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UPCOMING IRSJA MEETINGS

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming IRJSA Meetings to connect with friends and colleague, courtesy VP Christina Becker:
SAVE THESE DATES!

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

This Fall, prepare for Omaha, Nebraska...



A sample of the glasswork you will see around Omaha. This piece is at the Joslyn Museum!

Courtesy Mary Coady-Leeper

Some Omaha highlights from Mary Coady-Leeper

IRSJA Fall Conference, October 29-November 1, 2025 Omaha, Nebraska

The IRSJA 2025 Fall Conference will take place in Omaha from October 29 to November 1. The hardwood forests in that part of the state should still be beautiful with fall colors at that time. If you come a few days early or stay a few days after, consider the following attractions. All of them are within a fifteen-minute drive from where we'll be staying in the Old Market area of Omaha. In the September newsletter, we will provide a list of the many excellent restaurants in Omaha.

You can open the link below to get a sense of the beauty of the renovation of **Joslyn Museum**, which took two years. Among the favorites are the glassworks of Dale Chihuly (see below) and the Philip G. Schrager Collection.

<https://joslyn.org>



Watch the first three minutes of this video to get a sense of the world-class **Henry Doorly Zoo** in Omaha.

<https://youtu.be/l6kU168vP0o>



If you want to walk among beauty, **Lauritzen Gardens** is a great choice.
<https://www.lauritzengardens.org/>



Fontenelle Forest is another awesome nature experience: watch the darkened square that becomes a video. It's gorgeous and meditative. Be sure to unmute.
<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=fontenelle+forest+nebraska&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8#lpg=cid:CgIgAQ%3D%3D,ik:CAoSLEFGMVFcE5OVXY3TDZHUUZaLU9yVG52M0x4NHRPYnJqTU5KNW1oM1RsOVpH>



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.

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Some highlights from the IRSJA Spring 2025 Conference in Boulder...

Photos courtesy Puddi Lareau



Randi Nathenson and Martha Blake demonstrating the new online interactive transcript.



Frances Hatfield during her presentation: *World on Fire: Trump, Zeus, and Pluto at the Cusp of a New Age*



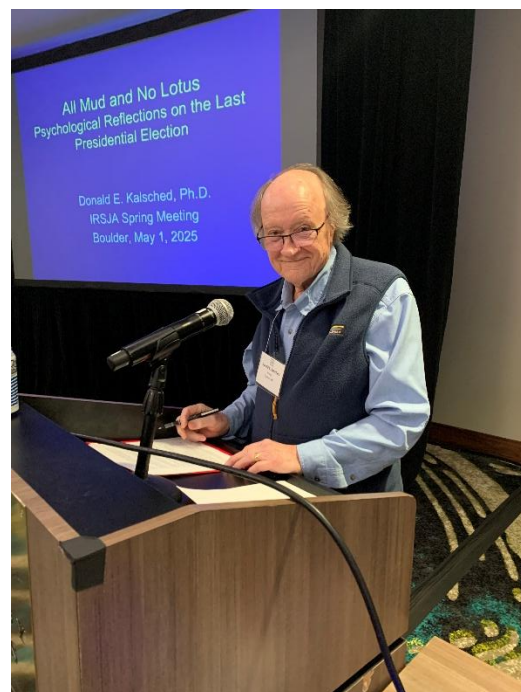
Kaitryn Wertz 's presentation:
Great Again: The Archetype of Rebirth in an American Cultural Complex



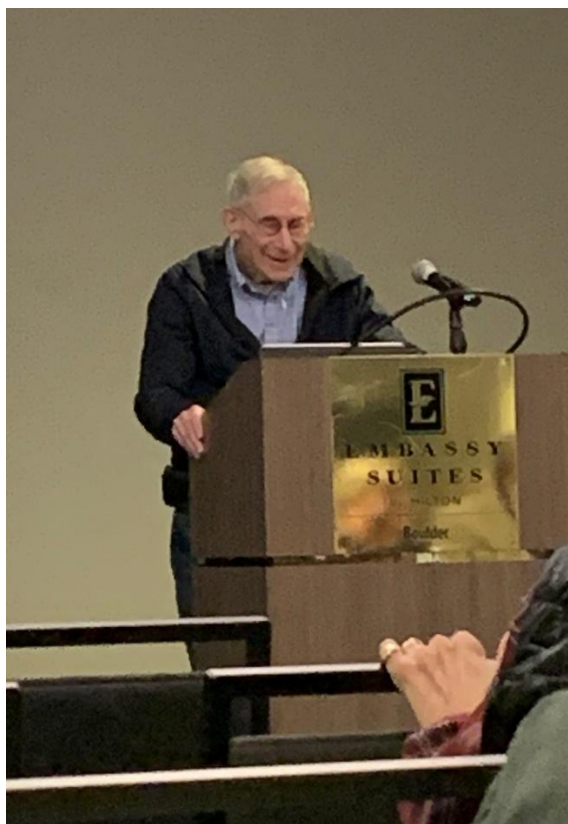
L -R, Sylvia Simpson, Martha Blake,
Bert Price during break



L-R. Hilary Morgan, Deb Stewart,
Jan Marlan - Christiana Morgan's
Tower presentation



Don Kalsched during his presentation:
All Mud and No Lotus



Stewart Gabriel's presentation: *Evolution, Neuropsychology and Jungian Theory: Contributions Toward the Study of Archetypes, Dreams and the Transcendent Function*



Steve Zimmelman during his presentation: *The Still Point and the Liminal Character of Transformation*

The Graduation Ceremony Saturday evening, May 03, 2025...

