

# IRSJA NEWSLETTER June 2024

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Society of  
Jungian analysts*

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## UPCOMING IRSJA MEETINGS

*Please mark your calendars for our  
upcoming IRJSA Meetings to connect  
with friends and colleagues:*

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

**FALL 2024 - Minneapolis,  
Minnesota**

*\*Invitational Conference\**

*Theme: The Unconscious  
Unleashed: Jungian Insights into  
the Integration of Non-Ordinary  
States of Consciousness*

*October 16 to 19, 2024*

*Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport*

*The room rate is \$149.00 + tax.*

**SPRING 2025 - Boulder, Colorado**

*April 30 to May 3, 2025*

*Embassy Suites Hilton Garden Inn,  
Boulder*

*This Fall, prepare for the "Twin Cities" ...  
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota ...*



*Further Updates on Upcoming IRSJA Meeting Dates, Locations and Themes from VP Christina Becker:*

***FALL 2025 - Omaha, Nebraska***

*October 29 to November 2, 2025*

*Embassy Suites by Hilton Omaha Downtown Old Market*

***SPRING 2026 - Boulder, Colorado***

*April 22 to 25, 2026*

*Embassy Suites Hilton Garden Inn, Boulder*

***FALL 2026 -Covington, Kentucky***

*October 19 to 24, 2026*

*Embassy Suites by Hilton Cincinnati RiverCenter, Covington*

***CONTRIBUTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, etc.***

***An Announcement from Jane Hunt, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI):***

**Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group**

We are happy to be starting this DEI-sponsored gathering, and we hope you can join us!

The first “Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group” for IRSJA analysts and candidates will take place on Sunday, July 21, 2024, starting at 10 am PT, 11 am MT, 12 pm CT, 1 pm ET, and lasting 1½ hours. Please read ahead of time the novel *You Dreamed of Empires*, by Álvaro Enrigue. This group will be facilitated by Carolyn Bates. CEs will be available.

The second group will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2024, starting at 10 am PT, 11 am MT, 12 pm CT, 1 pm ET, and lasting 1½ hours. Please read ahead of time the novel *The Death of Vivek Oji*, by Akwaeke Emezi. This group will be facilitated by David Solem. CEs will be available.

The organizing committee for the Otherness group consists of Jane Margaret Hunt, Gretchen Deters-Murray, and David Solem. If you are interested in facilitating a group, based in either your own cultural background or another, please reach out to us.

Jane Margaret Hunt  
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*From Carolyn Bates, on behalf of the Journal of Analytical Psychology:*



*Journal of Analytical Psychology*



## **XVI International Conference**

April 2024. Essex University, Colchester, UK, & Online

Co-sponsored by The Society of Analytical Psychology & Essex University

### **CROSSING BORDERS: Clinical, Theoretical, Cultural and Political Implications in our Changing World**

### **A Recap!**

If you missed the conference, you don't have to miss out - recordings of talks are available for 4 months and can be purchased at:

[https://www1.essex.ac.uk/online\\_shop/conference/default.aspx?conference=journal-of-analytical-psychology-international-conference-2024](https://www1.essex.ac.uk/online_shop/conference/default.aspx?conference=journal-of-analytical-psychology-international-conference-2024)

Feedback from the conference has been very positive:

“A really outstanding conference blending clinical and wider perspective papers in a fine balance ... immensely valuable.”

“Daring—bold but contained.”

“The consensus was that this was a fantastic conference.... The theme was absolutely timely and challenging.”

“It was a ground-breaking conference, the papers from which deserve wide distribution through publication.”

“Its spirit continues to inspire me daily ... I'm grateful for the chance to view the recordings.”

The detailed information below is offered to alert you all to the fact that the plenary papers will be published in the forthcoming November 2024 issue of the Journal ([Articles & Chapters: journal of analytical psychology : Search \(wiley.com\)](#)).

For four days in early April, analysts and students from around the world gathered at Essex University Business School for the Journal's XVI<sup>th</sup> International Conference.

Attending both in person and online, attendees engaged in daring discussions, debates and workshops, exploring clinical, theoretical, cultural and political implications for analytical psychology when we cross borders of identity. Papers addressed cultural complexes, that social construct we call race, cultural expressions of trauma, gender fluidity and expansiveness, and working within and across different faiths.

On Thursday, a pre-conference day, Liz Brodersen, Christopher Carter and Helen Morgan gave presentations and workshops on the topic of cultural complexes and race for in-person attendees. The workshops were marked by open and frank conversation on the nature of taboo, implicit racial bias in training, and personal exploration of our own identities.

Renos Papadopoulos, Founder and Director of PPS “Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees” and the MA and PhD in “Refugee Care” opened the conference with a talk devoted to cultural expressions of trauma. PPS Lecturer Monica Luci presented on *Disputed Boundaries of the Self, the Group, and their Environment: What we Learn from Refugees about Trauma, War and Culture*, and Karin Fleischer spoke on *Stolen Identities, Suspended Lives: Embodied Analysis with Victims of Early Trauma Due to State Terrorism*.

Andrew Samuels, former Professor of PPS, closed out the day with a provocative and compelling talk: *On Analytical Psychology and Politics: A Cutting Edge and Transformative Contribution—OR A Narcissistic Total Waste of Time Only of Interest to Some Analysts and Therapists?*

Addressing gender fluidity and Self in culture, Robert Tyminski spoke on *Humanizing Different Archetypal Expressions of Gender Expansiveness* and Jay Barlow, Director of the SAP Training, spoke on *Engendering Identity when Boundaries Confirm an Exiled Self*.

The final day of the conference covered questions of faith and witnessed presentations by Les Stein on *The Self in the Consulting Room. The Power of Crossing Borders* and Murray Stein on *The Faithless Analyst*.

