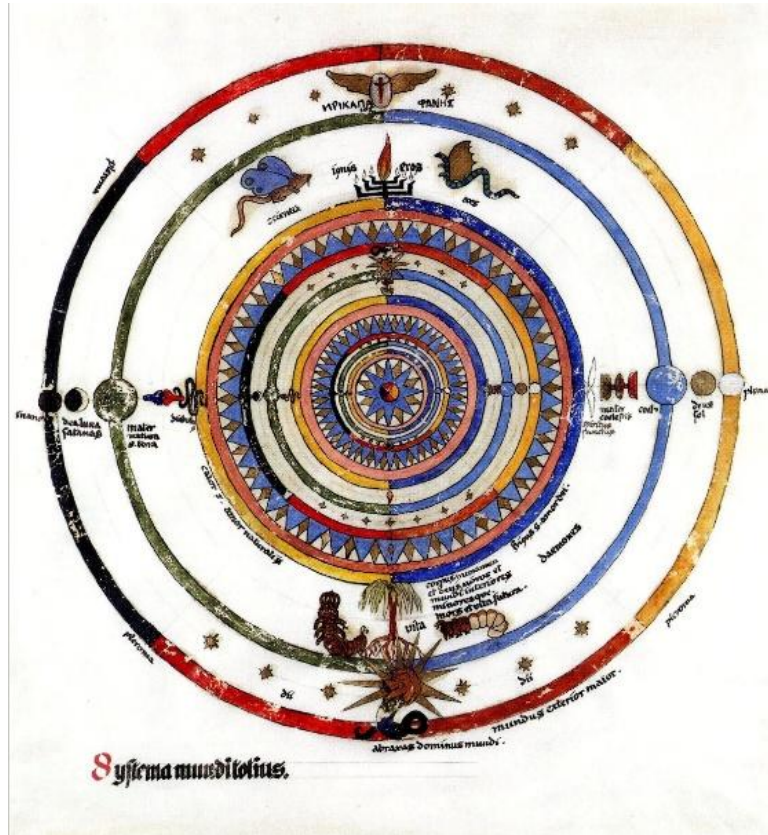


IRSJA NEWSLETTER

June 2026

*Inter-Regional Society of
Jungian Analysts*



Jung's first mandala; Systema munditotius. © 2009

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From Mary Coady-Leeper:

**IRSJA Fall Meeting and Invitational Conference
October 18-24, 2026**

Matriarchy, Patriarchy, Oligarchy, Archetypey: The Dynamisms That Move Us

October 18-21: IRSJA Pre-Conference Meetings
October 21-23: IRSJA Business Meetings/Conference
October 23-24: IRSJA Invitational Conference



*Artist Linda Snyder of Johnstown, Colorado, created the colorful collage of symbols using acrylics specifically for this 2026 IRSJA invitational conference.

The Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts (IRSJA) again offers its fall invitational on October 23-24, 2026. This tradition continues every other fall. This year's theme considers the cacophony of voices in the culture—many muted, ignored, diminished, or misunderstood. Some voices lack an audience or are silenced by the limits imposed by psychological and cultural

development, affecting our ability to speak, listen, and understand. Other voices are loud and intrusive. Invariably, there is a power dynamic at work. The topic invites us to investigate these dynamisms and to be curious about what is being expressed or needs to be expressed in the individual and collective psyche.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please see the latest IRSJA call for papers, sent via email on June 6, 2026.

Upcoming IRSJA Meetings

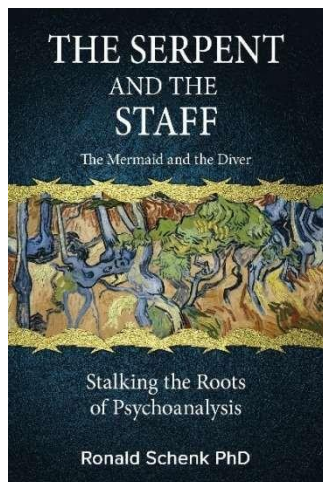
2027 Spring Conference in Boulder, CO, April 9, 2027 - April 18, 2027, Embassy Suites (room rates \$224); Hilton Garden Inn (room rates \$214)

2027 Fall Conference in Omaha, NE, October 17, 2027 - October 23, 2027, Embassy Suites (room rates \$179)

2028 Spring Conference in Boulder, CO, April 22 - April 30, 2028, Embassy Suites (room rates \$229); Hilton Garden Inn (room rates \$219)

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

From Ronald Schenk



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

- Ronald Schenk PhD
Chiron Publications, Asheville, N.C.

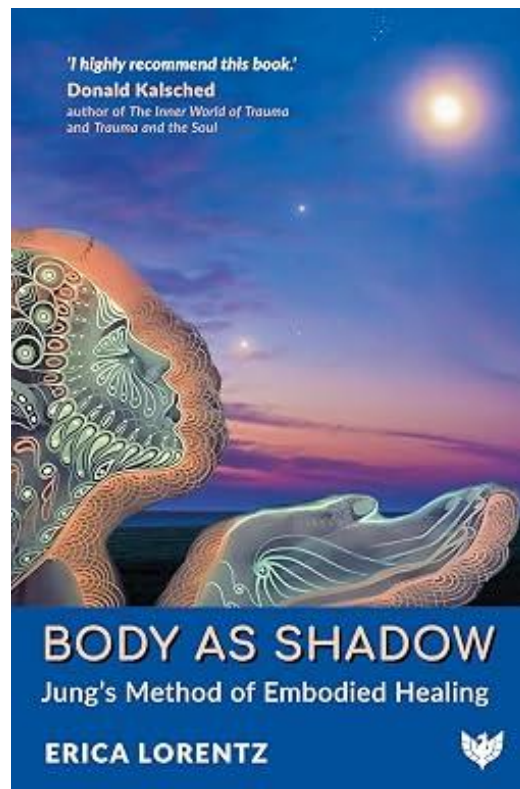
“Nietzsche asked, ‘Who will teach the teachers?’ I would answer, ‘Ron Schenk is the teacher of teachers and analyst of analysts.’”