Photos courtesy Pat Cochran



L to R, Graduating Analysts Scott Stanley, Tony Caldwell, & Sarah Shelton





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BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

Announcing a new article by Bill Alexy:

Alexy, W.D., (2025) The Analyst's Counter-Resistance: Identifying an Obscure Dynamic in the Analytic Relationship. *International Journal of Jungian Studies*, 1-22.

Here is a link to the article:

<https://irsja.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/The-Analysts-Counter-Resistance-Bill-Alexy.pdf>

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Two new recently published articles from Deborah Bryon:

Fractal Seams and the Spaces In Between: Transpersonal Perspectives on the Liminal in Analytic Process in the next issue of Psychoanalytic Dialogues, 2025, - co-authored with Yakov Shapiro

and

Reflection, Representation, and Diffraction in the Analytic Process Based Upon Quantum Theory, Psychoanalytic Dialogues, 2025

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Submitted by Marybeth Carter:

Announcing a special issue of *Psychological Perspectives*, the journal of the C.G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles.

Marybeth was the Guest Editor and the issue is entitled, "Queer Jungian Voices." The entire issue contains articles, poetry, art, book and film reviews by LGBTQI+ individuals in the Jungian community. The front and back cover art of the issue is by Jeffrey Moulton Benevedes, PhD, Jungian Analyst who is a member of IRSJA and the San Francisco Jung Institute. In addition to serving as Guest Editor, Marybeth has three articles published in the issue.

Here is the link to the LA Jung Institute website to purchase:

<https://www.junginla.org/bookstore/volume-67-4-queer-jungian-voices>



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A Book Review by Jane Penrod

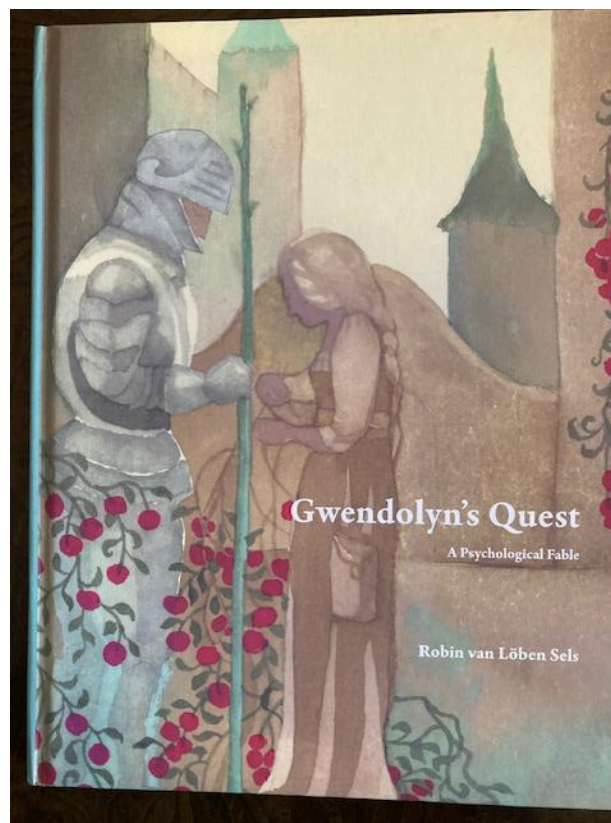
Book Review of ***Gwendolyn's Quest: A Psychological Fable***, by Robin van Loben Sels

When I first saw a copy of *Gwendolyn's Quest: A Psychological Fable*, I was immediately drawn to its beautiful, wispy cover.

Reading the Fable, I found myself accompanying Gwendolyn as she left the patriarchy and struck out to find her own feminine way in the world. As Gwendolyn navigates new lands and challenges, she encounters many twists and turns and yet she doesn't lose her motivation to find her Prince.

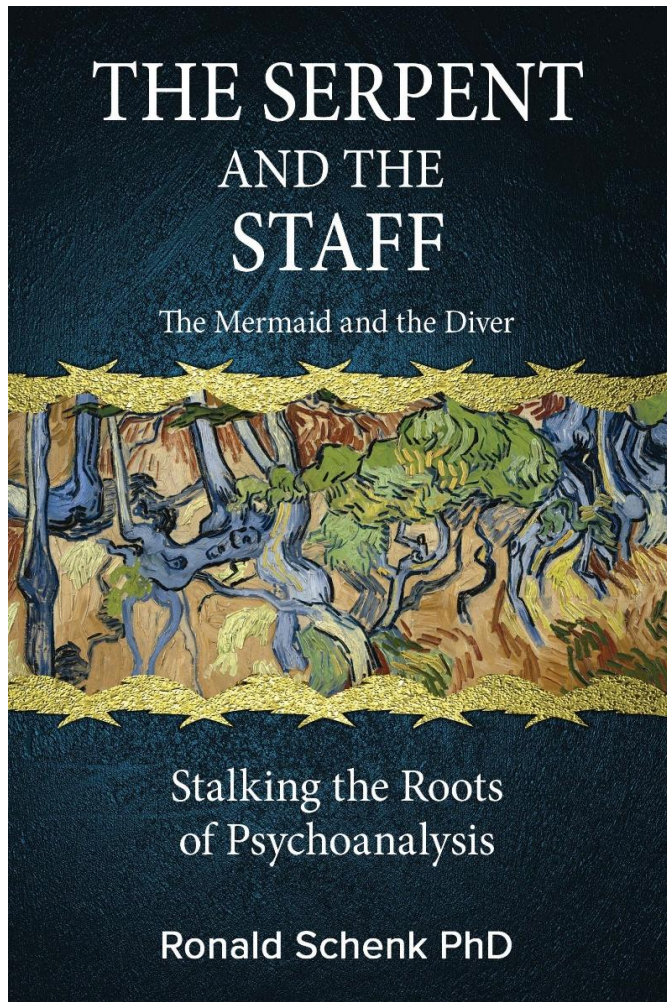
Robin clarifies the details of Gwendolyn's consciousness as the Commentary begins. Gwen's symbols and dreams emerge, dissolve, and connect in a deep way to the world she lives in, adding depth to her feminine journey. The lovely illustrations weave their way with Gwendolyn's journey, offering additional windows into psychic life. Throughout the fable, dreams, symbols, and words themselves are tethered together with grace and soft reminders of ourselves as we navigate our own lives in the world we know today.