In amongst these key topics were a significant number of breakout sessions in which, amongst others, Lecturers of PPS, Roderick Main and Mark Saban, Honorary Member of Staff, Steve Myers, and students, Sulagna Sengupta and Jingchao Zeng, all spoke.



A lively and challenging four days of dialogue were supplemented by a social dreaming matrix run by SAP member Ali Zarbafi, which, as social dream matrices always do, captured deeply meaningful and relevant symbolism and collective concerns influencing and being influenced by the conference topics and process.

The Editors welcome all of you to avail yourselves of the recorded talks (links above) and to watch this space (or the JAP Website! [The Journal of Analytical Psychology - Home \(thejap.org\)](http://thejap.org)) for upcoming announcements of the Journal's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (On-line) Conference.

- Carolyn Bates

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### The latest from **Deborah Bryon**:

"A Multi-dimensional Approach Toward Working with Profound Grief Related to Death". *Psychodynamic Psychotherapy: A Global Perspective.* Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, (2024).

"Time and Trauma in Analytical Psychology and Psychotherapy: The Wisdom of Andean Shamanism," (Routledge, (2024) *In press.*

*Are Psychedelics Really Necessary?* In "Psychedelics and Individuation: Essays by Jungian Analysts," ed. Leslie Stein and Lionel Corbett, Chiron Publications, (2023), pp. 157-180.

"The Beauty of the Women in Willem de Kooning's Paintings". *Journal of Analytical Psychology.* (April 2024).

"Implicit States of Connectivity in the Clinical Practice of Jungian Psychoanalysis and Andean Shamanism". *Journal of Analytical Psychology.* (June 2023).

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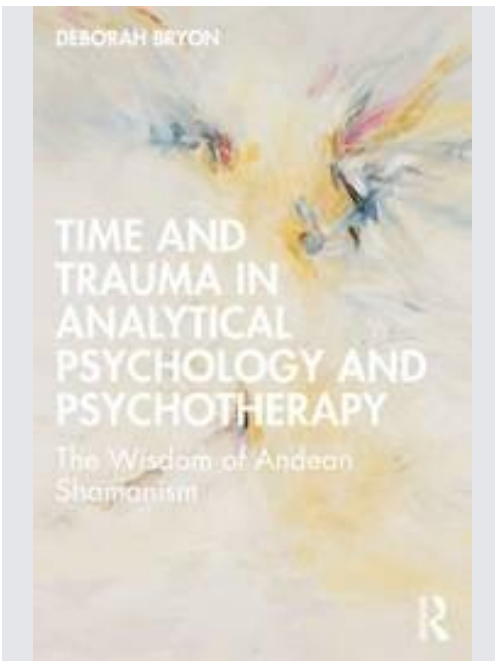
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## Announcing Deborah Bryon's new book, "**Time and Trauma in Analytical Psychology and Psychotherapy: The Wisdom of Andean Shamanism**"



[Time and Trauma in Analytical Psychology and Psychotherapy: The Wisdom of Andean Shamanism](http://www.routledge.com)  
routledge.com

Dr. Bryon's bold weaving together of interpersonal and Jungian analytic perspectives, informed by indigenous Andean shamanism, and contemporary scientific understanding of time invites the reader into an expansive, enriched vision of the world. Her personal descent to deep layers of unconscious phenomena is shown to bring an enhanced awareness of reality with profound healing effects. The wisdom and integrative power of a syncretic approach to recovering from trauma shines through the text and will open doors for all who enter.

Joe Cambray, Ph.D., IAAP  
Past-President-CEO, Pacifica Graduate  
Institute

\*Also available on Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.com/Time-Trauma-Analytical-Psychology-Psychotherapy/dp/1032411376/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crid=3DEV9H07MF091&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.AtVj7KZ8gUhWG6jAdQczghlasRL8zENW1B5Luidj1-aj8fcMUzR8LYsTdOMDSJaY.mTKIEU2TbWhmo9o30P5PoiAUIn\\_2X1\\_gT-qdNDpRtTU&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=deborah+bryon&qid=1717722319&s=books&prefix=deboah+bryon%2Cstripbooks%2C166&sr=1-2](https://www.amazon.com/Time-Trauma-Analytical-Psychology-Psychotherapy/dp/1032411376/ref=sr_1_2?crid=3DEV9H07MF091&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.AtVj7KZ8gUhWG6jAdQczghlasRL8zENW1B5Luidj1-aj8fcMUzR8LYsTdOMDSJaY.mTKIEU2TbWhmo9o30P5PoiAUIn_2X1_gT-qdNDpRtTU&dib_tag=se&keywords=deborah+bryon&qid=1717722319&s=books&prefix=deboah+bryon%2Cstripbooks%2C166&sr=1-2)

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## Introduction to Psychological Perspectives, Volume 66-3, by Tom Elsner:

### Psychological Perspectives

Vol. 66 #3

"When the metaphysical image of God as the *creator* of humanity is dead, God reappears in the image of a machine, the *creation* of humanity. Brown's "Answer" to the question, "Is there a God?; there is now," is one of the first examples of a trope that would become increasingly widespread in science fiction in the decades to follow. And in life as well. Those familiar with the nonfiction writings of Ray Kurzweil will find this science fiction story from the 1950s strikingly familiar. "Does God exist? Well, I would say not yet," is how Kurzweil puts it. When the God-like super intelligence in "Answer" fuses its switch shut, this means it cannot be turned off. The machine is beyond the control of its makers. As with prior images of God, the machine God—we now speak of artificial intelligence—has a dark side. In "Answer," superhuman AI is a source of fear as well as hope."

(Introduction to Volume 66-3, written by Thomas Elsner)."