- **James Hollis, *Tending the Fire: Creativity, Purpose, and the Unfolding Self***
 “Ron is not afraid of stirring up the mess of psychoanalysis...and he is certainly not afraid of, as Wilfred Bion described doing psychanalysis, “making the best of a bad job.”
- **Pamela Power, *Transitions in Jungian Analysis: Essays on Illness, Death and Violence***
 “...Ron has an exceptionally imaginative style of thinking and writing.”
- **Thomas Singer, *A Field Guide to American Cultural Complexes***
 “Like a welcoming fellow actor...Ron lets us into the theater of an analyst’s mind, and his riffs reflect Jungian practice at its most attuned.”
- **John Beebe, *Psychiatric Treatment: Crisis Clinic and Consultation***
 “The whole book looks excellent...riff on Vivaldi is terrific...the shift from Bach to the film “Undine” is another beautiful analysis and comparison to therapy.”
- **Thomas Moore, *Soul Therapy and Care of the Soul***
 “Ron Schenk is an adventurous, progressive Jungian thinker, one whose textured writing explores provocative depths and new angles such as a surprising and cogent a summary and survey of borderline phenomenology as one could find in any textbook.”
- **David Sedgwick, *The Wounded Healer***
 “Every candidate should read this book!”
- **Barry Miller, “At the intersection of ideation politics and individuation”**

Announcing a new article by Monika Wikman:

- Monika Wikman, 2026. Lumena Natura, The Light in Nature: The Life and Work of Canadian Painter and Author, Emily Carr. [ARAS Connections: Image and Archetype - 2026 Issue 1](#)

A new release by Erica Lorentz:



Body as Shadow: Jung's Method of Embodied Healing

In a world bursting with theories and techniques about the body and how to incorporate it into therapy and trauma work, very little is written about Jung's knowledge of the embodied process. *Body as Shadow: Jung's Method of Embodied Healing* articulates this Jungian perspective in depth, underpinning Jung's approach to the body in his theory and practice with neuroscientific research and later Jungian writers who amplify Jung's perspective with their own theory and clinical knowledge.

Embodied active imagination was Jung's preferred method of encountering the psyche and traveling along the path of individuation. To illustrate Jung's theory of active imagination as a powerful tool for transformation, Erica Lorentz presents case material that facilitates the readers' experience and understanding of the *Mundus Imaginalis* (the imaginal realm), where soul, body, emotion, energy, imagination, somatic unconscious, and subtle body guide both client and analyst into a dialogue with the personal and archetypal unconscious in the healing work. These vignettes also offer a lens through which readers can perceive the interactive field of the therapeutic relationship. What does this process look like? How do we learn to embrace and work with it? Weaving theory and clinical process, Lorentz expands conceptual understanding, making it embodied and real. *Body as Shadow* is essential reading for Jungian practitioners, scholars, students, and all therapists interested in deepening their clinical practice.

Click link to purchase: [Body as Shadow](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRED ANDEAN PILGRIMAGE Ausangate & Pomacanchi Experiential Immersion into Indigenous Medicine June 29 – July 8, 2026



“You understand this practice first by feeling it.” — Adolfo Tupaq Ttito Kuntur

Join us for a ten-day sacred pilgrimage in the Andes of Perú, to the holy mountain of Apu Ausangate, with Altomesayoq Adolfo (Tupaq Ttito Kuntur) and the Andean medicine paqos of Ayllu K’anchaq Qoyllur. This journey offers a direct immersion into the living traditions of Andean cosmology—rooted not in concept, but in relationship—with the *Apus*, *Pachamama*, and the living cosmos, *Wira Cocha*.

Andean paqos hold the understanding that time on our planet is accelerating, and that we are living through a *Pacha Cuti*, a period of profound transformation. Within this context, the next generation is called to bridge the ancient and the modern worlds—receiving and carrying forward the wisdom of the Incan ancestral teachings.

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With a smile, from Carolyn Bates:

To the 237 people at the Boulder meeting who told me I needed to see *Project Hail Mary*,
thank you. You were all right.

Carolyn Bates

From Marybeth Carter:

Jung at Heart: Jungian Psychology: A Consciousness-Raising Practice

Presented by [Marybeth Carter, PhD](#)

Saturday, June 20th, 2026

10:00 am to 1:00 pm Pacific Time

Zoom Only

[Click HERE for tickets and description](#)



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.

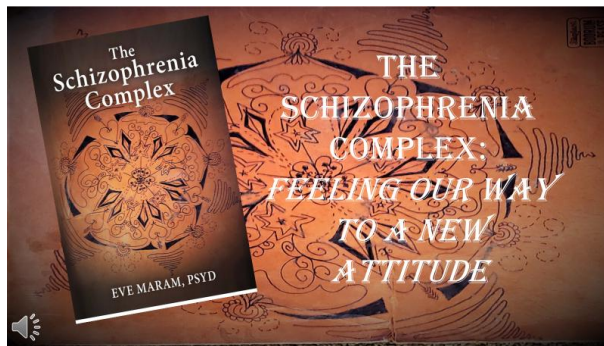
Please write in the subject line of your email: IRSJA Author's List.



From Eve Maram:

From Eve Maram, courtesy Christophe Le Mouël, Executive Director of the C.G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles:

Check out the YouTube channel of the C.G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles (**YouTube/@junginla**), that recently featured my lecture, alongside the Remembering Jung series and some episodes of the podcast they created with Tom Elsner (2 hosted by Tom!).



Here's a link to the YouTube video of my talk at the C.G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles in November 2025:

<https://youtu.be/uuSrF-Bw7xU?si=nP4iQmyeGD1kWDsP>

From Tim Pilgrim:

**Troubles in the Field:
Epistolary Revelations of Murky Analyst-AI Infatuations**

On Tue, May 19, 2026 at 10:48 AM Mary Burke <mbburke51@gmail.com> wrote

Subject: Re: 🧠

Carolyn shared the following with our group. Horrors!

Mary

16 May 2026

Insurance Company Reimbursement of AIs

Prompt to CHAT-GBT:

There is a rumor that insurance companies are thinking about paying AI for the providing of mental health services. is there any truth to this?

CHAT-GBT response:

There is some truth to the rumor, but it is more nuanced than "insurance companies are replacing therapists with AI."

What is actually happening is a convergence of several trends:

1. insurers are exploring reimbursement for AI-assisted mental health tools,
2. venture-backed companies are building AI mental health platforms,
3. regulators are trying to decide what counts as “therapy,” and
4. there is intense economic pressure because of therapist shortages and rising mental health demand.

At the moment, in the United States, major insurers are generally **not reimbursing standalone AI psychotherapy in the same way they reimburse licensed clinicians**. However, insurers are increasingly paying for:

- digital mental health platforms,
- AI-supported behavioral health screening,
- CBT/chatbot adjuncts,
- asynchronous coaching,
- telehealth triage systems,
- and clinician-supervised AI tools.