Gwendolyn's Quest will be available early-mid July from lulu.com, amazon.com, or rvanlobensels.com.



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Announcing Ron Schenk's new book:



**The Serpent and the Staff/The
Mermaid and the Diver:
Stalking the Roots of Psychoanalysis**

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 *Notional 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*.

The latest from Steve Witty:

Steve Witty's new book, a word and image memoir, **"Just So: Writings, Photographs, Paintings"** is now available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [booktopia.com](https://www.booktopia.com), and most other internet sites.



Art by Steve Witty

PRESENTATIONS

The latest from MARK WINBORN:

- Mark Winborn's interview of IRSJA member August "Gus" Cwik was published in *Journal of Analytical Psychology*, 2025, 70(3), pp. 483–500.
- Mark Winborn's chapter "Engaging the Emotional Self: Affect, Metaphor, and Embodiment in Analysis" appears in L. Broderson, I. Meier, & V. Musso (Eds.). (2025) *Jungian and Interdisciplinary Interfaces Between Emotions: Individual and Collective Trauma*. (pp. 35-49), Routledge.
- Mark Winborn's chapter "The Intersubjective Perspective in Jung and Bion: Complementary Views of Unconscious Process, Structure, and Interaction" will be released on September 24, 2025 in Robin S. Brown and Mark Saban (Eds.) *The Relational Jung: Challenging the Inward Orientation of Analytical Psychology*. Routledge.
- On June 6, 2025 - Mark Winborn will be an invited discussant for Joseph Aguayo's paper – "Bion's Reading of C.G. Jung's *Memories, Dreams and Reflections* during the 13th International Bion Conference "Vertices on the Unthinkable: Engaging Bion Today" in NYC June 4-8, 2025.
- On June 14-15, 2025 - Mark Winborn will present a two-day webinar on "Defenses, Interpretation, and Amplification in Analytical Psychology" for the Romanian Society of Analytical Psychology.
- On July 22, July 29, and Aug 5, 2025 - Mark Winborn conduct a 3-part webinar titled, "Bion and Jung: Intersecting Vertices" for the journal *Psychoanalytic Inquiry* as part of their 'decentralized learning experiences' series. This series will be a free, open registration event – more information will be posted here soon <https://www.psychoanalyticinquiry.com/event-calendar/>
- On Friday Aug 29, 2025 during the IAAP Congress in Zurich, Mark Winborn will make a presentation "Core Competencies: What are they and how can they help with analytic training?" on behalf of the Core Competencies subcommittee of the IAAP training committee.
- On Sept 20, 2025 Mark Winborn will present a webinar "Interpretation in Jungian Analysis: Art and Technique" for the Ukrainian Psychotherapy League.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Brenda Bunting, Treasurer:



Hermes Kriophoros

THE HERMES FUND
IN SUPPORT OF
CANDIDATE TRAINING

REQUIRE - DESIRE - INSPIRE

News from the Hermes Fund

With gratitude to our donor for their vision, care and generosity, we are pleased to report the outcome of the first round of grant applications in the pilot year of the program.

Inspire Grant awarded to Ned Martin

We are excited to share that the inaugural grant of \$10,000 in this special category was awarded to Ned Martin for travel and research into his thesis topic. Congratulations Ned! IRSJA looks forward to the presentation your work at a future conference.

Desire Grants awarded

Two grants of \$500 each were awarded to two candidates in support of their training.

Next Application Opportunities:

Require Grants

Applications due to emergency financial hardship situations can be made at any time if your training year is at risk.

Desire and Inspire Grants

Applications for these grants are invited for June 1st for the 2025/26 training year.

Where to find updated information

The Hermes Fund information on the IRSJA website in Member Resources has been updated to be more clear about the intent of the grants from our learnings in the grant review process. Please check it out. We look forward to receiving your application in the next round.

Plus Grants for IAAP Meeting in Zurich

Also, we want to remind you of the additional and separate special opportunity for active candidates to receive a \$4,000 grant if you attend the IAAP conference this August. No application required, just some documentation to show that you were there.

Please feel free to address any questions about grants to irsja.finances@gmail.com

Brenda Bunting, Treasurer

On behalf of the Hermes Fund Grant Review Committee and the Finance Committees

ANNOUNCING
GRANTS 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 grants 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.

From Jeanne Lacourt:

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



The NEW IRSJA Author's list and the updated Readings and Resources list are now available on our website.

If you've published something and would like it to appear in the IRSJA Author's list, please send the citation to Jeanne Lacourt at jeanne.lacourt50@gmail.com.

Please write in the subject line of your email: IRSJA Author's List.

From Lisa Marchiano:

Lisa Marchiano will be running a control colloquium for candidates starting October, 2025. If you are interested in learning more, please contact her at timetodream14@gmail.com.