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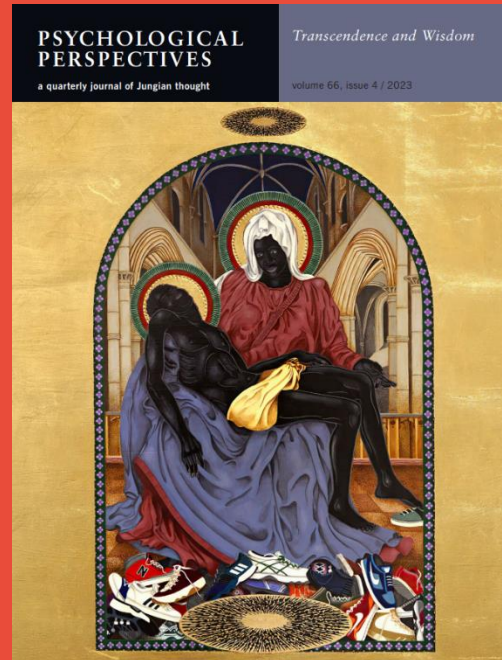


The latest issue of Psychological Perspectives is here!

"Transcendence leads to inner wisdom; that is, the discovery of a bedrock knowledge that cannot be expressed discursively but can be felt in sudden insights. Jung (1960) called this "absolute knowledge" (para. 931), a form of knowledge unbound to the ego, a knowledge that traverses the ego in transcendental experiences." - Christophe Le Mouel, from the introduction to Volume 64, Issue 4: *Transcendence and Wisdom*

\$25.00

**Buy now!**



*This issue includes a noteworthy article by Tom Elsner, **The Wisdom of Not Knowing: Psychotherapy and Life**. The direct link to view:*  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00332925.2023.2311550>

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*Editor's Quote of the Day:*

*"I don't necessarily agree with everything I say."*

*- Marshall McLuhan*

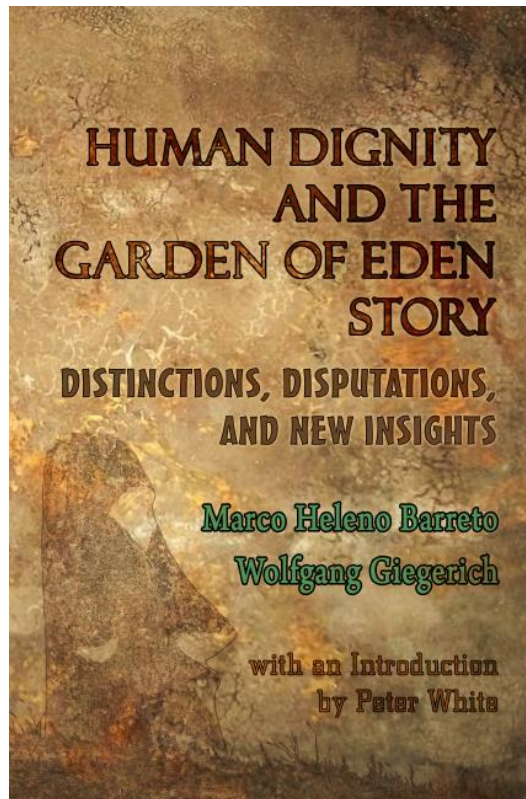
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***Greg Mogenson is pleased to announce the new book, edited by him and published in his imprint, Dusk Owl Books:***

**HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE GARDEN OF  
EDEN STORY  
Distinctions, Disputations, and New  
Insights  
by Wolfgang Giegerich & Marco Heleno  
Barreto**

Consciousness, according to Jung, cannot exist without a discrimination of differences, nor the soul without the subject matters and opposing viewpoints that it meets itself in and as. In this book, “the soul” as *psychological consciousness* establishes itself by means of a high-level dispute over the meaning and provenance of the human dignity concept in Modernity. Whereas traditionally, this concept had been quietly backed up by man’s firm conviction of having been created in the image and likeness of God, it is remarkable to observe the ubiquity of undignified, entitled, and narcissistic appeals to human dignity and human rights in our secular times. Into this contradiction the authors of the essays in this volume provide deep insights, even while disputing one another’s interpretations of such symbolical touchstones as the *imago Dei*, the *coniunctio*, and the Garden of Eden story. With rigour and brilliance, clarifications are offered, all along the way, with respect to the question of how interpretations are to be structured if they are to be truly *psychological* in the spirit of Jung’s “psychology with soul.”

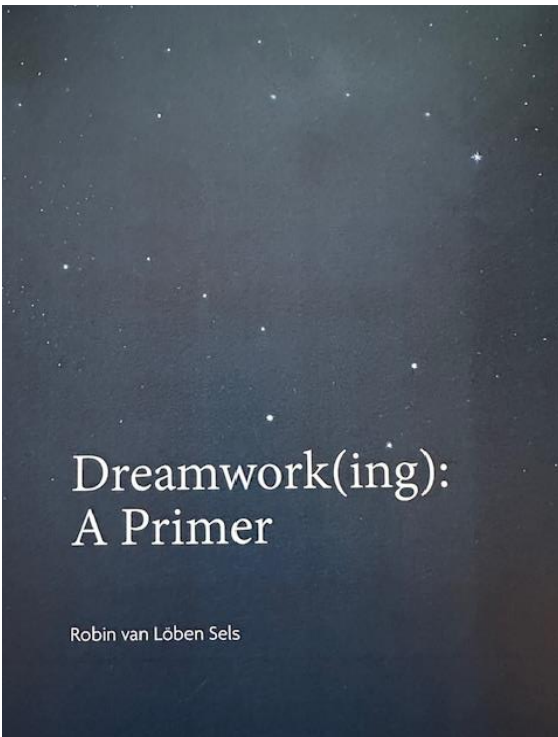


***Here is the link to purchase on Amazon:***

<https://www.amazon.com/Human-Dignity-Garden-Eden-Story/dp/1738860620>

*The latest from Robin van Loben Sels:*

A second and expanded edition of *Dreamwork(ing): A Primer*, by Robin van Loben Sels, be bold books, lulu press, is available from Amazon and from lulu press at [www:rvanlobensels.com](http://www.rvanlobensels.com).