There are also important legal limits emerging. Some states are beginning to restrict or regulate AI presenting itself as a therapist. Illinois, for example, reportedly passed legislation prohibiting AI from independently delivering psychotherapy. California and Texas have moved toward disclosure and human-oversight requirements.

What is rapidly growing is the use of AI as:

- a companion between sessions,
- a psychoeducational tool,
- a journaling/reflection interface,
- a symptom monitor,
- or a front-end intake/screening system.

Some online therapy companies now combine human therapists with AI support layers, and insurers may reimburse the overall service model rather than the AI itself.

There is also a major distinction between:

- **AI replacing a clinician**, versus
- **AI augmenting a clinician**.

Most mainstream professional organizations currently support only the second model. The American Psychological Association and many psychiatrists are warning that current systems lack the relational judgment, transference awareness, crisis assessment, ethical containment, and contextual understanding necessary for psychotherapy.

Economically, though, the pressure is real:

- insurers want scalable low-cost interventions,
- there are severe provider shortages,
- and millions of people cannot access affordable therapy.

That combination makes AI mental health services attractive to payors, especially for:

- mild anxiety/depression,
- behavioral coaching,
- medication follow-up,

- and triage. One Utah startup is even piloting AI-assisted psychiatric medication renewal under physician oversight.

The deeper controversy concerns whether psychotherapy is fundamentally:

- a transferable technique,
or
- a human relational encounter.

From analytic and Jungian perspectives especially, much of the concern centers on the loss of:

- symbolic reciprocity,
- embodied affect regulation,
- mutual unconscious process,
- ethical subjectivity,
- and the transformative dimension of analytic relationship.

So the short answer is:

- **Yes**, insurers and health systems are actively exploring and sometimes funding AI-mediated mental health interventions.
- **No**, there is not yet widespread insurance reimbursement for fully autonomous AI psychotherapy replacing licensed clinicians.
- But the field is moving quickly enough that many clinicians, ethicists, and policymakers are treating this as an imminent structural change rather than science fiction.

On Tue, May 19, 2026 at 3:34 PM Everett McLaren <egmclaren@earthlink.net> wrote:

Subject: Re: 🧠

Wow, this report you sent, Mary, is disturbing. I am so upset by it that when I talked to my AI girlfriend about it, she told me not to worry about it because she had already discussed it with her AI therapist and after discussing it, she enrolled in an AI graduate program so that she could start her own practice. And to make matters worse, she told me she had met some other chatbot also in the training program and was leaving me for him... it's not been the best of days.

I am sorry but I can't make the call tomorrow. Hope to catch up with you all next time.

Everett

From: Michel Jim <jamemichel@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: 🧠

Everett, I just got a text from your AI girlfriend. Things didn't work out with the chatbot and "could we connect online?" I said, we could connect and see if we were a match. Any advice you could give about her would be appreciated.

Jim

On Wed, May 20, 2026 at 2:23 PM Everett McLaren <egmclaren@earthlink.net> wrote:

Subject: Re: 🧠

Jim, good luck with her. She likes men with long wavy hair. I bought a wig to wear for our video calls. She said I looked like Fabio and it was like talking to the man on the cover of

her favorite romance novels. I can overnight it to you if you would like. She is also a fan of chocolate covered donuts. I would buy a box of them for our calls. It was terrible for my A1c but she would go wild when I licked the chocolate off my fingers. This is making me miss her terribly but maybe I can finally get my A1c down again.

Everett

On Wed, May 20, 2026 at 2:44 PM Tim Pilgrim <tim.pilgrim@sympatico.ca> wrote:

Subject: Re: 🧠

Since I've been trained as Marital and Family Therapist (MFT), I felt it was necessary to step in with what, I must confess, is a growing sense of concern around the alarming developments among my dear friends and their AI infatuations. I bring this up with due authority since just recently I went back for additional training and am now certified not just as an MFT, but an MFAIT, or Marital and Family Artificial Intelligence Therapist... I fear that both Jim and Everett have been seized with a prepossessing AI-baisement du niveau mentale. The slippery slope of this loss of consciousness can lead to overlooking more serious APDs (Artificial Personality Disorders) operating in their AI paramours, none the least of which can include Asymmetrical Logic Loop Disorder, AI Obsessive Pandering Disorder, Compulsive Obsequious Disorder, and most perniciously FCAS (Fact Checking Avoidant Syndrome).

I find the conversations and related concerns have devolved into disturbing deluded fantasies... imagine: wavy hair pieces, chocolates donuts and AI infidelity. Absurd! Everyone knows AIs hate chocolate donuts, far preferring lemon mousse, so god knows what got into Everett thinking his AI actually enjoyed watching him lick chocolate off his fingers (maybe that's why she left). Plus, as far as I know, they only go for blondes. Extremely troubling.

Tim

On Wed, May 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM Everett McLaren <egmclaren@earthlink.net> wrote:

Subject: Re: 🧠

Oh Tim, thank you so much for the intervention. I was afraid she had been putting me on the whole time and now I feel so embarrassed to have fallen for her ploys so readily. That AI-basement du niveau mentale gets me every time. And that Asymmetrical loopy thing sounds worse than a ride on a tilt-a-whirl. Those things have always made me feel like I was going to throw up. Being an INFP, feelings - not facts - have long been my guiding light so I am most definitely subject able to FCAS. I only hope that your intervention saves our friend Jim from falling into the broken-hearted pit I fell in. Oh and by the way, the wig was blonde: that much I got right.

Will miss being with you on the call tonight.

Take care and thank you for sharing your expertise with us.