Thank you!



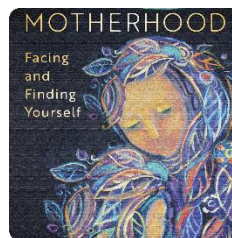
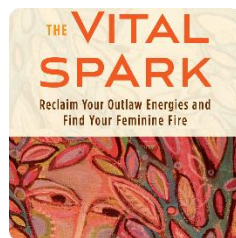
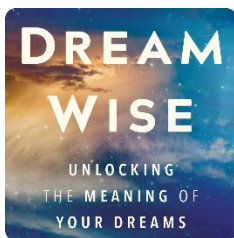
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

*ARE YOU READY TO REGISTER for the upcoming IAAP XXIII Congress in Zurich this August? Here is a link: www.iaap2025.org
You will recognize IRSJA analyst members among the presenters!*



Submitted by Mary Burke:

*Will you be in Zurich?
Then don't miss the
IRSJA Players in performance:*

"Opening the Vault of the Heart"

A Dramatic Reading from

THE RED BOOK

of C.G. Jung

August 25, 2025 — 8pm
XXIII Congress of Analytical Psychology



IN MEMORIAM

Simone Campbell Scott



Photo courtesy Jeanne Creekmore

From Kathrin Hartman, submitted on behalf of PAJA

It is with great sadness that we learned of analyst Simone Campbell Scott's recent death. Simone died on May 16, 2025, after severe and unexpected complications while recovering in the hospital from an accident at home in Baltimore, Maryland. She was born on November 23, 1946, in Asheville, North Carolina. She trained and became a member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association (JPA) in New York. She was an active member of the Philadelphia Association of Jungian Analysts (PAJA) where she taught, supervised and held case colloquial for training candidates. She joined IRSJA in 2004 and many of us may fondly remember her in her various roles on IRSJA committees.

Obituary for Simone, courtesy Jeanne Creekmore

Simone Campbell Scott died on May 16, 2025, after severe and unexpected complications while recovering in the hospital from an accident at home in Baltimore, Maryland. She was born on November 23, 1946, in Asheville, North Carolina and traveled with her family to Knoxville, Tennessee where she graduated from the University of Tennessee with bachelor's degree in art history. She earned a master's in art history from Vanderbilt University and then began her first teaching job at age 23 in Florence, Alabama, teaching art history at the University of North Alabama. In 1984 she moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she met Tom Scott, an artist, painter, and Graduate Dean of Painting at Maryland Institute College of Art. She began studying for her second master's degree in social work at the University of Maryland. They married in 1987 and were together for nearly 30 years before his death in 2012.

Simone traveled to New York from Baltimore to study at the C.G. Jung Institute of New York, ultimately completing her psychoanalytic training in 2002. Her thesis as a candidate focused on the work of Mark Rothko—in particular, his world-renowned chapel in

Houston, Texas which drew on her grounding as a teacher of art history as well as her psychoanalytic work. In addition to her private practice in Baltimore, she became a member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association (JPA) in New York, where she participated in creating the first “Art and Psyche” conference. She joined IRSJA in 2004 and was an active member of the Philadelphia Association of Jungian Analysts (PAJA) where she taught, supervised and held Case Colloquia for candidates-in-training.

In her later years she completed a master’s degree in poetry at the University of Baltimore and began to archive and catalog her husband’s artwork. She also spent her time with her book club confidantes and many close friends—seeing concerts, art exhibits, having lunch and seeing movies. She continued to see patients until her death.

She is survived by her daughter Daniele, son-in-law Spencer, and grandchildren Casey and Charlotte, her two sisters, Michele and Monique, their husbands and children.

Sitting with Simone: A Remembrance of my Supervisor, Simone Campbell Scott
--Jeanne Creekmore
(Simone’s words are in italics, below)

Simone lived in a grand three-story row house in Baltimore, just across from the Maryland College of Art and Design. She would answer the door, offer me tea, and invite me into her front room, a spacious area with wood floors, dark red woven rugs, and high white ceilings. The furniture included two very comfortable chairs that faced each other and a long sofa. To the right from where I sat was a sand tray and in the area behind it, filling the dormer window, were the miniatures. Behind her chair was a floor to ceiling bookcase that housed part of her extensive book collection. The other surfaces were covered with newspapers and magazines. After I was settled in my chair with my notebook on my lap, she’d bring out the tea and we’d begin. *Everything is up for conversation. You can talk about anything in here. It’s worthy of paying attention to the questions.*

As a candidate working with my control cases, I needed help in deepening the work of my clients, and Simone had a wealth of knowledge to share. She was a mother, a wife, a grandmother, an art historian, a social worker, and an analyst. While I was with her, she was also taking classes in poetry at the University of Baltimore. She was alive with the excitement of learning and every meeting was an opportunity for discovery. Under her tutelage, I was to learn the basics of conducting analysis, the nuts and bolts of what you do and say when you’re in the consulting room.

The reason people come to analysis is that the story they’re telling themselves about their lives isn’t working.

Interpret her process to her: the stories she tells, her dreams and metaphors. This is how psyche is trying to communicate. Editing—that’s what we’re doing in here, editing your life so that it makes it work for you. We’re working on the mythopoeic level.

As a mentee, I was picking up ways to approach my clients and their dreams. Simone had a very practical and simple way of speaking, making complex concepts clear to a beginner like me and my clients, most of who had never been in analysis before.

Every night the characters of our complexes appear on the stage in our dreams. We're trying to make conscious all these parts.