Jacket endorsement by Jane Penrod:

“This is a gracious, concise, primer of Jungian work with dreams. Here are the basic pillars of the work and that is worth a great deal. But, if you read with your heart open, you will feel the breeze that is spirit blowing through these pages. It will tear open the secret door to the vast landscapes of dreams, and that will change everything.”

Forward by Monika Wikman:

***Dreamwork(ing): A Primer***, opens a door to mysteries of the psyche that seek to inform, challenge, grow, and transform us and the world. Robin van Loben Sels invites her readers into several grounded, rich patterns for working with dreams, including innovative and unique means for dream-tending processes in groups, for renewal of oneself, and renewal for others. Robin's gift to group process and dreaming is rare: her embodied wisdom and life-long relationship to the telluric (of earth and soil--i.e., *psychoïd*) depths of the psyche guide the way, grounding the practices she recommends for future generations. In Robin's own words, given an awareness of the depths that appear in dreams "we can track healing processes that take place--not from our conscious ego situation but from the psyche's perspective." Her rare wisdom and her felt sense of how to get along in these depths is particularly concentrated in the third chapter as she addresses

Self, Spirit, Soul, Individuation, Psyche, Spirituality, Mysticism and the Collective Unconscious. May Robin's wise weavings throughout this *Dreamwork(ing): A Primer* remain with you and help light your way from your own dream lantern's light.

--Monika Wikman, Ph.D., Jungian Analyst.

**Amazon link:** [https://www.amazon.com/Dreamwork-ing-Robin-Löben-Sels/dp/1304527506/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=25L9GFB3U6UNE&dib=eyJ2IjoiiMSJ9.3Gb6MnP-5spUz68xXNJ2iaj1u8q2DvIVYw2Nnmurty6sptUqIVSmZhOH1iHiIM7NIEW1fkmdeO1yli6TwpoygbB\\_3k7XZozw61NuGKov926jBAi\\_SxRdszQp9nRqviiOIH1PjaBOd9AWJTc50g3XZ-7DU7QJ8euMlrrt6J5nFhVD2Tn5DHZQAmfXwcWW7Y7eP7f\\_yYjGglKMHPxzorv31kwWt68mzk4IJ7bnJqHh8Yw.-sTTq\\_hedYN4BhTvOJHqprWyeddKSABsND9\\_D7mW\\_0Q&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=Dreamwork%28ing%29%3A+A+Primer+Robin+E.+van+Löben+Sels&qid=1713891159&sprefix=%2Caps%2C331&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Dreamwork-ing-Robin-Löben-Sels/dp/1304527506/ref=sr_1_1?crd=25L9GFB3U6UNE&dib=eyJ2IjoiiMSJ9.3Gb6MnP-5spUz68xXNJ2iaj1u8q2DvIVYw2Nnmurty6sptUqIVSmZhOH1iHiIM7NIEW1fkmdeO1yli6TwpoygbB_3k7XZozw61NuGKov926jBAi_SxRdszQp9nRqviiOIH1PjaBOd9AWJTc50g3XZ-7DU7QJ8euMlrrt6J5nFhVD2Tn5DHZQAmfXwcWW7Y7eP7f_yYjGglKMHPxzorv31kwWt68mzk4IJ7bnJqHh8Yw.-sTTq_hedYN4BhTvOJHqprWyeddKSABsND9_D7mW_0Q&dib_tag=se&keywords=Dreamwork%28ing%29%3A+A+Primer+Robin+E.+van+Löben+Sels&qid=1713891159&sprefix=%2Caps%2C331&sr=8-1)



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### **The latest from *Nora Swan-Foster*:**

A few introductory offerings that may interest analysts or those interested in analytical psychology from an expressive arts perspective:

**Image or Art: Creating Your Own Red Book Through Image and Word** for the Jung Society of Washington.

<https://jung.org/event-5710136>

**Image or art: from Jung's Red Book to Jungian art therapy** is available now as a 1 hour edited version of a 3 hour public workshop that took place with over 60 people for the C.G. Jung Institute of Chicago. CE's available.

<https://jungchicago.org/blog/product/image-or-art-from-jungs-red-book-to-jungian-art-therapy-video/>

**Jung in the World Podcast:**

<https://jungchicago.org/blog/jung-in-the-world-image-or-art-with-nora-swain-foster/>

## *The latest from Mark Winborn:*

- On March 31, 2024 Mark Winborn presented “Engaging the Emotional Self: Affect, Metaphor, and Embodiment in Analysis” to the International Association for Jungian Studies.
- Mark Winborn contributed the lead off chapter in a new book by Garth Amundson (Editor) - "*Psychological and Philosophical Studies of Jung's Teleology: The Future-Orientation of Mind.*" The book is part of the Routledge "Philosophy and Psychoanalysis" edited by Jon Mills. His chapter is titled, "*Coming into Being: Telos in Jung and Bion*". <https://www.routledge.com/Psychological-and-Philosophical-Studies-of-Jungs-Teleology-The-Future-Orientation/Amundson/p/book/9781032536248>
- On May 11-12, 2024 Mark Winborn was an invited external examiner for the final examinations of the Russian Society for Analytical Psychology
- On June 15, 2024 Mark Winborn will be on the panel for a Jung/Bion mini-conference, "Toward a Jung/Bion Dialogue: W.R. Bion's Reading of C.G. Jung's Memories, Dreams and Reflections," sponsored jointly by the Psychoanalytic Center of California and the C.G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles. Joseph Aguayo, PhD is presenting the main paper and Ann Addison (Essex, UK) and Mark Winborn will be discussants. <https://tinyurl.com/3ytdcux7>
- Mark Winborn will be teaching three seminars at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich/Küsnacht June 24-26, 2024. 1) Jung and Bion: Intersecting Vertices, 2) The Analyst as Instrument: An Experiential Seminar of Patient-Analyst Interaction, 3) Interpretation in Jungian Analysis: Art and Technique.
- July 26, 2024 Mark Winborn will present “Participation Mystique and Beyond” for the Australian-New Zealand Jungian Association.
- July 27, 2024 Mark Winborn will present “Interpretation in Jungian Analysis: Art and Technique” for the Centre for Applied Jungian Studies based in South Africa.

