

IRSJA NEWSLETTER

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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!*

SPRING 2025 - Boulder, Colorado

*April 26 to May 3,
2025*

*Embassy Suites Hilton
Garden Inn, Boulder, All
Suite Hotel*

Room rate \$219.00

*Note: this is later than
our usual spring meeting
to work around Easter
and Passover.*

This Spring, prepare for Boulder, Colorado...



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

FALL 2025 – Omaha, Nebraska

October 25 to November 1, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton Omaha Downtown/Old Market

All Suites Hotel - perfect for Review Committee Meetings

Room Rate \$175.00

SPRING 2026 - Boulder, Colorado

April 18 to 25, 2026

Embassy Suites Hilton Garden Inn, Boulder, All Suite Hotel

Room rate \$219.00

FALL 2026 -Covington, Kentucky

October 17 to 24, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Cincinnati RiverCenter, Covington

All Suites Hotel. Room Rate \$193.00

Note: this will be another Invitational Conference.



From Puddi Lareau, some delightful images from the Dinner Dance at our Fall 2024 IRSJA Invitational Conference in Minneapolis:

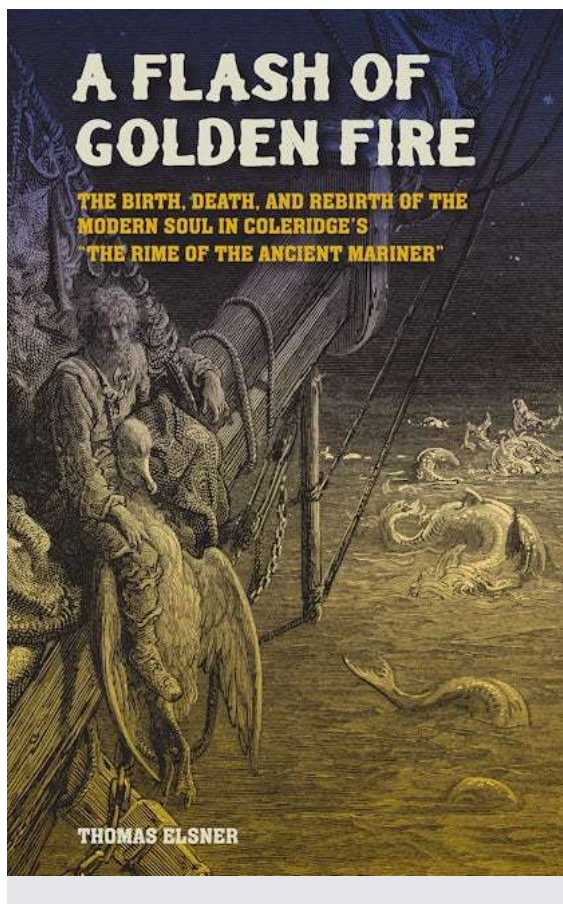




BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

UPDATED RELEASE DATE Thomas Elsner's new book, **A FLASH OF GOLDEN FIRE: The Birth, Death, and Rebirth of the Modern Soul in Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner,"** to be published by Texas A&M as part of the Fay Lecture and Book Series, *now available January 24, 2025.*

Preorder now: <https://www.amazon.com/Flash-Golden-Fire-Coleridges-Analytical/dp/164843228X?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref=fplfs&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER>



In the early twentieth century C. G. Jung survived an intense encounter with the unconscious. He did this by giving expression to his inner world in the paintings and dialogues found in *The Red Book*. Yet Jung felt alone in this work, unable to find a precedent or cultural parallel, until he discovered alchemy. This ancient “protoscience” became the bridge Jung had been seeking between the remote past and the present. Yet between the downfall of alchemy in the eighteenth century and Jung’s *Red Book* in the twentieth, it seems that there was a gap in the tradition.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s great visionary poem “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” is another link in that golden chain. Coleridge’s 19th century night-sea journey can today be understood as a symbolic self-portrait of the collective unconscious, a self-portrait that, like *The Red Book*, finds its historical context and continuity in the alchemical tradition. Insofar as Coleridge’s *Ancient Mariner* symbolically describes the birth of the modern soul, it is grounded in the factual knowledge of European history. **Insofar as it describes the death and rebirth of the modern soul, *The Ancient Mariner* is prophecy and revelation.**

A Message from Tom:

I hope that readers will gain an understanding of the psychological meaning of archetypal symbolism and its relationship to visionary poetry, modern society, and their personal lives. This includes a new understanding of the depth psychological meaning of Coleridge’s visionary poem and its

collective significance, as well as a new understanding of the roots of Jungian psychology in Romantic literature. I hope that readers will learn of the relevance and value of Coleridge's visionary poetry as a real, true, beautiful, and terrifying expression of what it means in the modern Western world to develop the full potential of our own minds.