Our clients want us to say something that they can't think or say. They hired you to say what they didn't know. Find a way to say what you know and see. The client needs somebody outside their own world to say it back to them.

Simone was widely read. She paraphrased ideas from Jung and Hillman, and referenced Daniel Stern and Melanie Klein. She read the *New York Times* and delighted in sharing the latest scientific discovery. In response to the issues I described with my clients, she also referred to poets and novelists, artists and singers. For a patient going through a hard time, she had this image:

There is a line from Leonard Cohen's song: "There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in."

And if I—or my client—expected things to be neat and easy, she'd say:
You can't make an omelet without breaking an egg.

Being a candidate wasn't easy—and Simone knew this, too. Her gaze also rested on me. She noticed my tiredness, empathized with the exhaustion of travel, and suggested that sometimes one only needed to read parts of books to get what was needed. She knew the power of connection and had a regular conversation with other analysts.

That's the gift of training: colleagues.

Simone often referred to the job of analysis as giving our clients a larger lens from which to view the world. But this was also her gift to me: a larger lens from which to work, to see my patients and myself, in the human condition.

But that's how we get deeper: connection and depth—through understanding the metaphorical learning about her life that she's giving you. It's all about connection: between me and her and her and everyone else.

Two links to obits courtesy Mark Winborn and Puddi Lareau:

<https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/obituaries/simone-campbell-scott-psychoanalyst-obituary-WS2YQA4G6ZAL5NXM2ZYODOCRSQ/>

<https://www.cremationsocietyofmd.com/obituaries/jacqueline-campbell-scott>

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Submitted by Jody Wainer



It is with great sadness that we are announcing the recent death of Jung Education Center of Cleveland's founding influence, **Vocata George, PhD.**

Here are 2 remembrances about Vocata.

From Barbara Friedman, a founding Jung Cleveland board member

"Vocata was the first Jungian in Cleveland. Almost all, if not all, who became interested in C.G. Jung in Cleveland could be considered Vocata's legacy. Vocata was more in touch with the unconscious than anyone I have ever known. A bold, trail blazer. Her name Vocata was given to her by a renegade rabbi in a

shamanistic ritual in California in the 70s. Who else and where else? Her name means vocation and it is true. She held a lantern, guiding others into the depths. Many people are profoundly grateful to her for illuminating their journey. I am one of them."

From Rosemarie Paini, an early (and current) member of the Jung Cleveland Board

"Let yourself be drawn by the stronger pull of that which you truly love." -Rumi

"In 1989, C.G. Jung Educational Center was conceived and brought into form. It was a dream long carried by Vocata George, Ph.D. On April 28, 2025, Vocata George, Ph.D. passed peacefully of natural causes a few months before her 90th birthday.

She was born in West Virginia in a coal mining town. Her father was a coal miner. She was the older sister to her brother. She remembers her mother telling her fairy tales and shared her interest in wildflowers. She went by Sue George before being given the name Vocata in the mid 1970s. Her name comes from the Latin word that means "called," "invoked," "summoned."

Vocata earned her undergraduate degree in Art from Fairmount University. She found her calling in the areas of world religions, wisdom traditions, myths, symbols, fairy tales, and dreams, and their role in process of psychotherapy. She earned her Ph.D from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (now Sofia University) and an analyst's diploma from the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts.

Vocata was the founder and president of the C. G. Jung Educational Center of Cleveland, which she launched from her home in the suburbs of Cleveland. Her

vision, strong relationships, and respect for the power of Jungian thought evolved into what we call today Jung Cleveland. Vocata worked for decades in private practice, where she was profoundly gifted at helping others through a process of inner discovery of the meaning of dreams, visionary experiences, and depth psychology work."

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

From Christina Becker

Islands of Sanity and the Essence of Community

In preparation for crossing the border at the Pearson International Airport in Toronto, I was anxious. I didn't know what to expect. The news was saturated with stories of people trying to get into the United States from all over the world who were detained and questioned sometimes for weeks. My friends and family sent me news items that reinforced my fear and anxiety; they strongly recommended that I don't come to the Spring Meeting. It was a scary time.

In my imagination however, I pictured running a gauntlet from the Denver Airport to the boulder hotel, running behind enemy lines so to speak, to the community that I so dearly love.

My island of sanity.

It is during our closing reflection circle that we have faithfully entered into at the end of each meeting where I experience the magic and connection of our community, where the circle is the place where we practice love, respect and holding each other. This meeting, our island was further shored by the exceptional papers that offer critical and analytic perspectives of the times that we are living.

I learned about Margaret Wheatley's concept of "Islands of Sanity" several years ago and was struck by the possibility that communities could be created where groups of people strive to maintain humanity, compassion, and clarity amidst societal chaos and fragmentation. I have been part of so many dysfunctional groups especially other Jungian and other psychotherapy groups which fragment into personality, and polarizing perspectives.

In her book **Who Do We Choose to Be?**, Wheatley describes islands of sanity as intentional spaces—both internal and communal—where individuals uphold values like generosity, creativity, and kindness, even when the broader world feels volatile and disordered.

These islands are not about isolating oneself from the world's challenges but about creating environments where people can work together meaningfully, grounded in shared values and mutual respect. She asserts that leadership in such spaces requires an "unshakable faith in people's innate generosity, creativity, and kindness." These islands act as sanctuaries where the human spirit can thrive despite external turmoil.



From Puddi Lareau:



L-R, Jane Penrod, Laura Chapman, Martha Blake, Puddi Lareau. At CNASJA meeting, Denver. Jane representing Santa Fe Institute, Laura representing Philadelphia, Martha and Puddi for IRSJA.