Mark Winborn, [winbornmark1@gmail.com](mailto:winbornmark1@gmail.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

***Introduction of Pat Berry for  
IRSJA LIFE MEMBER***

*By Lucie Magnus*

I first “met” Pat in the pages of Thomas Moore’s book, *The Care of the Soul*, in the early 1990s. By that time Pat had already served as President of the IRSJA for 4 years.



The first time I saw Pat was from afar when she was greeted enthusiastically by colleagues in the roof top swimming pool at the San Antonio hotel at the spring meeting in 2002. I have to admit I was a bit awe struck.

Later that week I finally met Pat in person as an examiner for the dream exam. This was my first real live, up close and personal experience of her. As an examiner, she was penetrating and kind. She was perceptive and incisive and she treated me with respect and good humor. Her attitude made my failure bearable.

My next experience of Pat was as mentor. Her commitment to training, her love of the work and her generosity in passing on the craft of Jungian analysis was evident in her openness to work with me for hours on weekends. She listened with a piercing presence that made the time spent with her working cases exhilarating and delightfully terrifying. During those times in Maine, when we were not engaged in case work, she



shared oral history about the early New York Jungians and directed me to the Bailey Island Library where Jung visited.

I next experienced Pat as colloquium leader. She provided a safe psychological environment where we could risk being open and vulnerable. Pat led with her intensity and curiosity. She tracked the archetypal energies in our group and in our case work. Pat not only gave each of us undivided and equal attention, she opened her cozy home in the Maine woods to us. She took us on boat rides, She fed us with delicious chowders, and kept a fire burning in the hearth, both literally and symbolically. She nurtured the flame of Jungian work in each of us. Her hospitality of soul created a container where we could continue to develop, as individuals and into a community.

I then worked with Pat as a colleague when we worked on the EC together in her second 4-year term as president. At our first meeting she warned us that she was the girl in her neighborhood that the mothers would not let their daughters play with. I knew I was in the right place at the right time when she said that. My mother had always warned me about girls like her. Working with her was an experience I will always treasure. She was passionate, ornery, open, tough, tender, and visionary. She didn't suffer fools lightly but her curiosity, creativity and always that presence were all in service to Psyche. She taught me that Psyche happens. She embodied strategy and fluidity. The time on that EC was challenging and never boring. The invitation was born during those years. Our last meeting as an EC was in Birmingham, and Pat was in a great deal of pain. She was courageous and tenacious and, as we say in the football

South, she left it all on the field. I will never forget watching her painfully hobble out the last business meeting.

She recovered and I have seen her less throughout these last years. My time as acolyte, examinee, mentee, trainee and finally colleague have been formational. Pat leads by leading her life, following her inner guide, listening to her body's wisdom, trusting Psyche. It is a privilege to speak about my experience of her. Pat's journey continues as she, in Tennyson's words, "drinks life to the lees". She was here in the early years, she travels the world, outer and inner, and yet, she always come back here. The IRSJA is her home town. She comes and goes from here.



*In Memoriam*

*Submitted by Sheldon Culver*



**Shirley M. Fontenot**

May 25, 1935 - March 6, 2024

Shirley M. Fontenot was born on May 25, 1935, to Curtis and Marie (Ortego) Fontenot in Villa Platte, Louisiana. She was one of the youngest of six children. She lived in University City, MO, with her long-term partner, Rose. Shirley was a "small" extraordinary woman. She became a Catholic nun, entering the convent immediately after high school. She taught first grade for 16 years and often said her finest education came by way of the many children who passed through her classroom. During her time in the convent, she also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Shirley left the order after 26 years and moved from Louisiana "Cajun Country" to Chicago to pursue her interest in Jungian Psychology. During the next 20 years, she completed master's degrees in both Pastoral Studies and Divinity, as well as a doctorate in ministry, and worked as a psychotherapist. In 1993 she earned a diploma as a Jungian Analyst and enjoyed this profession for nearly 30 years. She was engaged in some form of formal education for one-third of her life. She semi-retired at age 87.

In 1996 she met and fell in love with Rose Holt, who was studying Jungian Psychology in Chicago. Shirley enjoyed a rich and fulfilling life with Rose. They moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 2003. The two of them would enjoy hours of deep conversations about theology, psychology, family, and all facets of life, often during a shared meal at dinner time. Her favorite place to visit was Sedona, Arizona, where she and Rose enjoyed vacationing many times. In her later years,

traveling became more difficult for Shirley but she and Rose spent many hours enjoying each other's company and playing card games, Scrabble and most recently, Rummikub. She was a quiet contender.

Shirley also loved her annual family reunions. Coming from a family of 5 siblings, Shirley had many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and great grandnieces and great grandnephews, all of whom adored her and whom she adored. They would often come to St. Louis to visit, and Shirley always looked forward to their visits. She never forgot where she came from and remained humble and kind her entire life.

Shirley was a collector of items of a religious nature, especially angels. She was an avid reader of fiction and focused on historical fiction. The Harry Potter books were her favorites, and she led many adult seminars weaving Potter and Jungian themes. In some mystical way she was able to bring together all she had learned from first graders, all she had gleaned from decades sitting in classrooms, and all that her clients taught her into a wisdom that many recognized and drew from.

