitarian Sciences in Moscow and the City University of Macau. He is the IAAP liaison person for the Macau Developing Group. He is a member of the Jung Institute of San Francisco and the IRSJA.

To register for the Santa Fe Summer Intensive, please contact: Jacqueline Zeller Levine: jzlevine8@gmail.com

Deadline is April 16, 2017
\$500.00

Licensed practitioners are invited as well as candidates and control candidates of IRSJA.

**On behalf of the Executive Committee
We Want to Acknowledge and THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH !!!!!
Puddi Kullberg, Treasurer**

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Special Thanks to the
Florida Association of Jungian Analysts who sent us
the balance in their accounts, a check for \$3,138.05
with this note, right after our last meeting:

Dear Colleagues:

*This is a time of celebration, for all we have done,
what we have achieved and will continue creating.
Hopefully promoting growth and health around us.
We are happy to put our money to good use!!*

*Judith Moscu, Danila Crespi and Gretchen Deters
On behalf of all FAJA participants*

*Shout Out to Deb Stewart - our
inestimable Fundraising volunteer
par excellence - who volunteers
her expertise, time (lots) and
material assistance (!).*

IRSJA Spring Meeting

April 26-29, 2017

Millennium Harvest House

Boulder, Colorado

A Call for Papers!

The 2017 IRSJA spring conference invites you to submit a paper for presentation. This will be an “open-themed” meeting, in which all creative work by our analysts and candidates will be considered. If you have a subject of special or passionate interest, this is an opportunity to share it with the Society.

Consider these formats:

- 45 minute paper, followed by 15 minute discussion
- Joint presentation by two individuals on a single topic, twenty minutes per presenter, followed by 20 minute discussion.
- Panel discussion by 3-4 presenters on a single topic, with 20 minutes per presenter, followed by discussion (total length of 90-120 minutes)

A brief proposal (no more than one paragraph) is due by January 9, 2017.

Send this to Kaitryn Wertz at
kate@katewertz.com

Our venue is the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado, with reduced room rates of \$149. A dedicated link for room reservations will be available in January, 2017.

Journal of Analytical Psychology XIVth International Conference

Dissociation: Trauma and the Self



Thursday 20 April - Sunday 23 April 2017

The Roosevelt Hotel, New York City

A reminder that you are cordially invited to join us in downtown Manhattan for our XIVth international residential conference: its theme of dissociation has both a rich Jungian history and a general contemporary pertinence.

LAST CALL for discounted EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The forthcoming Journal conference has attracted a record number of presentation proposals, and the full programme will shortly be posted on our dedicated website:

japjungianconferences.com

Discounted early bird registration closes on **7th December**, and reserved hotel accommodation is limited, so do book now through the reservations page on our website. CEUs will be available. The full **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME** is now available online. To view this, including our **CLINICAL WRITING WORKSHOP**, and to register and book your hotel accommodation, please go to:

japjungianconferences.com

Upcoming IRSJA Conferences

Spring, 2017: April 26-29

Millennium Harvest House, Boulder, Colorado

Reduced room rates of \$149 apply until mid-March, 2017. A dedicated link for room reservations will be available in January, 2017.

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/boulder/millennium-harvest-house-boulder/>

Fall, 2017: October 18- 22

Invitational Conference

*Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul Airport
Mall of America Hotel*

Located 3 miles from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the hotel provides a free shuttle to the airport and the nearby Mall of America. The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, with extensive walking trails, is within walking distance, as is light rail to downtown Minneapolis. The hotel is rated 4 stars (out of 5) by Trip Advisor customer reviews. The room rate for our meeting is \$145. This meeting will be our next Invitational Conference, with attendance to the program portion of the meeting open to attendees of IRSJA seminars and study groups led by our members.

The hotel website is

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesota/hilton-minneapolis-st-paul-airport-mall-of-america-MSPAHHF/index.html>

Spring, 2018: April 18-21

Millennium Harvest House, Boulder, Colorado

Fall, 2018: October 17-20

Embassy Suites Cincinnati-River Center

<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/embassy-suites-by-hilton-cincinnati-rivercenter-CVGCVES/dining/index.html>

Future Spring Meeting Dates

Venues to be determined

Spring 2019 -- April 7-13, 2019

Spring 2020 -- April 19-25, 2020

Spring 2021 -- April 18-24, 2021

(Kaitryn Wertz: kate@katewertz.com)

Letters to the non-editor...