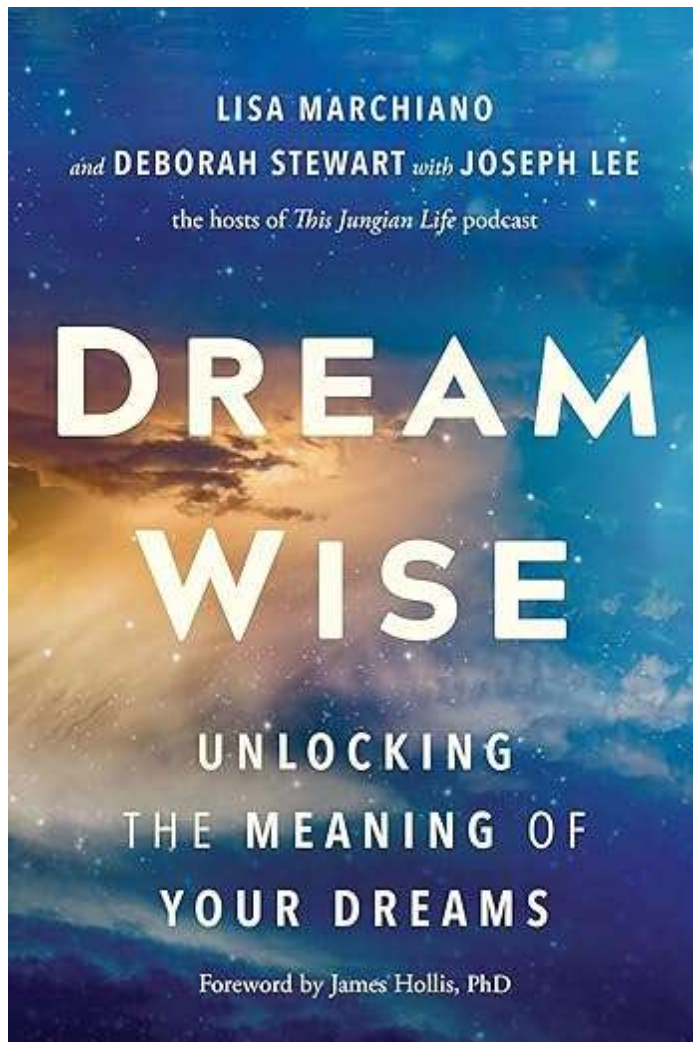
C. G. Jung and Martin Luther King Jr. warned us in the 1950s and '60s that for our very survival's sake Western society must figuratively die to old values and give birth to new values. Coleridge's Ancient Mariner shows us the way. The Mariner's night-sea journey is not a journey of increasing intellect, making more money, acquiring more power, or better adapting to the *status quo ante* but of developing beyond traditional religious, scientific, and political dogmas, becoming more conscious of what it is to be a human being, and thus becoming a vessel for a new consciousness currently evolving out of the collective unconscious in today's world.



Please keep Tom and Monika and their family in your prayers. Here is a link to Tom's CaringBridge site:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/public/tomelsner>

Announcing a **NEW BOOK RELEASE** from Lisa Marchiano, Deborah Stewart, & Joseph Lee:



***Dream Wise:
Unlocking the Meaning
of Your Dreams***

By Lisa Marchiano &
Deborah Stewart with
Joseph Lee

Jung asked us a telling question: *what supports you when nothing supports you?* What can you turn to when the world has turned away? In the darkness of sleep a dream arises—but how to decipher its peculiar language and render it relevant to life in the waking world?

Here is a map for exploring the reaches of your dreams and a compass to discovering the inner other. Faithful to Jung's concepts and methodology, *Dream Wise* is for all who are ready to meet the dream maker who visits each night with surprising gifts of wisdom.

Available on Amazon: [Dream Wise: Unlocking the Meaning of Your Dreams amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Dream-Wise-Unlocking-the-Meaning-of-Your-Dreams/dp/1608814444)

Ron Schenk's new book, now available from Chiron:

Within a field which ostensibly aims its focus on the unknowability of a realm below the surface, the unconscious, but which continues its tradition of basing itself in a rational mode "above ground," ego consciousness, this book aims to "stalk the roots" of the psychoanalytic enterprise in a ground breaking manner. The goal is to bring to light foundational ancestors and agencies, invisible principles and ways of seeing, underlying attitudes and structures which make up the core of the analytic mind in its approach to the question, what heals? It starts with the ancient art of alchemy which integrates theory and practice, worker and worked upon, and moves from there to illustrate the nature of language as an undercurrent in the flow of the healing process. Ritual and myth serve as guides into the core inter-relational nature of the psyche, as a "wilderness of mirrors," and finally *pathos*, experience itself in its essential leaning toward chaos, is presented as the psyche's "matter" being worked upon in the analytical mode. In short, "Stalking..." intends toward opening the vision of a field which daily grapples with the darkest "underworldly" aspects of the human soul, towards its ur, originary, depth and breadth.

"By juxtaposing comparative material ... with a series of crystal-clear précis of the seminal insights of the principal theorists of the Freudian and Jungian traditions, the vicissitudes of the healing process are vividly born witness to by a master practitioner ..."

Greg Mogenson, Jungian analyst and author of *National Practice: The Speculative Turn in Analytical Psychology*.

"...While stalking the roots, he is not afraid of stirring up the mess of psychoanalysis, nor of exposing its muddy matter, and he is certainly not afraid of, as Wilfred Bion described doing psychoanalysis, "making the best of a bad job."

Pamela J. Power, Ph.D., Clinical psychologist, Jungian psychoanalyst, author of *Transitions in Jungian Analysis: Essays on Illness, Death and Violence*.

 Published by Chiron Publications
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THE SERPENT AND THE STAFF

The Mermaid and the Diver



Stalking the Roots
of Psychoanalysis

Ronald Schenk PhD


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Ronald Schenk PhD



PRESENTATIONS


Upcoming from Deborah Bryon:





Denver Psychoanalytic Society Continuing Education

***Time and Trauma in Analytical Psychology and Psychotherapy:
The Wisdom of Andean Shamanism***

Deborah Bryon, PhD, NCPsychA
Licensed Psychologist, Senior Jungian Analyst

 **January 14, 21, 28, 2025**
6:30 - 8:30 PM (MT)

 **Virtual using Zoom**
CE Credit Available

 **\$150 Members / \$180 Nonmembers**
Registration Required

DESCRIPTION

This class will weave together interpersonal and psychoanalytic perspectives, informed by indigenous Andean shamanism, and contemporary scientific understanding of time in an exploration of a more expansive, vision of the world within the context of clinical practice. The presenter will draw on her experience as a psychologist and Jungian psychoanalyst as well as her immersion in Andean shamanistic practice.