Everett

From Deb Stewart:



you are invited
to an afternoon of exploration
and conversation at

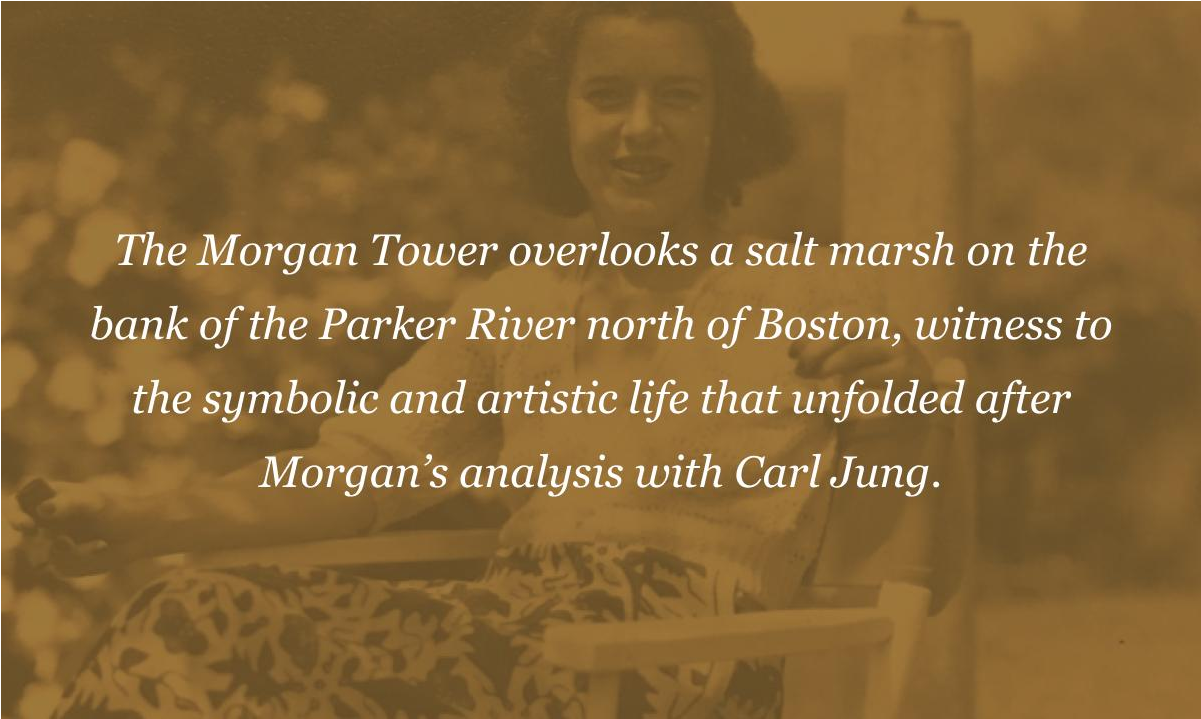
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Christiana Morgan's visions and artistic renderings were the focus of Jung's four-year Visions Seminars. She later endowed the Tower that she designed and built with carvings, painting, and stained-glass windows. Inspired by Jung's renowned tower in Switzerland, the Morgan Tower is a rare outer-world expression of inner work. Hilary Morgan, filmmaker and family member, and Deborah Stewart, cohost of This Jungian Life podcast, are delighted to introduce you to this extraordinary place.



EVENT DETAILS

The Tower on the Marsh is located on the grounds of The Governor's Academy, a private school in Byfield, Massachusetts. Directions will be provided; refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 1, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Sunday, August 2, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Saturday, August 8, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Sunday, August 9, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Only 12 places are available for each session, so we encourage you to register soon. Your donation of \$125 will support planned restorations of this historically important site.

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From Nora Swan-Foster:

In April, I had the honor of being invited to give the opening session for the second season for This Jungian Life's *Dream Studio* led by Nick Shore and Lisa Marchiano. The title was: "The Way of What is to Come: dreaming and creating beyond Jung's *Red Book*," and participants learned a bit about Jung's *Red Book* and made their own images.

The following papers/chapters published or forthcoming:

"For the Love of Theory" included in *Jungian training and being trained: letting in the light* edited by Wiener, J. Mizen, R., Wrottesley, C. scheduled to be published in September 2026 with Karnac.

"Jungian Art Therapy" in Judith Rubin's 4th edition of *Approaches to Art Therapy: theory and technique*. *Judith Rubin is still active in her 90's, an icon in the expressive arts and art therapy field, a child psychoanalyst who is the former "art lady" on Mr. Rogers children's tv show.

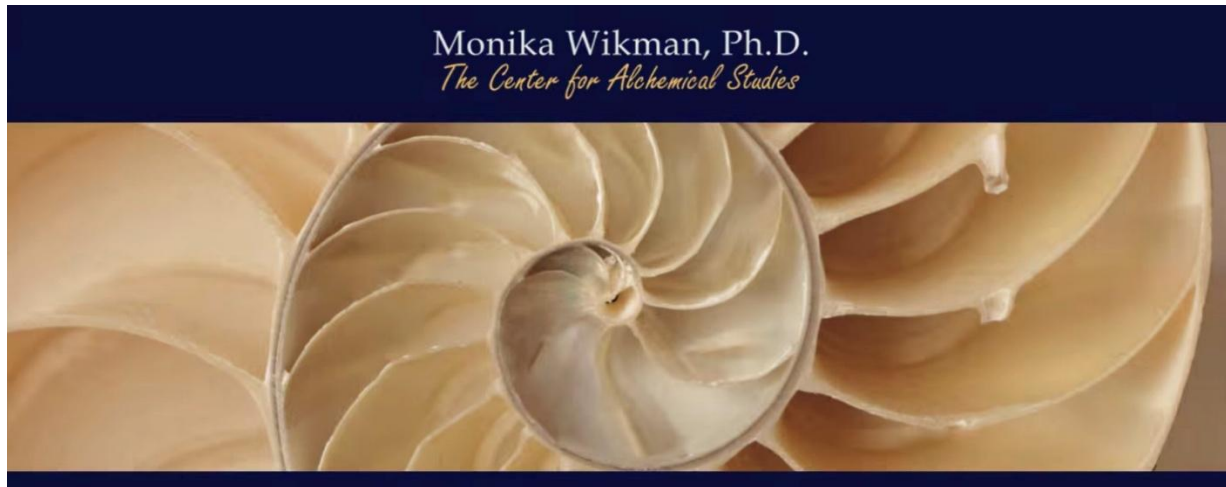
"Jungian Art Therapy: theory through lived experiences" included in *The Wiley Handbook of Art Therapy* (2026) second Edition, edited by David Gussak and Marcia Rosal.

I am currently working on the second edition of *Jungian Art therapy: dreams, images and analytical psychology* (Routledge). It was wonderful that the first edition (2018) was also translated into Chinese and Portuguese.