Shirley passed away at the age of 88 on March 6, 2024, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her sister, Rosie (Tee) Eichler, her partner Rose Holt, along with many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Anne Bordelon, Estelle Hoskinson and Loretta Landry and her brother, Frank Fontenot.

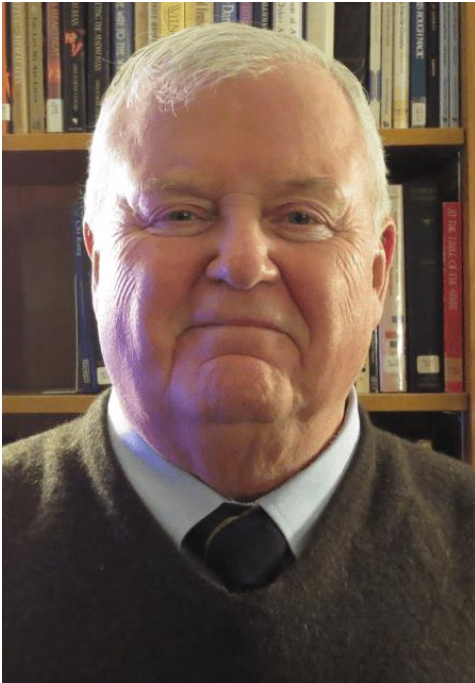
A joy-filled Memorial Service, celebrating Shirley's amazing life and boundless love, was held on April 6 at the First Congregational Church of St. Louis. Sheldon Culver officiated the service on behalf of Shirley and Rose's families and numerous friends. Those attending included many members of the C. G. Jung Society of St. Louis and the Heartland Association of Jungian Analysts (HAJA) Participants.

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## *Loss of Member, Dr. Thomas Lavin*



Dr. Thomas Patrick Lavin, 82, of Wilmette, Illinois, passed away on June 3, 2024, at home with his best friend and partner of 55 years, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Hare Lavin at his side.

Over the past decade, Tom was challenged by numerous health issues, facing them with grace, grit, warmth, and Irish humor. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Tom's twinkling eyes, quick smile, adventurous spirit, and love of life will leave a void in the lives of his loving family, his dear friends, and those he served in his decades in the practice of analytical psychology.

*From Gus Cwik*

The death of one's analyst creates a unique type of hole in one's psyche. While not a blood relative, psychologically they are the closest thing to one. When things go well in the analysis, they carry the reparative aspects of one's actual parents. So their loss reverberates deeply with earlier personal losses. Tom Lavin was this and so much more to me. In alchemy, one name for the Stone, the Self, is orphan. This recognizes the fact that in the individuation process one becomes less dependent on others; one becomes pared down to the bare essentials. When one loses one's parents, one can never return home again; when one loses one's analyst, one can never return to your shared 'well-sealed vessel'. A peculiar aspect of a training analysis is that it often allows another kind of relationship to develop after the analysis ends. You become colleagues often working on committees and attending social events together. And if you are lucky enough, you can become friends. This was the case with Tom and me. I will miss his Irish sense of humor, his stories, his smile, his relational warmth, and his intelligence. Go in peace Thomas, my father in spirit.

<https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/obituaries/name/dr-thomas-lavin-obituary?pid=207057405&v=batesville>



*From Everett McLaren of the New Orleans Seminar:*



*Photo courtesy Karen Farley & Marilyn Marshall*

**Deldon McNeely** passed away on May 4, 2024. She was one of the co-founders of the New Orleans Jungian Seminar. She was devoted to her family, friends, and was many things to those who knew and loved her. She was passionate about her work as a Jungian Psychanalyst. She was the author of several books and an active patron of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Jung Societies. She worked to bring Jung's work into the conversations of the psychoanalytic and psychological groups of her communities. Del was a teacher, mentor, analyst, and colleague to many. Those of us with the New Orleans Jungian Seminar benefited from her wisdom, clinical sense, and compassion. While her health challenges of recent years brought limitations, they may have slowed her down, but they did not stop her from living her life with grace, passion, and commitment to the importance of tending one's inner life. She was a wise woman and could light up the dance floor at the IRSJA Banquets in her day. We will miss her and will join in the Second Line procession of our hearts New Orleans style... Godspeed Del and "Laissez le bon temps rouler! "

*And from Mary Wells Barron, honoring her dear friend, Del:*

Oh, HOW wonder-full she was !

“Hi Babe” , she would say when we hugged ...  
Or when answering the phone

She said we should write something about opera .  
We never did — but we went together  
To see it at THE MET .

Creativity and Music flowed through her .  
You could see it in her dancing.

I heard one of us call her Baba Yaga .  
Well, she did live in Russia ....  
It was an important time .

And knowing one day she would return home  
She built herself a “bird house” there .

It’s true . It was on stilts !  
And she loved living there .

And don’t forget the writing .  
IT embodied her “Animus Aeternus”

Others have and will speak of her myriad gifts  
Much of them shared with us , her Tribe .

So I will simply add my life was graced  
For she was my dear friend .



## EC Corner

### *A Communication to the Membership from our President, Puddi Lareau:*



Hello fellow IRSJA'ers. I don't know what it is like in your "neck of the woods" but here in Colorado today as I am writing this, it is a lovely day, feels like the first day of summer. Clear blue skies, sunshine, balmy temperatures and mild winds. Fingers crossed for few to no fires or floods or or or... in the ensuing summer months.

It feels like there is both little to report and so much to report. The "little to report" feeling is coming from the place of all of you showing up and doing what needs to be done, business as usual. As for the "so much to report", please read the rest of this Newsletter for more detailed up-to-date information about what's being achieved here at IRSJA. Again, thank Eve Maram for taking on the responsibility of publishing this Newsletter. She is proactive, creative, follows through. Here we are, being placed right in the middle of the mix of the IRSJA in this summer issue of the Newsletter.