REGISTER



OBJECTIVES

1. Explain four key principles of Andean cosmology and shamanic practice that can be linked to psychoanalytic theory.
2. List four techniques used in Andean shamanism in shifting between states of consciousness that correspond with a psychoanalytic conceptualization of working through trauma states.
3. Describe five principles of Andean shamanism that are relevant to clinical analytic practice that correspond with quantum theory.

AACME Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of American Psychoanalytic Association and Denver Psychoanalytic Society. The American Psychoanalytic Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement

The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosure Statement

The APsA CE Committee has reviewed the materials for accredited continuing education and has determined that this activity is not related to the product line of ineligible companies and therefore, the activity meets the exception outlined in Standard 3: ACCME's identification, mitigation and disclosure of relevant financial relationship. This activity does not have any known commercial support.

More upcoming presentations by Deborah on her new book, **“Time and Trauma in Analytical Psychology and psychotherapy: The Wisdom of Andean Shamanism”** (Routledge, 2024):

2/18/25 South African Society Assoc. of Jungian Analysts (1.5 hours)

2/21/25 Comox Valley Jung Society, Vancouver, CA (2 hours)

2/22/25 CG Jung Society of Sarasota, Fla (2.5 hours)

And announcing Deborah’s newly released publication:

Bryon, D. (2024) **“A Multi-Dimensional Approach toward working with Grief”** in *Psychodynamic Psychotherapy* Editor, Y. Shapiro, New York, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

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NEW AUDIO RECORDING now available from Donald Kalsched:

**Recent Discoveries in Early Childhood Trauma &
The Renewal of Jungian Psychology
with Donald Kalsched, PhD**



William Blake: The Good and Evil Angels Struggling for Possession of a Child

**Audio Recording of Donald Kalsched's Seminar
at the Bailey Island Library Hall in Harpswell, Maine
\$60 | [Click Here to Purchase](#)**

On September 7, 2024, over a hundred clinicians, analysts, therapists, counselors, and students gathered at the Bailey Island Library Hall to listen to new insights and frameworks developed by Jungian Analyst Donald Kalsched, author of *Trauma and the Soul*. Kalsched delivered an all-day address that outlined a new understanding of psychic defense and its potential to renew the field of Analytical Psychology. The audio recording of this seminal program is now available for purchase.

*Donald Kalsched, PhD, is a Clinical Psychologist and Jungian Psychoanalyst with a private practice in Brunswick, Maine. He is a member of the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and of the C. G. Jung Institute of New England. He is the author of two major books; *The Inner World of Trauma* (Routledge, 1996) and *Trauma and the Soul* (Routledge, 2013) both of which have been translated into many languages. He lectures nationally and internationally on the subject of trauma and its treatment and contributes regularly to the clinical and theoretical literature in Analytical Psychology.*

Also from Donald Kalsched:

Another talk I gave at the recent "Presidency Conference" in San Francisco on Oct. 18-20:

***Cry the Beloved Country
Inner and Outer Democracy and the Threat of Authoritarianism****

**Presidency Conference
San Francisco Jung Institute
October, 2024**

*Alan Paton's Novel by this title (Paton, 1948) is a cry from the heart for his beloved country South Africa as it descended into Civil War and Apartheid. It is about the societal structures in that country that made Apartheid possible. In a similar vein I want to describe in this paper the underlying psychological structures in our country that make Authoritarianism possible. No matter which way the coming Presidential election goes, these authoritarian structures will be in place, making a cry for our beloved country necessary for its transformation

This talk can be read on the ARAS website where Tom Singer has posted all the papers from the Presidency Conference.

HERE IS A COURTESY LINK TO THE FULL TEXT: <https://irsja.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Cry-the-Beloved-Country-Don-Kalsched-10-2024.pdf>

The latest from Mark Winborn

- Mark Winborn contributed a chapter, “Individuation: Clinical Process or Romantic Ideal?” to the recently published (2024), *Contemporary Voices on Individuation: C.G. Jung's Legacy for the Contemporary World* (Routledge) edited by In Gioglio Tricarico. <https://tinyurl.com/bderrh6r>
- Mark also contributed, “The Beat Goes On: Rhythm, Embodiment, and the Soul in the Blues,” to Justin McLendon’s (Ed.) *Theology and the Blues* (Rowan & Littlefield) (2024). <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781978714588/Theology-and-the-Blues>
- On February 15-16, 2025, Mark will present a 2-day webinar for the Hungarian Association for Analytical Psychology. <https://cgjung.hu/english/>
- On February 22, 2025, Mark will present a webinar titled *The Body Imagines: Psyche/Soma in Analytical Psychology* for the Spanish Society of Analytical Psychology (SEPA) - <https://sepanalitica.es/producto/el-cuerpo-imagina-el-soma-en-el-campo-intersubjetivo/>
- On Mar 27, 2025, Mark will present a book discussion of *The Necessary Dream: New Theories and Techniques of Interpretation in Psychoanalysis* by Giuseppe Civitarese to the Houston Psychoanalytic Society. <https://www.houstonpsychoanalytic.org/book-of-the-month>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Brenda Bunting:

ANNOUNCING
STIPENDS FOR CANDIDATES
TO ATTEND THE XXIII CONGRESS IN ZURICH
AUGUST 24 -29, 2025



Come experience this special international gathering of Jungian analysts on the 150th anniversary of Jung's birth in the town where his psychological theory was born.