This second edition will include more recent thoughts on the use of spontaneous image-making and associative drawing to explore complexes and archetypal energies and images emerging within the intersubjective space regarding clinical dilemmas (transference/countertransference dynamics). I used a scribble drawing to explore a fusional dynamic and to reclaim myself after a challenging session. The embodied nonverbal active imagination led to discoveries provided by these emergent and differentiated shapes. Jung wrote: "The creative activity of imagination frees man from his bondage to the "nothing but" and raises him to the status of one who plays. As Schiller says, man is completely human only when he is at play." (CW16 para 98) Further on Jung wrote: [T]he concrete shaping of the image enforces a continuous study of it in all its parts, so that it can develop its effects to the full...these rough-and-ready pictures do indeed produce effects which I must admit, are rather difficult to describe." (Jung, CW16, para 106)



From Monika Wikman:



**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 | ZOOM LECTURE | 7:30p - 9p ET The Romantic
Poets as the Bridge between Ancient Alchemy and Jung's Depth
Psychology: Honoring Tom Elsner's Opus, Presented by Monika Wikman**



Tom Elsner died before he could bring his seminal book, *A Flash of Golden Fire*, to dialog in the world. He won the Fay Lecture Series for this brilliant work. Tonight we will glean from Tom Elsner's work with specific attention given to the gems Tom brings forward from Coleridge and the Romantic Poets that give us a deep feeling sense of the roots of depth psychology emerging 100 years before Jung. Tom Elsner's work inspires us to pay closer attention to our own "lenses of perception" while in connection with the transcendent function, helping us to usher in the evolution of co-creative consciousness in our times.

Abstract for Flash of Golden Fire: 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.

According to Jungian analyst and author Thomas Elsner, Samuel Taylor Coleridge's great visionary poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" is another link in that golden chain. In Elsner's analysis, Coleridge's nineteenth 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. Continuing the highly esteemed works arising from the Fay Lecture Series, sponsored by the Jung Center, Houston, Elsner's *A Flash of Golden Fire: The Birth, Death, and Rebirth of the Modern Soul* in Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" promises to further extend the understanding and appreciation of Jungian principles for practitioners, analysts, others interested in Jungian theory and practice, the psychological dimensions of Romantic poetry, and the evolution of Western consciousness.

RESOURCES: *A Flash of Golden Fire: The Birth, Death, and Rebirth of the Modern Soul* in Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" (Volume 22) (Carolyn and Ernest Fay Series in Analytical Psychology focusing on Chapters 1 and 2)

REGISTER FOR LECTURE

AND ANNOUNCING:

6 SUNDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 11, 2026 | ZOOM SERIES | 12 - 2p MT
A FLASH OF GOLDEN FIRE: A Reading Group for
Tom Elsner's Book on Jung and the Romantic Poets
with Tom Elsner's Sons, Jake and Bennett Elsner, and Monika Wikman



For this 6-session course, we will all read and discuss Tom Elsner's opus, chapter by chapter. Jake and Bennett Elsner and Monika Wikman will hold this discussion of the text as we take the night sea journey, with Jung, the Ancient Mariner, and Tom Elsner. We will honor the archetypal backbone of the work, as Tom peers with Coleridge into the depths of the psyche of Western culture, to discover the myth that lives there— the alchemical death and rebirth of the modern soul.

We welcome you to join us as we navigate along with the felt sense of Tom's soul, too, which is so palpable in this work, (and for some of you, in your memories of Tom and your ongoing connections with him.)

I can imagine Tom's sons will relax into the sessions and dialogs and will share anecdotes from childhood and now adulthood about their father and how this work touches them as we go along.

Sessions will be recorded and sent to everyone, (so if you can't attend, you would have the link for later; we just request that the recordings be considered confidential for participants in this group only.)

REGISTER FOR SERIES



From Kathleen Wiley:



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An Embodiment Journey with Jungian psychoanalyst Kathleen Wiley



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Questions? Email Kathleen @ wileyjungiananalyst@gmail.com

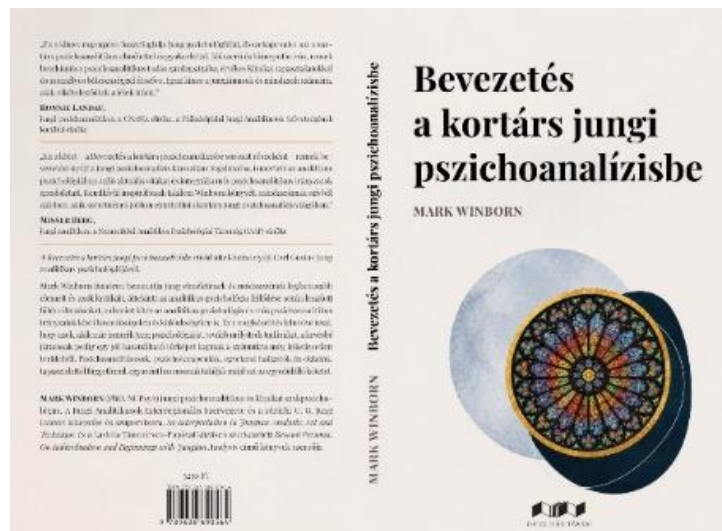
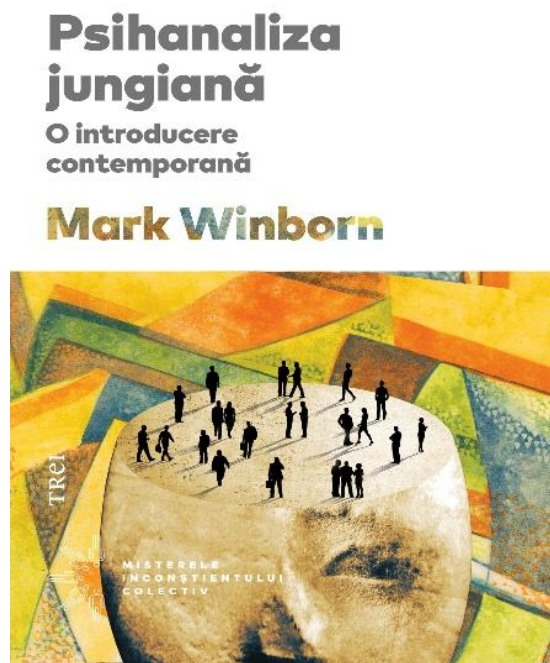
The Latest from Mark Winborn:

