From the Editor:

Welcome to the September issue of *InSight* and the Fall season. I hope the "back to school" feeling that often denotes this time of year finds you filled with aspirations and renewal, even if we can't all show up for new classes with brand new folders and textbooks.

Hopefully this issue can further your enthusiasm about psychoanalysis. Our members continue to highlight the best of what applied and traditional psychoanalytic approaches can offer. In particular, see *Psychoanalytic News* for the call for psychoanalysts to work more with veterans as discussed on International Psychoanalysis.net. See *Author Connection* regarding Liz Goren's book on work with firefighters during the aftermath of 9/11. Finally, be sure to check out Louis Rothschild's *Spotlight* on the fascinating *Psychoanalytic Psychology* article on psychoanalytic offices.

The APA presidential election is upon us. See *Division Updates* for information about who received endorsements from the Division 39 Board of Directors.

Have a great month. As always, if you have questions or thoughts, please e-mail me.

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**Psychoanalytic News**

*What is Happening the World of Psychology and Psychoanalysis*

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**Ambivalent Compliment:** Some think that psychoanalysts are right regarding the impact of trauma on mood even if they don't agree with our "detailed theories." See the article in the *Atlantic.*
The Long Run: A recent study suggests that long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy for depression was superior to short-term therapy when patients were evaluated after five years.

What Brain Research Leaves Out: Psychoanalyst Ruth Burtman implies the environment has a role in deviant behavior. Check out her brief, but persuasive letter in The New York Times.

Wild Prescribing: On the increase of prescriptions of antidepressant drugs (for patients who may not be depressed) by primary care physicians.


Freud and Jung on the Big Screen: New York Film Festival screens "A Dangerous Method."


Not Exactly News: Consistent with results of major studies since 1998, recent research confirms that childhood trauma is associated with chronic illness.

Comments or thoughts? Talk to us on Facebook.

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Transitions
The Board of Directors met last week during the APA Annual Convention to discuss, debate, and decide a range of issues facing our organization and psychoanalytic psychology in general. The August Meeting is always a time of transition; and next year’s board will be very different in composition. With the election results in, we will soon be greeting new board members in January, with Frank Summers as President-elect, Lu Steinberg as Treasurer, Norm Abeles, Laura Barbanel, and David Downing as Council Representatives, and Jaime Darwin, Diana Diamond, and Ernesto Mujico as Members-at-Large. In addition, Usha Tummala-Narra was elected by the board to complete the one year remaining on Frank Summers term as Member-at-Large. To read the rest of this article, click here.

APA Presidential Endorsements
The Board of Directors of the Division of Psychoanalysis has endorsed the candidacies of Douglas Haldeman and Steven Reisner for APA President. The board encourages its members to vote for both candidates as first or second choice on their ballots. As a reminder, under the Hare System of voting, members are asked to rank order their choices. Information about Steven Reisner can be found at reisnerforpresident.com; Doug Haldeman’s campaign information is available at president.drdoughaldeman.com.

From The Public Relations Committee:
Will you be our eyes on the ground?
Tweet for Psychoanalysis!

In the interest of making psychoanalysis a household word again, the Division 39’s Committee on Public Relations for Psychoanalysis has added a new member with the specific mandate to get the word out about all things related to psychoanalysis and psychodynamic therapy and thinking. Emily Dunn, a recent graduate of Simmons College, knows social media well. But she...
needs to hear from all of us in order to be effective in her undertaking.

When you see something in any publication available via electronic means, one that you think would position our field and discipline in a contemporary or interesting way, let her know about it. You can even just "tweet" about an item of interest and post a link to it on Twitter including "@Div39InSight." If we want buzz out there about who we are and what we do we need to start promoting ourselves. Keep the tweets coming.

Nina Thomas, Ph.D., ABPP
Chair, Committee on PR for Psychoanalysis

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Division 39’s Task Force on the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology wants to hear from you!

Our Task Force wishes to promote Division 39 internationally, to begin a program of cross cultural exchanges, to seek out new international affiliates, and to study issues relevant to psychodynamic psychology in the global environment.

We currently aim to bring together a network of division members that have worked in international arenas including treatment of refugee populations here and abroad, those who have worked with populations suffering from war-related trauma, or worked in immediate crisis and recovery situations.

We hope that by building our own internal network of members who have committed to important causes while lending their psychodynamic backgrounds, we may bridge the foundations of psychodynamic psychology to important current global issues at the UN level and abroad.