\$4,000 stipends for *active status* candidates as of January 1, 2025 will be awarded in September 2025 (after the congress) to qualifying candidates who can document their attendance.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity offered by the Hermes Fund.
See where it all began and dream about the future.



Message from the Hermes Fund Grant Review Committee

REMINDER

Hermes Fund Grant Application Date: January 15, 2025

The Hermes Fund Grant Review Committee invites you to apply for a grant until January 15th. We encourage you to apply if there is a resource that would enhance your training but you are putting off accessing it due to financial constraints.

Detailed Information about all the Hermes Fund grant categories, and how to apply, can be found on the IRSJA website under Member's Resources. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

PLEASE NOTE: **Require, Desire and Inspire: The Hermes Fund in Support of Candidate Training** grants are in addition to, and separate from, the candidate stipends being offered in September to those who attend the 2025 IAAP Congress in Zurich.

Brenda Bunting, Treasurer

On behalf of the Hermes Fund Grant Review Committee

irsja.finances@gmail.com



From Jeanne Lacourt:

Have you published an article, chapter, or a book on a Jungian topic?



Send your reference citation to:
jeanne.lacourt50@gmail.com to be included
in the IRSJA Analysts' Publication List.

In the subject of your email please write:
IRSJA Analyst Publication.

Reference citation formatting

For a book, use this format:

Last name, first initial. (Year of publication). *Book title*. Place: Publisher.

Brewster, F. (2023). *Race and the unconscious: An Africanist Depth Psychology Perspective on Dreaming*. New York: Routledge.

For an article in a journal, use this format:

Last name, first initial. (Year of publication). Title of article. Title of Journal. Volume, page numbers.

Hillman, J. (1997). The seduction of black. *Spring: A Journal of Archetype and Culture* 61, 1-15.

For a chapter in an edited book, use this format:

Last name, first initial. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In Editor's first initial, last name. (Eds.), Title of book (page numbers). Place: Publisher.

Hart, D. (1997). The classical Jungian psychology. In P. Young-Eisendrath & T. Dawson (Eds.), *The Cambridge companion to Jung* (pp 89 – 100), UK: Cambridge University Press.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

From Michael Escamilla:

2024 Fay Lectures: The Path Between Parts: Reciprocity in Times of War

Friday, Dec 6

5 - 7pm CT

Saturday and Sunday, Dec 7 - 8

9am - 1pm CT

Potentially appropriate for 10 CEs*

Antonio Karim Lanfranchi, MD, Jungian analyst, will deliver this year's Fay Lectures. Through the lens of recent medical and analytical experiences in Sudan, Gaza, and Egypt, Lanfranchi will explore the following theme: The will to live endures; not only as a minimal form of life for the individual, but as the will to live a life together with others: is a *Tiqqun* (a healing of the world) still possible?

Hybrid event (free)

Jung Center, Houston Texas

To Register please go

to: <https://junghouston.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/junghouston/event.jsp?event=10974>

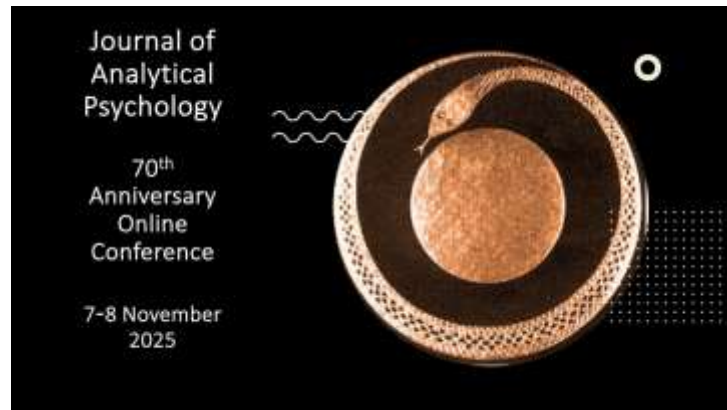


JOURNAL UPDATES

From Carolyn Bates:

Journal of Analytical Psychology Newsletter

Autumn News



70th Anniversary Conference, November 7-8, 2025

In 2025 the Journal will be 70 years old! We will celebrate this milestone with an online conference addressing innovative and controversial developments over the decades as they are reflected in papers published in the Journal.

Meet the Author: Leigh Money, September 28, 2024

Leigh Money, winner of the Michael Fordham Prize 2023, presented her beautifully written paper “Labels and the Self: Identity Labels as Scaffold”, published in June 2023, 68(3), 590–609: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-5922.12922>. This paper includes impressive clinical material and takes a positive and symbolic stance towards self-assigned labels such as “neurodiverse”, “genderfluid”, “sex-positive”, “ADHD”, and “highly sensitive”. By using scaffolding as a metaphor for allowing growth or development to take place (or compensate for its absence), Leigh shows the phenomenon of self-labelling as fulfilling different functions. Paper available as free access on the *JAP* website at www.thejap.org or in the Wiley online library at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-5922.12922>

Introduction to Neuroscience Workshop with Prof. Erik Goodwyn

Two Saturdays: November 9 & 23, 2024 (online)

www.thejap.org

New interviews with leading analysts

We are excited to announce two new interviews with leading analysts: Linda Carter interviewed **Jan Wiener** (September issue), and Jan turns interviewer in conversation with **Verena Kast** (November issue).