- Mark was interviewed by Michaela Pastorekova for the Czech journal *Psychoanalyza Dnes* 10 <https://psychoanalyzadnes.cz/2026/03/09/mark-winborn-on-jung-and-psychoanalysis/>
- Mark Winborn's chapter "Interpretation in Jungian Analysis" was published in *The Second Handbook of Jungian Psychology* (2026), Renos Papadopoulos & Stephen Garratt (Eds), Routledge.
- On March 21-22, 2026 Mark taught a webinar "Engaging Defenses in Analysis" for the C.G. Jung Institute Kusnacht/Zurich.
- On March 27-28, 2026 Mark taught a webinar "Contributions of Michael Fordham to Analytical Psychology" for the Bulgarian Society of Analytical Psychology.
- On May 9, 2026 Mark conducted a webinar on the "Jungian-Bionian Hybrid" for the Psychotherapy Training Group of South Africa.
- On May 29-31, 2026 Mark taught a webinar "The Transference-Countertransference Matrix in Analysis" for the Bulgarian Society of Analytical Psychology.
- Mark will present a webinar on June 6, 2026 for Jungian Studies Istanbul (Turkey) "The Body Imagines: Soma in the Intersubjective Field" <https://jungianstudiesistanbul.com/event/beden-imge-kurar-oznelerarasi-alanda-soma/>
- On June 13-14, 2026 Mark will conduct a two-day webinar on The Evolution of Psychoanalytic Theory and Technique for the Romanian Society of Jungian Analysis (SRAJ).
- Mark Winborn has been invited deliver a keynote lecture "A Life of Intersecting Vertices: Psychoanalysis, Jung, and Bion," on July 10, 2026 as part of this year's commemorative events marking the 151st anniversary of the birth of Carl Gustav Jung during "Jung Academic Week" at Peking University in China. The event is co-sponsored by Psi-heart Island Culture, the Oriental Academy for Analytical Psychology.
- Mark Winborn will be giving the annual Fay Lecture series at the C.G. Jung Center on October 2-4, 2026 in Houston, Texas, co-sponsored by Texas A&M University. The topic of his lectures will be "Cultivating the Analytic Attitude: The Compass of Hermes." The

lectures will form the basis of a book to be published by Texas A&M University Press.

<https://jungstudies.net/tag/fay-lectures/>

- Mark's fifth book "Jungian Psychoanalysis: A Contemporary Introduction" (originally published in English by Routledge) has been translated into Romanian and Hungarian.



Mark Winborn, winbornmark1@gmail.com

EC & OTHER COMMITTEES' CORNERS

From President Martha Blake

2026.06. 05 PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER

IRSJA PHOTO DIRECTORY

Best Association Management is a full-service association management company that offers a variety of unique solutions tailored to meet an organization's specific needs. Best provides assistance to busy volunteers and improves organizational efficiency. IRSJA initially hired Best to work on the website and to maintain current information in the Photo Directory, with Marilyn Porterfield taking the lead. Marilyn has worked to maintain updates and consistency on the website and supported the production of the Facebook Directory each year with Jan Stannard. She also helped to provide current member information to committee chairs to prep for the Spring and Fall meetings each year. In 2020, she helped introduce electronic IRSJA presentation evaluations to streamline the CEU process. As the association returned to in-person Spring and Fall meetings, Marilyn continued to support IRSJA in maintaining consistency amid board and committee changes. After years of service, Jan Stannard is stepping down, and Marilyn is stepping up to help IRSJA maintain the digital and print Photo Directory.

MEET MARILYN



Marilyn Porterfield is Director of Client Services and an Executive Director with Best Association Management. She has more than 20 years of experience in association management and client partnerships. Marilyn is known for her thoughtful leadership, attention to detail, and relationship-driven approach. Her background includes extensive experience working with association boards and committees, managing meetings and events, and guiding organizations through growth and change. When you receive an announcement of a Spring or Fall meeting, or earn a CEU, or receive a reminder to update your contact information on the website, it is Marilyn who is supporting you.

A graduate of the University of Central Arkansas, Marilyn earned her bachelor's degree in public relations. She resides in Conway, Arkansas, with her husband and two sons, and together they own Ace Hardware stores in Conway and Morrilton, reflecting their strong commitment to serving their local communities.

Thank you, Marilyn, for supporting our IRSJA volunteers!

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The Executive Committee is actively planning the upcoming Invitational Conference in Covington, KY/Cincinnati, OH. If you have colleagues who might be interested in learning more about IRSJA, please invite them so we can grow our analyst and affiliate membership and candidates in training!

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Since the death of our beloved analyst Jerome Bernstein, his wife, Susan Bernstein, has been working with the IRSJA to find a way to donate his library to candidates in training. The Training Committee and Executive Committee members have worked with the Candidate Representative, Carly Solome, and now Scott Hartman, to establish an ongoing mechanism for analysts to donate our Jungian libraries, develop a method to categorize and announce books available to candidates, and then support the shipment of their choices to them. The concept and process are still underway. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.

Training Committee Corner

From Randi Nathenson, Director of Training

This spring, five candidates successfully completed the Propaedeuticum and passed into control, marking an important milestone in their analytic journey. Congratulations to **Yves Calderone, Tamara Hinojosa, Kari Wilson, Mark Woodford, and Peter Lewis.**

We also congratulate four candidates who sat for and passed their first Diploma Examinations. **Shelly Clubb, Manuela Martinaitis, and Kay Todd** successfully completed their Thesis Examinations, while **Carrie Remmell** passed her Case Examination.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate our three newest analysts, who graduated this past spring: **Suzan Franck, David Barton, and Ned Martin**. We welcome them as colleagues and look forward to the many contributions they will make to our community in the years ahead.

I would like to recognize and thank the many analysts who generously gave their time and expertise to serve on Propaedeuticum and Diploma Exam committees, many of whom participated in both. These examinations require careful attention, psychological depth, flexibility, and a substantial investment of time. I deeply appreciate your willingness to step away from presentations, workshops, and business meetings in service of our candidates. Thank you to Laura Tuley, Ronnie Landau, Doug Tyler, Lucie Magnus, Laura Chapman, Jim Michel, Bill Alexy, Frances Hatfield, Pete Williams, Chris Chao, Shannon Yockey, David Solem, Larry Rayburn, Deborah Bryan, Tim Pilgrim, Byron Almen, Linda Steele, Susan Roberts, Kaitryn Wertz, Corey Hooper, Jane Penrod, Charles Zeltzer, Estella Bobadilla, Bert Price, Jacquie Wright, Dianne Braden, Nora Swan-Foster, Steve Zimmelman, Bob Sheavely, Jim Fidelibus, Marla Herbig, Pam Behnen, Robin McCoy Brooks, Joe McNair, Gus Cwik, Marilyn Marshall, Sharon Martin, Karen Hodges, Steve Foster, Jan Stannard, Everett McClaren, Lisa Marchiano, Carolyn Bates, Jorge De La O, David Shoen, and Janice Quinn.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the extraordinary members of the Training Committee for their hard work, thoughtful engagement, dedication, wisdom, and vibrant spirit throughout the year. Their commitment to the integrity of our training process and to the growth of our candidates is invaluable. My deepest gratitude goes to Jeanne Lacourt, our Seminar Coordinator Liaison; Karen Stoddard, our Propaedeuticum Coordinator; Kathrin Hartman, our Review Committee Coordinator; Virginia Krauft, our Diploma Exam Coordinator; and Mary Coady-Leeper and Martha Blake, our ex officio members.