From the perspective of my role, I see hard work coming into being, into fruition, operationalized, within and through all our Committees. There is continuing dedication to the work of training, promoting analytical psychology and our collegiality. Behind the scenes untold hours are being logged. You, our members, volunteers, are showing up with vigor and creativity. I see dedication toward both maintaining and then also refreshing and revitalizing the nitty-gritty functioning of all aspects of our society.



Fresh air, an enlivened commitment to our future, is afoot and unfolding. Think - four newly graduated analysts, several applying analysts joining us with more inquiring and applying, twelve new candidates bring our candidate body to forty-eight total. Alongside this development, we have analysts and candidates presenting, sharing their professional work with us, and full houses at our conferences. Processes are being re-evaluated, in some cases reconstituted, plus where possible, modified, streamlined and brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Seeds kept alive during covid-times and its aftermath are now sprouting and blooming.

In closing, I hope for an enjoyable summer for you and yours. We the EC and all your Committees, are preparing for and looking forward to our fall Invitational in Minneapolis. There will be another Newsletter just prior so, goodbye until then.

June 1, 2024  
Puddi Lareau  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**TRAINING CORNER, SPRING 2024**  
**From Martha Blake, Director of Training:**

**ROLLOUT OF REVISED IRSJA TRAINING TRANSCRIPT**

*[View formal letter to all here.](#)*

Dear Candidates and Local Training Seminar Coordinators:

The Training Committee has revised and standardized the IRSJA Training Transcript based on user feedback. The revised Transcript features input into a fillable PDF form, more rows for information, a process to complete the form, and a process for signatures. Instructions on filling out the form are included in Appendix D, page 60 of the new [Training Manual](#) dated 2024.06.01, posted on the IRSJA website. Candidates admitted in April 2024 will complete their first Transcript for the 2024-2025 Training year.

The Training Committee offers a Procedure explaining how each Candidate will access the revised IRSJA Training Transcript in Adobe. Adobe will send each

Candidate an email giving access to the Transcript form embedded in Adobe. One need not have an Adobe account to complete the Transcript form in Adobe.

Linked here is the procedure entitled "[2024.05.30 PROCEDURE TRANSCRIPT COMPLETION AND SIGNING](#)," which will be posted on the IRSJA website.

After the Candidate completes the form, the Candidate will receive another email to sign the form. After the Candidate signs the form, it will flow to the email of the Local Training Seminar leader (or their designee), or the IRSJA Director of Training, respectively.

Candidates and Local Training Seminars may decide to support first-time users with Local Training Seminar volunteers who are comfortable with fillable PDF forms.

Thank you to each person who suggested improvements to the Transcript. The Training Committee moves forward with that same process improvement mindset.

Respectfully,

Martha Blake, Director of Training

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**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROCEDURES TO COMPLETING THE TRANSCRIPT FOR 2024/2025.](#)**

**The 2024.06.01 Revised Training Manual is posted on the IRSJA website at:**

<https://irsja.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IRSJA-Training-Manual-2024.06.01.pdf>

Users can save the link in their browser menu if they click on the link and add it to their internet browser bookmark bar. Saving the link in the browser menu will allow the user to open the current Training Manual and use the "Find" function to search for any word or topic.

(Note that we will implement the Transcript document portal filing system later this summer after everyone learns to use the automated IRSJA transcript embedded in Adobe. Just one technology adjustment at a time!)



Thank you, TC, AC, and EC for your contributions, collaboration, edits, and patience over the past 18 months as we co-created! Thank you, Marilyn Porterfield, of Best Management, for working behind the scenes to communicate the IRSJA message to our Candidates and Members.

Thank you for helping us improve the quality of the Training Manual.

Celebrating with you!  
Martha

*From Jeanne Lacourt:*

If you haven't yet completed the survey for our **new IRSJA resource list**, please do so. We are especially interested to know **what you've published** because we are creating our very own publication list from our own members.

Here's the link to the survey:



<https://forms.gle/xHkAajLnd3TsnBPN8>

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*Membership Committee Corner*  
*Marla Herbig, Membership Chair*

**From Caryl Pripusich**

**Reflections of a committee member and updates on the 2024 Santa Fe Spring Meeting:**

While on the Review Committee for 16 years, I primarily attended the Fall Meeting. When I lived in New Mexico for 10 years, I could attend two meetings a year because one was held in Santa Fe. It was good to see colleagues and learn about our organization in these meetings. The RC group was enjoyable for professional and personal reasons. Also, the RC membership spoke eloquently about many topics, including the process of formation and initiation. I have much gratitude to the whole enterprise of working with one another and with the candidates.

I found working with groups to be very rewarding. It was very joyful for me to return to the Spring meeting in 2023 after Covid. I looked forward to seeing people I knew and to hear presentations.

This year as a member of the Membership committee I had the good fortune to work with others who again value shared interests. This committee is primarily responsible for meeting Applying Analysts, introducing them to the IRSJA, sharing information on committees, meetings, and answering their questions. It is a good opportunity to meet with others from all over the country who come with a similar journey to Jung.

One of the shared interests of this Membership Committee was expanding the welcoming of these analysts. In 2023, the Membership Committee designed a "Welcome Table" for these applying analysts to sit together and meet one another during the Welcome held on Wednesday evening. Having a space to sit together offered a time for them to get to know one another and make dinner or coffee dates. After the Welcome Presentation is over, all colleagues are able to come up and say hello to the Applying Analysts.

The second update that you may know of is that on Thursday, Applying Analysts attend a lunch to learn more about the IRSJA and to meet with the President and to meet with a Candidate Representative. The Membership Committee attends this lunch too.