Recent Issues

September 2024: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14685922/2024/69/4>

Our September issue of JAP includes papers examining Jung's attitudes toward the use of psychedelics; his concerns about collective polarizations & the threat of our species self-annihilation; papers on alchemy and on emotional regulation in the analytic relationship.

Linda Carter interviews Jan Wiener, who speaks of her early recognition of otherness and of othering arising from the influence of war on her family of origin and recalls how exposure to other cultures helped her to her own depth understanding of analytic moments of meeting and complexity. Our Clinical Commentaries section considers the case of a survivor of childhood abuse arising within her family and a larger religious structure: the respondents discuss how destructiveness can play out in analytic work.

Visit our Website

Please visit our website! Apart from the usual announcements there are beautifully written recent blogs by Ginny Hill, Mark Winborn, Carolyn Bates, Catriona Wrottesley and the most recent one by James Hollis: [The Journal of Analytical Psychology - Blogs \(thejap.org\)](https://thejap.org). You will also find resources including writing videos <https://thejap.org/clinical-writing-videos>, plus short introductory videos by many of our authors, <https://thejap.org/resources/introductory-videos> and fascinating video interviews with the likes of Murray Stein, Ladson Hinton and George Hogenson.

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[And always remember: authors, peer reviewers and book reviewers wanted!](#)

With best wishes

Ann Addison, Arthur Niesser, Carolyn Bates, Co-Editors-in-Chief

Amanda Dowd & John Merchant, Deputy Editors

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PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

From Felicity Kelcourse:

Dear IRSJA colleagues,

In the wake of the election results of 11/5/2024 I believe many of you share my concern for the existential threat posed to our democracy and our world by another 4 years under Trump.

As part of the 2025 Republican plan, (<https://www.aclu.org/project-2025-explained>), the Trump administration will once again seek to roll back any and all environmental protections, and remove the United States *again* from the harm reduction goals of the international 2015 Paris Climate Accords (<https://unfccc.int/climate-action>). The results of Trump's "burn baby burn" promise to remove restrictions on fossil fuels will be more floods, more hurricanes, more fires, more warming seas and sea level rise, in short, the rush towards a climate tipping point that would threaten civilization as we know it. Such a tipping point has been modeled since the 1970s, as an inconvenient but verifiable and increasingly obvious truth (<https://www.ipcc.ch/synthesis-report/>)

As psychotherapists and analysts, we know to provide a temenos and wisdom that can move individuals beyond denial, dissociation, and despair, toward *Active Hope* (Joanna Macy). How and where do we find active hope for ourselves? I encourage you to support the Sunrise Movement (<https://www.sunrisemovement.org/>) a youth lead organization with specific plans

for non-violent resistance in 2026 and 2028 and Green Faith (<https://greenfaith.org/>), part of an international, interfaith movement to support climate activists and influence government policies. Beyond national and international efforts, we can each make a difference by thinking globally and acting locally for ecojustice, green space, conservation, any and all efforts to raise awareness of our interdependence on the web of life that sustains us all. Too many books, films, JAP articles to recommend here – knowledge and awareness is power.

We have borrowed this world from our children and grandchildren, it is our duty to preserve and not destroy their inheritance. If you're read this far, more power to you.

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From Jacqueline Zeller Levine, courtesy Rich Ryan's Facebook page:

Author: Danny Siegel

So the scoundrel king is crowned once again.
We awaken to another dark chapter unfolding.
We curse the cruelty of brutal beasts capturing the ring.
We're baffled by so many being bamboozled by the big con.
And another dream of better angels is dashed.
What possibilities remain? What is to be done?
Humanity somehow survives the worst of humans.
The farmer still awakens early, rolling up sleeves, after the next blight.
The poet offers the agile dance of the hummingbird.
The child knows nothing of the doom in your head.
The cat will find your lap to offer calm.
The caregiver locates hope in a patient's newly found strength.
Everywhere there is kindness in approaching eyes.
Resignation and withdrawal wilt the rose within.

Citizens will keep on rising, volunteering, organizing, marching, and fighting for what is right.
No, it is not easy, these shocking defeats of reason and progress.
One thing is certain: each apocalypse we witness in this life plants seeds.
Something new inevitably sprouts from wrenching defeat.
Yes, it is advisable to sleep in longer today and make time for slow deep breaths.
Then remember, a price will be paid for hubris among the greedy and powerful.
Who knows if you or I will live to see it.
But the story of tyranny usually ends poorly (and yes sadly, with too many victims).
And know this: the present, not the future, is female.
And do not forget, love and light cannot be vanquished.
Beauty awaits us out the window; fix your gaze on some bit of it today.
Swim your aching soul deep into it.
You and I will resurface.
And all that is worthy of hope and struggle will find a way back home.

From Eve Maram, courtesy personal communication from Gail Westlin, 11/06/2024:

It's a sad day for democracy. I thought I'd share this quote from Barbara Kingsolver:

Truth and love have been smacked down, so many more times in history before today. Truth, because it's often inconvenient, and love because it is vulnerable. But truth is like gravity, and carbon, and the sun behind an eclipse: it's still there. And love stays alive if you tend it like a flame. If you feel crushed by unkindness today, it's a time for grieving, reaching out to loved ones, noticing one bright color somewhere in the day. Remembering what there is to love. Starting with the immediate, the place and people we can tend ourselves, and make safe. We can't save everything all at once, but it's still worth saving something. Because there are so many of us to do it. And we are all still here today, exactly as we were yesterday. Like gravity, and carbon, and the sun behind an eclipse.