Submitted by Jacqueline Zeller Levine:

From Max Zeller's *The Dream: The Vision of the Night*

The Monster and the Master

When the wind blows it shakes everything that is insecure, whether without or within. ... Thus the life of nations rolls on unchecked, without guidance, unconscious of where it is going, like a rock crashing down the side of a hill, until it is stopped by an obstacle stronger than itself.

—C. G. Jung, *Wotan*

It was 1937, Hitler's Germany. One aggressive act followed another, and the Nazi-monster had grown to gigantic size, a Behemoth against who the single individual was helpless.

The Analytical Psychology Club of Berlin had planned a seminar with Dr. Jung for September of that year, in the auditorium of the TH [*Technische Hochschule* or Technical University] of Berlin, the Caltech or MIT of Germany. It seemed a gift from heaven to hear and meet Jung again now, when everything was devoured by collectivity. It was a time when the demonic powers not only stirred in the unconscious, but had come to life, turned inside out, and walked the streets; a time when the individual and the individual way counted for nothing.

As fate would have it, another event took place in Berlin on the day when the seminar was scheduled to begin: the meeting of Hitler and Mussolini. A fantastic victory lane leading through the heart of the city had been feverishly produced, and adorned with the emblems of fascism. It was an avenue of more than a dozen miles, as only a Caesar, or perhaps a renaissance prince, could have conceived it. Thousands of workmen were employed to erect pompous statues, covered with banners. Their bases, however, revealed their essence, not marble but mere plaster of paris.

Hitler had set aside the evening of Jung's seminar for the victory parade that would also pass the very windows of the lecture hall where Jung talked. The city was unrecognizable that day. There were hundreds, thousands, and hundreds of thousands of people on their feet, intoxicated and frantic. Hitler had ordered the workers of every plant, the employees of every enterprise, the members of all political and private organizations to line the so-called victory lane. To be sure that no diversion was possible, he had closed all movies and theaters.

Miraculously, we were informed early that day that the only meeting to take place as scheduled was Jung's lecture. Since plans for it had been made long before, and since he was a scientist from a foreign country, it would have been unpolitic to cancel it. We were all there hours ahead of the starting time, for traffic had stopped and crowds had blocked the streets completely. The seminar began punctually and Jung's personality soon drew us away from the nightmarish outer scene into the reality of the inner realm, as he spoke on the manifestations of the self.

Then, as the evening went on, the monster outside began to stir. The howling of the masses and the Wotan-Nazi songs drowned out Jung. It was like a tidal wave that rolled on and on, enveloping everything in it, and burying everything beneath it. There it was: the enemy, the chaos, the collective power of the psyche in the raw, unleashed, with no attempt to channel it. Now it had even invaded this inner realm of ours, to which we clung so desperately.

The question arose within us: how will he react, this wise old man? He must say something. Surely he cannot just leave it untouched.

His voice was drowned out for many minutes, for a quarter of an hour, for an eternity. There he stood, waiting patiently, until gradually the monstrous tumult and frenzy subsided, the tidal wave ebbed. Then he said quietly, simply, "I am afraid we had to let world history pass by." With that, the vessel was restored.

Surely, the Nazi chapter of our history cost more than we can possibly imagine. Yet this remark of Jung's put the gruesome and gigantic happening of our time in its place. It enabled me, along with everyone present, to regain my own perspective to our century's tragedy; a perspective that permitted me to retain my sanity in the collective madness. Jung gave me back the ground that the Monster had sucked from

under me, and for that I was deeply grateful. Max Zeller, The Dream: The Vision of the Night

From my Father.

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“Today humanity, as never before, is split into two apparently irreconcilable halves. The psychological rule says that when an inner situation is not made conscious, it happens outside, as fate. That is to say, when the individual remains undivided and does not become conscious of his inner opposite, the world must perforce act out the conflict and be torn into opposing halves.”

C. G. Jung. CW 9ii, Para 126, 1959

“The fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy.”

Elon Musk, 2025

EC & OTHER COMMITTEES' CORNERS

From President Puddi Lareau



Meadows in The Valley

Artist: Ethel Magafan

Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hello from Colorado at the beginning of the summer of 2025. I'm pretty sure this Newsletter is going to show you the vitality of IRSJA in so many ways. Hence no standing ovation for each of you from me. Personally, for me the gathering in Boulder in April was so grounding. A re-membling on several levels, of the through-line of sanity that dedicated colleagues and analytical psychology can provide. Not to forget the laughter and occasional antics.

What seems most discordant to me these days is the blossoming of Jungian related resources – from around the world - seminars, books, workshops, conferences we can all participate in online and in person, where the organizers, authors, and presenters are international – versus our current administration in the US, and apparently a majority of our citizenry, who are vehemently decrying engagement and involvement with “others”.

When we began together this EC adopted this as our symbol.



The image has taken on different meanings throughout our time and work together. At one point one of our members quipped, “I just hope we don’t get thrown out of the boat!” Still makes me laugh remembering that spark of a moment, as it surely remains relevant as we paddle towards our final meeting as an EC. Come to Omaha and help us celebrate and pout about handing the boat over to “others”.

Warmly,

Puddi Lareau
Colorado Springs, Colorado USA
June 4, 2025

TRAINING COMMITTEE CORNER

From Martha Blake, Director of Training

UPDATE ON THE IRSJA TRANSCRIPT +

The Training Committee, in collaboration with vendor KNVEY and 17 volunteer analysts and candidates, tested the transcript and identified opportunities for improvement. The new IRSJA transcript allows a Candidate to reenter the transcript and modify their input before it is signed by the Local Training Seminar and/or the Director of Training. After the new transcript rolls out, KNVEY will program a relational database that will provide users with secure storage for transcripts and supporting documents on a need-to-know basis.