We will likely use this network as references for the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP), which is currently seeking members from each division to lend their expertise and consultative efforts to global advocacy and intervention projects.

We would like you to send us your name and a brief synopsis of work you have done in these areas. We are eager to add you to our network. Please email Marilyn Jacobs with your information and any questions you may have.

Rukhsana M. Chaudhry, Psy.D.
Division 39 Liaison to the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology

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NEW SCHEDULE FOR JOHANNA K. TABIN/DIVISION 39 BOOK PROPOSAL PRIZE COMPETITION

Division 39 and APA Press announce that beginning next year the Johanna K. Tabin/Division 39 APA Book Proposal Prize will be awarded at the Division 39 Spring Meeting.

Consequently, the deadline for submissions for the 2012 prize is DECEMBER 31, 2011.

This is the fifth annual contest for a first book by a psychoanalytic author. The winner receives a $1000 cash prize, certificate of
recognition, and guarantee of publication by the APA Press. The aim of this prize is to encourage psychoanalytic writing by Division 39 members who have yet to publish a psychoanalytic book. We look for good writing, originality, as well as clinical and scholarly relevance. While some previously published material may be included, the proposed book should consist primarily of new work and promise to be an original and coherent monograph. Edited collections of previously published papers are not acceptable, nor are edited volumes of contributions by more than one author. Simultaneous submissions to other publishers will disqualify the entry.

The proposal should consist of:

1) a cover letter with the only mention of the author's identifying and contact information
2) a full CV (with name deleted)
3) a statement of the mission, scope, and potential contribution of the project to psychoanalysis; this statement should be complete enough that the reviewers can gain a good sense of the theme of the book and its potential contribution to the field
4) table of contents
5) one, and only one, sample chapter that represents the theme of the monograph

Submissions are accepted in hard copy only and must be in quintuplicate. Blind review evaluations are conducted by the Book Proposal Prize Committee and an Honorary Judge.

All submissions for the 2012 award must be submitted by December 31, 2011 to:

Book Prize Division of Psychoanalysis
2615 Amesbury Road
Winston Salem, NC 27103

Questions should be addressed to:
Frank Summers, Ph.D., ABPP
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Local Chapter News
Austin Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (ASPP)
Chapter Report

ASPP was founded in 1988 as a local chapter of Division 39. It began as a study group of approximately 12 members who yearned to learn more about psychoanalysis and develop a psychoanalytic community in central Texas. Austin is unique in that it is dominated by the state capital, the University of Texas, and computer and music industries. On the other hand, Austin has no medical school or psychoanalytic institute. Local clinicians who seek formal psychoanalytic training commute to the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston, which is affiliated with the American Psychoanalytic Association, or to distance-learning programs at independent institutes in New York or the Washington, DC areas. For those who do not want a formal training program, do not want to travel to get it, or simply want to continue learning and networking with like-minded professionals, ASPP fills a major gap
by providing quality educational opportunities. To read the rest of this article click here.

Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, Impulse Newsletter, August, 2011.

From PsycCRITIQUES
The Sextons’ Legacy of Suicide
The Legacy of Anne Sexton
By Alma H. Bond
PsycCRITIQUES, 2011 Vol 56(20)

In her review of Half in Love: Surviving the Legacy of Suicide: A Memoir, by Linda Gray Sexton, daughter of famous poet Anne Sexton, Alma Bond states:

"Anyone who doubts the inherited tendency to suicide should take a look at Anne Sexton's family history. The length of the list of suicides is incredible. The whole family on both sides was peppered with mental illness, alcoholism, and the wish to commit suicide. Linda's father spent many mornings in the kitchen speaking to Linda of his own suicidal feelings. His aunt had succumbed to the family illness and lived out her life in institutions. After Anne died, her oldest sister and her father’s sister killed themselves. Did her cousins feel the same urge? Linda wondered. Was the cause genetic, a chemical imbalance in the body, the influence of living with someone suffering from the illness, or all of the above? What about her future children? Would they suffer from the same illness? Should she even have children?"

What do you think? How does a genealogy shaped by mental illness and suicide color the experience of parenthood?

Click here to read the review and comment. Comments from members of Division 39 members are especially welcome!

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Division 39 is the Division of Psychoanalysis of the American Psychological Association. InSight is a function of the Publications Committee of Division 39 and Chair, Henry M. Seiden, Ph.D., ABPP. We welcome your participation and feedback.

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