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EC & OTHER COMMITTEES' CORNERS

From President Puddi Lareau

President' s Letter for Mid-Winter Newsletter

Considering the spirit of the times, I find myself wanting to have the clarity to write something profoundly meaningful, coherent, deep, intelligent, nuanced, inspirational, wise. Sigh.

Instead, I am going to offer you this image:



This is a print framed in koa wood that I have kept for lo these many years since long ago when I lived in Hawaii. I received the print as a holiday card from my friend, a printmaker. Now I offer her image to you for this holiday season. Perhaps you can experience her as I do, at least in some moments – the child and the flame. She is the child, exemplifying vulnerability, creativity, possibility and hope. She holds the lit candle, the flame, offering a light needed in darkness, a way forward. Perhaps she can be a reminder that we need to help keep her safe and the small flame of consciousness alive. Like what Jung said about his “specter of the Brocken” dream (MDR p. 88):

“I knew too, that this little light was my consciousness, the only light I have. My own understanding is the sole treasure I possess, and the greatest. Though infinitely small and fragile, in comparison with the powers of darkness, it is still a light, my only light.”

On a more mundane note, at the organizational level, we, your EC, are definitely keeping the flame alive. We are meeting, debriefing, collaborating, watching for shadow and also looking for how psyche is emerging among and between us and with you, the society. We are trying to be open to and take in both criticism and praise and act accordingly. We do our best, and, obviously, perfection is not going to happen. We do, however, keep our responsibilities to you as a society in the forefront. We are keeping on keeping on, engaged, committed, putting in the time and thought and heart and energy, doing the work. We continue to have our traditions solidly in mind and at the same time we entertain a view and imagination for a vital future for IRSJA.

As I reread this to edit it, I see that the previous paragraph is like an exhortation: We are doing this (!) Aren't we? We will keep at it (!) Won't we? Sometimes it's difficult to not give in to despair and doubt these days.

I want to thank you all, for all the work, heart, soul, blood, sweat and tears, creativity, joy and passion, you so generously contribute to IRSJA.

May we keep each other close in these endeavors and in these times.

“In the dark times / Will there also be singing? / Yes, there will also be singing. / About the dark times”. Bertolt Brecht.

Puddi Lareau
November 14, 2024
Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA



From Brenda Bunting, Treasurer

Treasurer's Message

Help Keep IRSJA Dues from Increasing

At the fall meeting the membership voted to invest in a database digitizing our candidate transcripts at a cost of \$8,000 per year subscription fee and a \$2,500 implementation fee for a total of \$10,800. This works out to about \$215 per each of our 49 candidates in 2025.

The Executive Committee does not want to raise your dues and we have also decided not to mount a fundraising campaign this year as we have \$135,000 in savings and over \$220,000 in our investment account. But we think it is prudent to keep some cash on hand as a cushion to tide us over in case of unforeseen circumstances in the economy and the world.

How You Can Help

If you see the value of centralizing our candidate information securely online where it can be easily accessed, please consider these two ways you can help IRSJA defray our increased operating costs if you are in a position to do so. We are very grateful for all contributions.

1. You can make a **year-end tax-deductible donation** to the Society using the [Donate Button](#) on the top navigation bar of our website.
2. If you are 70½ years old or older you can take advantage of tax savings through an IRA charitable distribution to IRSJA. This is a special opportunity to transfer pretax IRA dollars to get the maximum tax benefit from your IRA withdrawals. Since the gift does not count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. More information is available about this option for giving on the IRSJA website under Member Resources.

Thank you for supporting the valued work of our Society!

Brenda Bunting,
Treasurer
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TRAINING COMMITTEE CORNER

From Martha Blake, Director of Training

IRSJA TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

IRSJA TC+ DATABASE

At the Fall 2024 meeting, in response to the limitations of Adobe Acrobat Pro as the software for annual Candidate Transcripts, which resulted in several failures of Adobe to meet IRSJA needs, the analyst body passed the following motion:

That IRSJA contract with **KNVEY** who will develop and support:

- A transcript that allows Candidates to correct their mistakes as many times as necessary until it is finalized.
- A secure relational database accessible to every Training Committee and available to any other IRSJA function that utilizes Analyst/Candidate email addresses to deliver documents.
- A database that allows users to deposit documents that users with only *read/download permission* may not alter.
- Supports up to 100 identified users.
- First-year implementation = \$10,550.
- Annual fee after year one = \$ 8,000.

The handoff meeting for IRSJA to KNVEY for programming will be 2024.12.16. Training Committee members will guide KNVEY as they program an electronic transcript that may be corrected multiple times before it is finalized. KNVEY will also program a database for secure filing with need-to-know-only access to Candidate training document files.

The Training Committee is pursuing an answer to the shared need of the analyst body and all of our committees and processes for ONE location to enter an email address change so that the address change will populate forward to all locations of the former address to all the Committee and function users.

IRSJA TRAINING MANUAL ACCESS

Seminar participants and others interested in training with IRSJA are asking for more information about the IRSJA training process than is available on the www.Irsja.org landing page. The current location of the Training Manual is deeply buried under the tabs Members>Member Resources>Training> Training Manual. Sometimes, even our analysts cannot find the current Training Manual! The Training Committee agreed on November 24, 2024 to post the Training Manual also on the “Become an Analyst” tab of the website so those interested in training can read about our requirements and process. We want to encourage

people to join a Local Training Seminar and then apply for Training. Local Training Seminars please direct inquiries to the Become an Analyst tab.