ALLISON LECTURES

At the request of the Candidate Representatives, the Training Committee endorsed attending an Allison Lecture by a newly graduated analyst may be declared as one didactic session on the IRSJA Transcript.

SEEKING CASE COLLOQUIA AND CASE CONSULTATION ANALYSTS

As of 2025.05.11 we have 51 Candidates. The Training Committee seeks analysts to volunteer to conduct a colloquium or offer consultation. Please contact the Director of Training, Martha Blake at blakemartha@comcast.net.

Another New Update from Martha:

TRANSCRIPT DOCUMENT FILE LABELS

Two years ago, IRSJA adopted the York Convention, a convention for labeling files **before** we email them to each other.

As we implemented the IRSJA Transcript +, our Vendor, KNVEY, observed that a database program could not read the spaces in the York Convention accurately.

Therefore, before you send the LTS Coordinator or the Director of Training a document, PLEASE label it according to this CONVENTION:

The Candidate last name and initial in sentence case, name the document in CAPS. NO SPACES. Use hyphens instead of a space.

Otherwise, when a database program perceives a space, it inserts symbols such as &*\$@&# instead of a space.

PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT TO LABEL FILES TO SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING FOR FILING:

2025.06.06-Candidate,Z-COLLOQUIUM-HALL,J

2025.09.06-Springsteen,B-ANALYSIS-HOLLIS,J

Many thanks for helping IRSJA transform to the digital world to protect our Candidate records.

Many thanks,
Martha

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From Randi Nathenson, Propaedeuticum Exam Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS to our seven candidates who passed the Propaedeuticum Exams and have transitioned into the Control/Diploma stage of training: Camille Adair, Angela York Crane, Scott Hartman, Ashley Ginzburg, Sally Hildreth, Carly Salome, and Clay Turner.

In addition, I would like to thank the Propaedeuticum Examiners and Substitutes for their dedication, hard work, flexibility, depth, and attentiveness to the examination process. The examiners and subs are Laura Tuley, Ronnie Landau, Doug Tyler,

Corey Hooper, Laura Chapman, Judith Moscu, Jim Michal, Pete Williams, Chris Chao, Renee Cunningham, Bill Alexy, Larry Rayburn, Lucie Magnus, Virginia Apperson, Kaitryn Wertz, Marla Herbig, Pam Behnen, Shannon Yockey, Jane Penrod, Frances Hatfield, Eve Maram, Susan Roberts, Jody Wainer, Jane Margaret Hunt, Hilda Guttormsen, and Stan Marlan.

From Mary Coady-Leeper, Review Committee Coordinator

REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who serves on a Review Committee! We try really hard to maintain stability on the committees that exist to “mentor, support, and advise” the candidates through their training. Although it is not always possible, committee analysts attend the Fall Conference to be present at these interviews, where they provide candidates an opportunity to discuss their progress, frustrations, and needs. Enriching interactions with candidates develop as analysts see them deepen their capacity for self-reflection, self-revelation, symbolic thinking, and their commitment to their analytic process throughout their years of training.

Serving on a Review Committee is at the heart of engagement with training candidates and is also a way to become more involved with the organization. If you are interested in supporting IRSJA in this way, please get in touch with Mary Coady-Leeper at mcoadyleeper@gmail.com.

From Peggy Hanson, Director of Admissions

We had a very successful Admissions Week at our recent conference in Boulder: seven of eight applicants were welcomed into training. They are a mature, colorful, talented, authentic and diverse group of individuals. They will add much to IRSJA. Please join me in welcoming them to our society! 🥰

From the Memphis Seminar:

Karen Ake
Chris SaSambiago-Moore
Sara Nafzinger-Shelly
Megan Swan

From the Texas Seminar:

Rachel Barkley
Lionel Chudzik
Andy Lane

And a big thank you to all who participated in the Admissions process this year! .

Kathy Avsar
Mike Box
Mary Burke
Jorge de l' O
Mark Dean
Gretchen Deters-Murray
Lourdes Hernandez
Jane Margaret Hunt
Cass Lyons, substitute
Jody Wainer, substitute

You are a wise, caring, hardworking bunch. I have learned so much from each of you, and the collective wisdom of the group. It has been a privilege to get exhausted with you!

Warmly,
Peggy Hanson
Director of Admissions
Now from (some) of the new candidates themselves:



Hello, I am Karen Ake and live in Roswell, Georgia.

I am part of the Memphis-Atlanta Seminar and am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice in Atlanta.

I work with adult individuals suffering with grief and overwhelm emanating from current and early childhood experiences.

My relationships with my husband and three adult children continue to be a vital source of deep connection to reality. What few people know about me is that I purchased my first motorcycle in the fall of 2024 and that I have a dream of learning how to play the cello.



I am Lionel Chudzik and live in Austin, TX. I have been part of the Texas seminar since 2023 and currently practice as a licensed psychologist in private practice. Although I am French, I grew up in three different countries— Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Angola —before settling in Paris to study psychology and earn my PhD. I dedicated the first part of my career to practicing psychodynamic therapy in forensic settings (jails, mandatory treatment) and to teaching as an associate professor at Université de Tours. I have lived and practiced in Austin since 2017.