The last update to share is that we hope to begin a breakfast community table for Friday morning. It didn't happen last year as it was hard to get a space together, but it is our hope to do so in the Fall meeting in Minnesota. We would invite the Applying Analysts to that table and all others who wish to sit together and develop our communities.

See you in October in Minneapolis.

Caryl Pripusich  
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### *Membership Committee Luncheon with Applying Analysts, Santa Fe, Spring 2024*



*Photo Courtesy Puddi Lareau*

**Welcome New Analyst Member of the IRSJA from the CG Jung Institute of San Francisco: *Laura Soble***

**Laura Soble, MFT, REAT, CST-T** came to psychology with a background in the arts. She has studied and worked as a musician, theater director, cantorial soloist and songleader. She received her M.A. In Clinical Psychology from JFK University with a specialization in Expressive Arts Therapy.

She went on to become certified as an Expressive Arts Therapist, and as a Teaching Member of the International Society of Sandplay Therapists and Sandplay Therapists of America. After taking a month away from work and raising her family to study Sandplay and Jung in Switzerland, she began analytical training at the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, and was certified in 2021.



Currently, she's in the Infant, Child and Adolescent Program at the Institute, in the latter stages of the Child Analyst certification process.

Laura was an Associate Editor for *Jung Journal: Culture and Psyche* for 8 years, and is Assistant to the Editor for the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*. She has published in the *Arts in Psychotherapy Journal*, the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*, and *Jung Journal: Culture & Psyche* and presents nationally and internationally on Jungian concepts, Sandplay and the integration of the arts in therapy. Her private practice is in San Anselmo, CA where she provides consultation and works with children, teens, and adults. She's excited to be a part of IRSJA and looks forward to participating.

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A brief introduction from Marla, for members to understand the category of *Affiliate Member*:

From our Bylaws, the definition and scope of our Affiliate Members.

1. *Rights and Obligations*

*"Affiliate members may attend Society meetings, participate in discussions of a scientific or cultural nature, and may serve in a consulting role on committees as appointed by the President. Affiliates may not vote, hold office, or attend business meetings. They shall pay the normal dues of Active members, shall abide by the ethical standards of the Society, and shall sign the same Waiver and Release Form required of Active members within 30 days of date of receipt. They are not required to maintain the attendance standards. Except as described herein, Affiliate members are bound by all rules and regulations of the Society. (Amendment III: April 2006) "*

I am happy to introduce **Hallie Durchslag**, our new **Affiliate Member**, to those of you not in attendance at our Fall meeting.

From Hallie:

Thanks to Marla for suggesting I share just a bit about myself.

I have been in private practice as a Jungian-based psychodynamic psychotherapist since 2010. I am originally from, and currently live, in my home town of Cleveland. This has given me the honor of spending the better part of 20 years in community with many of the analysts involved in the Pittsburgh Seminar, in part due to my involvement within Cleveland's own Jungian organization, The Jung Educational Center of Cleveland. I began volunteering with Jung Cleveland just as I was starting my first analysis, back in 2003. I would eventually serve as secretary, vice-president, then president of that organization. Now, I am truly excited to be involved with this new community – with IRSJA – and to have the ability, through my membership, to say “our” community.



For 8 years after earning my Master of Science in Social Administration (M.S.S.A) at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH (1999), my social work career was focused on macro-level interventions, including community planning and research; development; and non-profit management. But my choice to move into clinical practice – which kindled the desire to understand clinical theory at a much deeper level than offered through my Master’s program – left me torn between joining an analyst training program or working toward a PhD.

As Marla has so carefully explained, my status as an affiliate member of IRSJA is because I am not a Jungian Analyst. Instead of joining an analyst training program, I chose to attend Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, CA, where I earned my PhD in Clinical Psychology with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology (2015). While there will always be some regret in giving up the distinguished honor of becoming an analyst, that decision holds a great deal of purpose in my own development.

My personal experience with Bipolar I Disorder has plunged me into an unfriendly struggle between psychiatry and analytical psychology. I felt that Pacifica’s educational curriculum would allow more room to live through that dichotomy. As example, I was able to train within the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals Department of Psychiatry and Mood Disorders Program. I was on the front lines of mutual disdain between the psychoanalytic and psychiatric communities, and I continually mined the conflict for inroads and common ground. My book, *The Collective Unconscious in the Age of Neuroscience: Severe Mental Illness and Jung in the 21st Century* (Routledge, 2021) was intended to spark more discussion on the subject. It was extremely gratifying that the book was recognized as a finalist in the clinical category of the 2022 International Association of Jungian Studies (IAJS) Book Awards.

Most gratifying, however, is that after grappling with Jungian theory in such a deep way, I discovered Jung’s own desire for an alliance between medical and psychoanalytical models of treating severe mental illness. I see his late exploration of a psychoid archetype as a crowning move toward the understanding that body chemistry holds its own relationship to Self.

I look forward to starting my next chapter of inquiry and study in the company of the IRSJA community. I have two meetings “under my belt” now, as the saying goes. Both the Pittsburgh Fall Meeting and the Spring Meeting in Santa Fe were marked with an amazing energy that seems to emanate through camaraderie, mutual respect and care, and remarkable intellectual acumen. It really is an incredible honor to be one of few affiliate members voted in. I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!

Sincerely,

Hallie Beth Durchslag, PhD, LISW-S



## *Nominations Committee Update*

### *Eve Maram, Chair*

At our Fall 2024 meeting in Minneapolis, the Nominations Committee will use our 10-minute update time to present a brief PowerPoint outlining the current Nominations procedures, with about 5 minutes open afterwards for questions and discussion. Focus: making this a more understood procedure for our analytic community at large.

Goals for the Nominations process in general emphasize encouraging open-ended, generative discussion towards energizing the IRSJA positions overall, both the EC and the Committees.

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*May you and yours be safe and healthy until we meet in  
Minneapolis this Fall!*