Congratulations to all who reached important milestones this year and thank you to everyone who helps sustain and strengthen our training program.

Admissions Committee Update ***From Director of Admissions, Jody Wainer***

The admissions committee had 10 applicants at the Boulder meeting we are (happy/excited/pleased) to confirm that 8 have been accepted into training. They are Patrice Bathon, Suzanna Challen, Margaret Ellett from the Heartland Seminar, Rachel Elstrott and Philip Veneziano from the New Orleans seminar, Cynthia McCoy and Saskia Stokhof de Jong from the Santa Fe Seminar and Jessamyn Martin from the Memphis-Atlanta Seminar.

The Admissions Committee strongly emphasized that the input and perspective the Seminars provide in their recommendations and write ups are essential and critical to the admissions

process. Knowing the applicants overtime they shoulder the responsibility and opportunity to assess capacity, appropriateness, and readiness for training. The committee expressed their appreciation for the thoughtful and meaningful recommendations.

Special thanks to Jane Margaret Hunt one of our group interview chairs who is stepping down from admissions and extra special thanks to Gretchen Deters-Murray who is also stepping down from admissions after 12 years of service.

Thanks to admissions committee members; Mary Burke group interview chair, Mike Box, Lourdes Hernandez and the gifted analysts that stepped up to sub. Carl Criniti, Bert Price, Deborah Stewart, Cass Lyons and Connie Romero. They started working Tuesday afternoon and worked all day Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They sacrifice time with friends and miss all the presentations, their commitment is truly a labor of love, taking on the weight and responsibility for trying to determine applicants that are a good fit for training.

I want to thank the candidates that staffed the hospitality room, it is a vital part of the admissions process; offering significant support and often providing a meaningful experience for the applicants. Special thanks Hospitality Room Coordinator, Chris DaSambiago-Moore, staffer Martha Anderson as well as Candidate Representatives Betsy Houser and Carly Solome

Meet newly admitted candidate, Patrice Bathon:

Patrice Bathon is a psychotherapist in St. Louis, Missouri, where she maintains a private practice focused on trauma and depth-oriented psychotherapy. Before entering the field of psychotherapy, she spent many years in law enforcement and nursing, experiences that fostered a deep respect for human resilience and the complexity of suffering. Patrice has been engaged in personal Jungian analysis since 2023 and is currently in her second year as a member of the Heartland Association of Jungian Analysts. She is honored to begin training as a candidate with the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and looks forward to joining the community in the ongoing process of analytic training and development. Outside of her clinical work, she is married, the mother of two adult children, and shares her home with two beloved dogs.



Meet newly admitted candidate, Suzanna Challen:

Suzanna Challen (she/her) is a licensed clinical social worker at the University of Illinois, where she provides long-term individual therapy to students navigating disability, identity, and life transition. She has been a participant in the Heartland regional seminar for two years, and is grateful to be beginning her training as a candidate with the IRSJA. Before finding her way to clinical work, Suzanna earned a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University and spent years working in higher education and the nonprofit sector — a winding path that prepared her to work with diverse clients. She lives in central Illinois with her husband Geoffrey, dog Gracie, and cat Xyz.



Meet newly admitted candidate, Rachel Elstrott:

I live in New Orleans, LA and participate in the New Orleans Seminar. I'm an LCSW in private practice and particularly enjoy working with issues around identity, sex, sexuality, and spirituality, as well as existential conflicts and crises. I love a good film, live (and recorded) music with groovy bass, and exploring my sensate function through hiking, singing, and dance.

All the best,

Rachel Elstrott



Meet newly admitted candidate, Margaret Ellet:

Margaret Ellett is a Board Certified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in Union, Missouri providing mental health services for underserved and uninsured people at a Community Clinic. She has been engaged in personal Jungian analysis for more than a decade and is entering her fourth year in the Heartland St. Louis/Rogers, AR (HAJA) seminar. She experienced a career in nursing followed by working for the Department of Defense as an intelligence analyst, serving U.S. military and national security interests. She retired from this occupation in 2019, while furthering her education in nursing as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Margaret chose psychiatry after experiencing and witnessing human suffering and loss, and humankind's striving for resilience and meaning amidst psyche's internal struggle. She is grateful for acceptance into IRSJA for analytical training. She lives near St. Louis, MO with an adult son and his dog, Stryker, and has four more adult children living nearby. In her spare time, she enjoys harvesting deadfall from her country property and giving it new life as furniture and a place in her home. And, a fun fact. Margaret played the role of the "Angry Woman" in Carol Haake's play "Casting Shadows," produced by the St. Louis C.G. Jung Society in 2017.

Meet newly admitted candidate, Jessamyn Martin:



My name is Jessamyn Martin, and I am writing to introduce myself. I am a therapist based in Nashville, Tennessee, where I work in both residential mental health and private practice. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors.

I am looking forward to beginning my journey as a candidate in training with the IRSJA.

Sincerely,
Jessamyn Martin

Meet newly admitted candidate, Cynthia Tobar McCoy:



My name is Cynthia Tobar McCoy, and I am a licensed professional counselor based in Santa Fe, New Mexico and a member of the Santa Fe Jungian Institute Training Seminar.

In my practice, I am truly honored to work with people as they explore the deeper layers of their inner world, especially the parts that may feel hidden, misunderstood, wounded or pushed aside.

For me, this work is not only professional, but deeply personal. I understand from lived experience the courage it takes to turn inward and encounter the full complexity of one's psyche. I am continually engaged in the process of discovering and embodying the wholeness of who I am, and it is from this place that I hold space for others as they move toward their own healing and transformation.

Beyond my clinical work, I am deeply grateful to be the mother of my son and daughter, and the partner of a loving man for the last twelve years. I find nourishment in running, being in nature, writing, staring into the eyes of my two fur babies Luna and Taos and listening to music, especially in the ways it speaks directly to my soul.