Greg Santos of Flagstaff, Arizona died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. A longtime I-RSJA member, Greg was a quiet man, but full of wit and rare insight. The world has lost an exceptional human being.

Wynette Barton, wbarton2@austin.rr.com

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Good news! Gordon is home! He's more than happy to be "out of prison," and we're beginning to establish a new routine. It will be a while before things fall into place, but it's coming! Hooray!

Love,

Wilma, WSpice5081@aol.com

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This is a timely article by Lawrence Hillman (astrologer, son of James H.) with a Jungian perspective on the election. **A Few Thoughts About the Election from an Archetypal Astrologer:** <https://www.laurencehillman.com/images/PDFFiles/ElectionThoughts.pdf>

Jan Stannard, janhstannard@gmail.com

Presented Papers from previous conferences are available to IRSJA Members on our website IRSJA.org

There is a section under *Papers* which is in *Member Resources* of the *Members* section that has many papers from past conferences. Here is the link:

<https://irsja.org/directory/member-resources/papers/>

Messages from the Heart



Nine Bows, Buddhist Contemplation

*“Homage to all that is healing
in a person’s life,
in traditions,
and in the world.*

*Homage to all that is healing
in the lives of saints and sages,
in this practice,
and in my own mind,
and*

*homage to all that is healing
in the stream of ancestral teachers,
in the immediate community of support,
and in our positive motivations.*

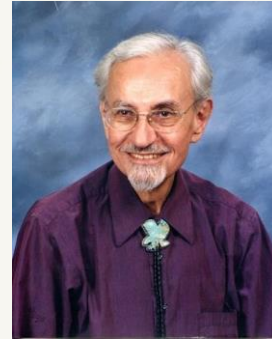
*Many many bright blessings on you and yours.
May all beings benefit.”*

Names to hold in our healing meditations.

Bob Sheavly
Charles Zeltzer
David Schoen
Everett McLaren
Karen Kemper Magee
Linda Leonard
Lyn Cowan
Pat Cochran
Sue Crommelin
Wily and Gordon Spice

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Obituary, Father Gregory Santos



Father Gregory John Santos, O.C.S.O, age 87, recently of San Francisco de Asís Catholic parish in Flagstaff, died November 8, 2016 after a long and colorful life. Since the age of five, being an altar server and knowing all his prayers in Latin, Father Gregory knew that he wanted to be a priest.

In 1942 Father Gregory entered the St. Joseph College Seminary in California for the Diocese of Hawaii. In 1950 he entered the monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity in Huntsville, Utah, and was ordained a Trappist monk and priest there on May 23, 1959. In 1961 Father Gregory traveled to Rome and received a license in sacred theology degree from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He then returned to Utah, where he taught theology at the Trinity Abbey Seminary from 1961 through 1967. In 1967 he moved to Georgia and continued his teaching at the Trappist Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers from 1967 through 1969. While in Georgia, he cofounded and was the director of The Bridge, a walk-in and residential adolescent alcohol and drug treatment center in Atlanta. He worked at the center from 1969 until its closing in 1975. In 1975 Father Gregory received a master’s degree in educational psychology from Georgia State University. Passionate about Carl Jung’s teachings, he completed his studies by receiving an academic diploma in psychology at the Carl Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1980. He used the Jungian principles for his work in dream therapy. In 1991 Father Gregory came to Flagstaff, Arizona, his final destination. Since then he has served many parishes in northern Arizona.

Father Gregory is survived by brother Alexander F. Santos (Norma), sister Eleanor I. Burkart (Alan), and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the San Francisco de Asís Catholic School, 1600 E. Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 or through online giving at www.sfdaparish.org/63. Holy Rosary will be held 10am, Monday November 14, 2016, with Mass of Christian burial to follow at 11am, San Francisco de Asís Catholic Church. Burial will conclude services at Calvary Cemetery. Memories and condolences can be shared with his family online at www.norvelowensmortuary.com.

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