I'm Andy Lane and I live in Austin, TX. I am a part of the Texas Seminar and am currently in private practice as a Licensed Professional Counselor with a passion for helping folks with their creativity. My clients are often musicians, writers and comedians. Prior to being a therapist I was a full-time touring and recording musician. I have many fun and not-so-fun stories of being on the road (ask me!). One bit of trivia on me is that my great grandfather invented silly putty.



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I am Megan Swan and live in Seattle, WA. I am a part of the Memphis-Atlanta seminar and currently in private practice, full-time. My areas of interest are life transitions that may ignite existential crises. Such transitions include chronic illness, chronic pain, and trauma and loss. I am an avid yogi, senior dog rescuer, and have an undying fascination with the Titanic wreckage and dahlias. One of my pursuits as I enter into training, is to discover and cultivate my true writing voice.



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Nominations Committee Update

From Eve Maram, Nominations Chair:

During our Spring IRSJA Business Meeting in Boulder, the Nominations Committee Chair announced the upcoming Fall 2025 election for the positions listed below and invited nominations from the floor.

Current offices and nominees for the upcoming IRSJA election in the Fall 2025 are as follows:

Executive Committee

- President: Martha Blake
- Vice President: Mary Coady-Leeper
- Secretary: Lou Switzer
- Treasurer: Kathy Avsar
- Director of Training: Randi Nathenson
- Director of Admissions: Jody Wainer

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Chair: Kaitryn Wertz

Members (elect 4): Kathrin Hartman

Eve Maram

Tim Sanderson

Charles Zeltzer

Ethics Appeals Committee

Members (elect total 7 positions, who will then elect their own Chair):

Christina Becker

Jeffrey Benevedes

Peggy Hanson

Marilyn Matthews

Everett McLaren

Bert Price

Sylvia Simpson

Larry Rayburn

Jacqueline Zeller Levine

Between June 10-July 15, 2025, the floor is open for further nominations for these offices.

This is also the time frame in which to request an absentee ballot.

If you would like to make a nomination or request an absentee ballot, please send your nomination or request to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Eve Maram, by emailing dreve@orangepsych.com by July 15.

Are you interested in participating further in our Inter-Regional Society? You are encouraged to find out more about open positions as they become available, now and in the future! Contact the current Committee Chair for further information.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) CORNER

From Jane Margaret Hunt:

You are invited to attend the following DEI-sponsored events

Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group

For IRSJA Analysts and Candidates

Saturday, June 28, 2025, on Zoom

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

Facilitated by

Jorge de la O, MA, LMFT, &

Estela Bobadilla, MA, LMFT

Please watch, ahead of time:

The movie ***Roma***,

directed by Alphonso Cuarón

2 CEs available



Roma is a personal retelling of Alphonso Cuarón's childhood. Set in Mexico City in the early 1970s, it centers on a young indigenous woman who works as a maid for a middle-class white family that's falling apart.

“Roma” is a neighborhood in Mexico City where families live behind locked gates, and where maids, cooks, and drivers busily keep homes running. Cleo lives with and works for a multigenerational brood that scarcely seems capable of doing anything without her. From each dawn until long after dusk, she tends to the family and its sprawling two-story house. She serves meals, cleans away dog droppings, and carries laundry up to the roof, where she does the wash in view of other maids on other roofs with their own heavy loads.

Cleo represents an aspect of the Anima for the Mexican psyche, the dismembered feminine that is part of the mythology of Mexico, as seen in the myth of *Coyolxauhqui*.

In Cleo we see a character that is full of feeling but is never able to speak about her pain. Putting others’ feelings and needs ahead of her own suffering. Nevertheless, for Cleo, her feelings are an asset, a source of power. “*Calladita te ves mas bonita*”.

Cleo’s story reaffirms the collective trauma experienced by the original people of Mexico and those currently living in the United States.

Otherness: A Multicultural Book/Film Group

For IRSJA Analysts and Candidates

Sunday, November 16, 2025, on Zoom

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

Facilitated by

Joan Golden Alexis, PhD

Ronnie Landau, MA

Jacqueline Zeller Levine, MS, PhD

Judith Moscu, PhD

Randi Nathenson, MSSA, LISW-S

Laura Soble, MA, REAT, CST-T

Jody Wainer, LISW-S

Steve Zimmelman, MSW, PhD

Please watch, ahead of time:

The movie ***Gentleman’s Agreement***,
directed by Elia Kazan

2 CEs available

Gentleman’s Agreement is an easy-to-watch, entertaining film: journalist Phil Green (Gregory Peck) takes on a high-profile magazine assignment about antisemitism. To view things from an empathetic perspective, he pretends to be Jewish.



The film was released in 1947, just after the end of the Holocaust. It courageously takes up the Jewish question, exploring the widespread, often subtle antisemitism expressed in “a gentleman’s agreement,” an unspoken understanding of quotas that limited Jewish people in areas of housing, employment, social circles, and education.

The film boldly discusses the ways people found it necessary to conceal their Jewish identity to navigate these stigmas and social barriers, often changing their last names to sound less Jewish and “pass.” In this context, the film touches on Jewish self-hate, which emerges from societies’ hierarchical devaluations. It also openly explores, in painful detail, the ways antisemitism manifests in everyday life among people who might not consider themselves overtly prejudiced, enlarging our social understanding of these exclusionary processes.

In recent times, antisemitism has been wildly and proudly displayed as a courageous stand against colonialism, with being “Jewish” conflated with negative ideas about Zionism and Imperialism. Watching this film in 2025 offers us the possibility to further identify emergent forms of the Outsider archetype, showing how it has morphed to mirror the most despised characteristics in the present era.

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*May you and yours be safe and healthy until we meet in Omaha,
Nebraska in the Fall!*