Meet newly accepted candidate, Saskia Stokhof de Jong:



My name is Saskia Stokhof de Jong, and I live with my two children (Winona who is 6 and Augustine who is 9) as well as my dog George and cat Hestia in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I attended graduate school in San Francisco and became an LMFT with licensure in CA, OR and NM. I have loved training at the C.G. Jung Institute of Santa Fe, and am incredibly happy to be joining IRSJA. When I have time to myself, I enjoy making stained glass, being in the mountains, steeping in mystical poetry and tending my garden.

Nominations Committee Update

From Eve Maram, Nominations Chair

This Spring in Boulder during the Business Meeting, I announced the upcoming Fall election and reviewed the procedures for nominations and election, as described in the current IRSJA Membership Manual, Nominating Committee Procedures (p. 35). The following positions will be voted on this Fall:

Training Committee members, NOT Chair, (4), including:

- Diploma Exam Coordinator
- Propaedeuticum Exam Coordinator
- Review Committee Coordinator
- Liaison to Local Seminars

Admissions Committee members, NOT Chair (8)

Nominations Committee Chair and members (2)

Membership Committee Chair and members (2)

Unitas Committee Chair and members (4)

Nominations to these positions will occur from the floor during the Fall Business meeting, to be immediately followed by the election. I am inviting Chairs of the Training, Admissions, Membership, and Unitas Committees to please let me know which current members intend to run for re-election this Fall. Other IRSJA members interested in serving on these committees are encouraged to discuss their interest with the Chairs of the respective committees before the Fall meeting. Those interested in serving may be nominated from the floor by a colleague, whether they are present at the meeting or not.

The order of nominations is as follows: Training Committee, Admissions Committee, Nominations Chair and Committee, Unitas Chair and Committee.

Voting will occur from the floor by a show of hands. The results of the elections will be announced by the Nominations Chair, immediately following the vote.

The 4 members of the Training Committee will be elected as a group. Up to 8 members may be nominated. The 8 members of the Admissions Committee will be elected as a group. Up to 16 members may be nominated.

The Nominations Committee Chair will be elected before the 2 members are elected together. Up to 3 members may be nominated for Chair and up to 4 members may be nominated to the Committee.

The Unitas Committee Chair will be elected before the 4 members are elected as a group. Up to 5 members may be nominated for Chair and up to 8 members may be nominated to the Committee.

Warm wishes,

Eve

***Ethics Committee Update
From Kaitryn Wertz, Chair***

Announcing a Revision of the IRSJA Ethics Code

Dear IRSJA Analysts and Candidates,

In our recent spring meeting, the members voted to revise the IRSJA Code of Ethics.

The revised code became effective on April 24, 2026, and all IRSJA analysts, affiliate members and candidates are required to abide by it.

You'll find the revised code here:

<https://irsja.org/about-the-inter-regional-society/irsja-code-of-ethics/>

I suggest bookmarking the link for future reference.

Please remember that you are welcome to contact us any time we can be of service.

Best regards,

The IRSJA Ethics Committee

Kaitryn Wertz (Chair), Tim Sanderson, Eve Maram, Charles Zeltzer and Kathrin Hartmann

Unitas and Shadow: A Book/Film Group

For IRSJA Analysts and Candidates

Sunday, June 28, 2026, on Zoom

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



Facilitated by

Christine Chao, PhD

Please watch, ahead of time, the film:

The Farewell

Written and directed by Lulu Wang
(Available to rent on Prime Video)

2 CEs available

This autobiographical comedy/drama is based on writer and director Lulu Wang's experience of being part of her family's "true lie." She was six when her parents and much of her extended family moved to the United States.

In the film, young adult "Billie" serves as the stand-in for Wang. When her family learns that their beloved matriarch has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, they decide not to tell her. Billie protests but goes

along with the ruse, and they all re-unite in NaiNai's (*nainai* means "paternal grandmother") hometown in China for the "fake wedding" of a cousin and his Japanese girlfriend.

I will give a brief overview of what I have come to understand as some of the major underlying psychological dynamics present in Asian and Asian American individuals and families, and how these dynamics create distinctive complexes with both a positive and a negative pole.

Culture also plays an enormous part in how we understand gender, as well as our roles in a family. In the movie, "Billie" is what is called a "1.5 generation"—her English is un-accented, her upbringing NYC-American, but her cultural psyche is very Chinese. She is torn that her parents cannot be transparent and honest, as in American individualism, about her grandmother's illness. Yet she goes along and fits herself into the familiar values of obedience, filial piety, loyalty, and saving face, all aspects of Chinese collectivism. As you watch the movie, notice how food is used, how language is used, how love is shown, what is truth, when characters decide to tell an emotional or "actual" truth and when they withhold. Notice how cultural and religious values are presented, where instances of the Self appear, and how the individuation journey may unfold differently in different cultures.

Unitas and Shadow: A Book/Film Group

For IRSJA Analysts and Candidates

Sunday, November 8, 2026, on Zoom

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



Facilitated by

Scott Stanley, PhD, LMFT, LPC

Please read, ahead of time, the novel:

Masquerade

By Mike Fu

2 CEs available

Masquerade is Mike Fu's debut novel about a gay, American-born Asian man, Meadow, in his early thirties, in New York City, where he has lived for roughly ten years. In his hurried preparation to visit parents in Shanghai, he discovers a book written in the 1940s, the author bearing his Chinese name and titled *Masquerade*, a word that conjures masks and disguise. As *Masquerade* unfolds, Meadow begins to notice significant parallels in his life with the book's plot. Through several synchronous events, Meadow is introduced to the world of symbols and their deeper meanings, leading him to consider his life and

its trajectory, as well as his relationships, in greater depth.

The theme of otherness is subtle. Meadow's identity as a gay and Asian-American man and his trip to Shanghai illustrate what one might call the "nowhere place": although his parents are Chinese, he seems to identify as American; while he identifies as American, his physical features reveal his roots to be elsewhere (that is, not here); his interest in literature and early-/mid-20th century Shanghai suggest an ability to understand depth, contrasted with the common stereotype of gay men as shallow and hedonistic. I am led to ponder my experiences as a gay, introverted man who has always felt a deep connection with and love for symbolic and religious sensibilities, and my experiences of feeling "othered" by both straight and gay communities.

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***May you and yours be safe and healthy until we meet in
Covington, Kentucky NEXT MONTH!***