For those who want to search on a topic or specific issue within the Training Manual, here is the link to insert in your web browser:

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

Once you navigate to this site, bookmark the link in your browser menu to use the “Find” function to search for topics or words within the Training Manual. If you need help learning how to bookmark, ask a local tech-savvy person or a grandchild. :)

HOURS TO GRADUATION

Candidate Representatives who ask clarifying questions from Candidates about the wording of the Training Manual help the Training Committee clarify the wording for the next update of the Training Manual. A recent example from a Candidate Rep is regarding the wording on page 12 of the 2024.06.01 Training Manual under III. CANDIDATE GUIDELINES, A. All Candidates, 1. Personal Analysis during Training. The wording is inherited from a former edition and does not reflect current IRSJA policy. Thank you, Candidate Rep, for identifying an opportunity for improvement!

The wording in the current Training Manual is:

"Over the course of training, each candidate must engage in at least **300** hours of analysis with an IAAP member in order to graduate."

CURRENT INTENTION AND NEXT UPDATE:

At the next revision of the Training Manual prior to the Training Year June 1.2025, the Director of Training will revise the language to reflect current policy:

In order to graduate, each candidate must engage in at least 300 hours of analysis, **with an IAAP member,** including a minimum of 100 hours within three years prior to admission and a minimum of 200 hours **prior to** sitting Diploma Exams in accordance with Sections II. Admissions Guidelines and III. Candidate Guidelines.

DIPLOMA EXAM COMMITTEES

Candidates ask about which analysts may serve on their Diploma Exam Committees. The 2024.06.01 Training Manual states on page 44 H. Diploma Exam Committees, “Senior analysts and members of IRSJA qualify to serve on Diploma Exam Committees.” The “members who

have joined IRSJA” language refers to analyst members from other societies who have joined IRSJA and affiliate members with similar years of experience. The next iteration of the Training Manual will add clarity to this section.

Submitted with deep appreciation for each Training Committee member and Candidate whose father was a miller grinding away and who now has found their own **Agency!**

Martha Blake
Director of Training

From Virginia Krauft, Coordinator to Diploma Exams Training Committee

Congratulations!

The Fall IRSJA meeting welcomed three Candidates into the Control stage of training-- Dawn Altman (PAJA), Manuela Martinaitis (Memphis/Atlanta), and Kay Todd (HAJA). Holly Bittner returned from a leave of absence and is also entering into the Control stage. The Control stage is when Candidates write their Thesis and Cases. We now have 19 Candidates moving closer to graduation.

CONGRATULATIONS!

From Mary Coady-Leeper, Liaison to Review Committees Training Committee

A Huge “Thank You” to the 2024 Fall Conference Review Committees

At the 2024 Fall conference, 39 analysts conducted 46 interviews with IRSJA candidates. Each fall, this dedicated group of analysts provides support, guidance, and mentoring to candidates. In the last couple of years, there has been a concerted endeavor to use the language from the origins of IRSJA by describing each candidate's development of analyst capacities.

Review committee chairs and members conscientiously become acquainted with the candidates on their committees. These analysts are devoted to being mindfully present during the interviews and paying attention to the particulars of each candidate’s training journey. It is very satisfying to see how connected committee members are with their candidates and how determined analysts are

to see their candidates through graduation. The training committee tries to keep the same interview schedule and as many of the same analysts on the committee as possible for each candidate.

The Training Committee commends this group of analysts and is most grateful for their generous contributions to training through this volunteer work. Review Committee work requires two extra days at the conference to complete this critical function of IRSJA. We also applaud those who willingly sub for analysts for whom there is a conflict of interest with the candidate or for analysts who cannot attend. Analysts report being enlivened and rewarded by serving on a Review Committee. It offers a way to be engaged at the heart of training in IRSJA and get to know other analysts as well. Anyone interested in joining a Review Committee should contact Mary Coady-Leeper at mcoadyleeper@gmail.com. Newly received outside analysts may find this an excellent way to become active in the organization.

GREAT thanks to—

Gretchen Deters-Murray, Karen Stoddard, Anne Pickup, Sandra Miller, Kaitryn Wertz, Kathrin Hartmann, Lucie Magnus, Janice Quinn, Jacqueline Z. Levine, Pete Williams, Deborah Bryon, Jan Marlan, Jody Wainer, Bert Price, Janet Muff, Marilyn Marshall, Ronnie Landau, Mark Dean, Kathy Avsar, Brenda Bunting, Sheldon Culver, Karen Hodges, Corey Hooper, Jane Margaret Hunt, Joan Golden-Alexis, Jacqueline Wright, Pam Behnen, Bill Alexy, Laura Tuley, Doug Tyler, Chris Chao, Lisa Marchiano, Charles Zeltzer, Laura Chapman. And last but not least, those willing to flex and slide from one committee to another as subs: Deb Stewart, Jan Stannard, Jorge de la O, and Mark Winborn.

My heartfelt thanks!

Mary Coady-Leeper

A notice from Peggy Hanson, Director of Admissions

****Notice Regarding Application Procedures for Training****

The most accurate, up-to-date information on requirements for training applicants, including links to the current application forms, can always be found on the IRSJA.org website under the ***Become an Analyst*** link.

Application forms and/or procedural information may, out of necessity, be updated from year-to-year, though we try to keep these changes to a minimum. Such changes may not be in the most recent edition of our *Training Manual*. It is always safest to go to "Admissions Procedures" under the above link.

Thank you, analysts and candidates, for sharing this information with any potential applicants!

Peggy Hanson
Director of Admissions



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) CORNER

From Jane Hunt:

Dear IRSJA Analysts and Candidates—

Please join us for the **Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group** on Sunday, January 26, 2025, starting at 1 pm PT, 2 pm MT, 3 pm CT, 4 pm ET, for 2 hours.

The book is ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian***, by Sherman Alexie. Jeanne Lacourt will facilitate this group. CEs will be available.

NOTE: This book is, in part, a graphic novel, and the images don't translate well to a Kindle version, so we recommend reading a paper copy to get the full experience.

You are invited to attend the DEI-sponsored

Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group

For IRSJA Analysts and Candidates

Sunday, January 26, 2025, on Zoom

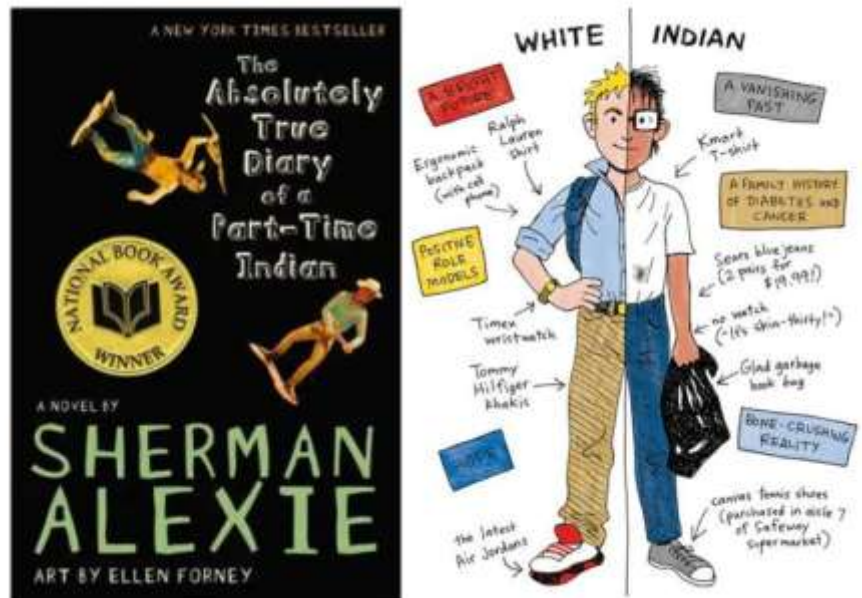
1-3 pm PT, 2-4 pm MT, 3-5 pm CT, 4-6 pm ET

Facilitated by
 Jeanne Lacourt,
 MS, LPC, NCC, PhD

Please read, ahead of the
 group meeting:

***The Absolutely True
 Diary of a Part-
 Time Indian,***
 by Sherman Alexie

2 CEs available



Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* depicts "Junior" as he navigates between two worlds: his life on the reservation and his experiences at a predominantly white high school.

In Junior's story, we witness archetypes emerge: the Hero, the Outsider, and others. Junior can be seen as a Hero in his quest to break free from the limitations imposed by his environment. His experiences also reflect the Outsider archetype, as he often feels alienated in both his home community and the new school. What other archetypes will we discover in his story? How do they resonate with us, who are not Native?

Junior's narrative sheds light on the collective experiences of Native Americans, particularly the struggles with poverty, discrimination, and cultural identity. The stories of his family and community resonate with historical trauma and resilience, suggesting a shared unconscious that shapes their collective identity. Through Junior's eyes, we gain insight into the broader Native American experience, reflecting the interconnectedness of individual and collective histories.

A note from Marla Herbig:

I finally found the time to join the DEI Committee's zoom discussion. I both learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I was introduced to a new author's work, and benefitted from the discourse.

The unexpected additional benefit was that I left the time together feeling more connected with several members of IRSJA.

Marla Herbig

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CORNER

At our Fall meeting in St. Louis, three new analyst members were welcomed into the Society: Pamela Buckle, Brooklyn, NY, New York Jung Institute; Amy Bentley Lamborn, Sewanee, TN, JPA of New York; and Steven Nouriani, San Jose, CA, C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco.

Welcome New Analyst Member of the IRSJA, from the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association, New York City: *Amy Bentley Lamborn*

Amy Bentley Lamborn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Union University and a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology, University of the South. She also earned a Ph.D. in Psychiatry and Religion at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City under the guidance of Ann Belford Ulanov, where she was awarded the Robert Wood Lynn Prize for Excellence in Teaching. She is



an analyst member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association in New York City, and is the author of numerous publications, including 'From Ghost to Ancestor: Transforming Jung's Racial Complex' in *Jungian Reflections on Systemic Racism*; 'The *Deus Absconditus* and the Post-Secular Quest' in *Jung in the Academy and Beyond*; 'The Fourth/Reduction: Carl Jung, Richard Kearney, and the *Via Tertia* of Otherness' (in *Psychology and the Other*), and a book, *Figuring the Self/Figuring the Sacred* (in press). An Episcopal priest and an analyst in private practice, she is also Visiting Professor at the School of Theology, University of the South and is a frequent lecturer on depth psychology and religion.

Welcome New Analyst Member of the IRSJA, from the C. G. Jung Institute of San Francisco: *D. Steven Nouriani, PhD, MFT*

I am pleased and excited to be a member of IRSJA and look forward to getting to know each of you. In addition to IRSJA, I am also a member of the C. G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, where I did my doctoral training and later my analytical training. I am in private practice in San Francisco and San Jose, CA, where I work with children, adolescents and adults, offering analysis and consultation in both English and Persian. I am very interested in imagination and the imaginal, and am passionate about bridging East with West on these topics, which have been reflected in my publications and presentations over



the past two decades. Currently, I am working on two books, one being *Analytical Psychology and Sufism*, and the other *Visions and Their Origins*.

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May you and yours be safe and healthy through the Winter Season until we meet in Boulder, Colorado this Spring!

