

Local Chapter Report 2016-2017
Dallas Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology

I. Structure:

A. Current Officers

1. President: Ken Trevino, PhD
2. President elect: Carissa Scott, PhD
3. Past president: Scott Hickman, PsyD
4. Division 39 representative: The president fills this role
5. Newsletter (if any): none
6. Continuing Education Coordinator (if any): Berit Johnson, PhD
 - a) Does your chapter participate in Division 39 CE Program? No

B. Membership

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| 1. Division 39: | 23 |
| 2. Psychologist: | 47 |
| 3. Social Work: | 3 |
| 4. Psychiatrist: | 6 |
| 5. Other: | 59 |

(This category includes students, LPC's, and "unclassified" people that do not have a degree designation on their website/profile)

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| 6. Total: | 115 |
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C. Diversity in Membership

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| 1. Graduate Students: | 12 |
| 2. Early Career Professionals: | 7 |

(This number is low because some ECP's bought full membership instead)

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| 3. Non-clinician Members: | 1 |
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II. Governance Functions:

Our executive committee meets twice annually unless there is a special matter that needs to be addressed. Our president serves a one year term and is responsible for representing us at the Division meeting and creating the program year. We have elected representatives for president, president elect, treasurer, secretary, membership, arts, educational coordinator, and events coordinator.

III. Publications and communications

The vast majority of our communication takes place through our Google listserve. We also share announcements on our website (www.dspp.com), which includes a members only section that all readings have been uploaded to. This has led to increased usage of the website and greater ability to provide information to our members through it. It also provides a public directory that serves as increased marketing for our members. Members were strongly encouraged to register online through the website. As such, we have more accurate data regarding our membership than in years past.

IV. Chapter-Division relationships

Our chapter has continued to make efforts to enhance the relationship with other nearby division chapters. The presidents for the Dallas, Austin, and Oklahoma City chapters

have been in touch throughout the year and have advertised our different workshops and meetings to our respective chapters.

V. Programming 2016-2017

A. Theme: “Subjectivity and Beyond”

This year’s theme involves an exploration of how our personal and individual life experiences contribute to the way we do therapy and analysis.

B. Workshops:

1. **Fall Workshop:** Steven Kuchuck, LCSW, “Into the Mind of the Analyst: When the Personal Becomes Professional.”
2. **Fall Visiting Professional Presentation:** Derek Hook, PhD, Visiting Professional, Key facets of melancholia in reference to a case and *Into the Wild*
3. **Winter Workshop:** Sofie Karasek, Co-founder of the organization End Rape on Campus (EROC), “Breaking the Silence: The National Movement Against Campus Sexual Assault.”
4. **Spring Workshop:** Melanie Suchet, PhD, “Who Are We Outside the Room and Within?”

C. Monthly meetings provided by local presenters.

1. **September:** Ken Trevino, PhD, “The Role of Religion and Socioeconomic Status in Psychotherapy: The Christian and the Atheist.”
2. **October:** Fall Workshop
3. **November:** David Young, PhD, “Therapeutic Entanglement.”
4. **January:** Winter Workshop
5. **February:** Callie Emery, MD, “What We Don't Say: The Professional Frame in Light of Our Blind Spots.”
6. **March:** Spring Workshop
7. **April:** Marc Litle, MD, "Altering Life by Holding it Still."

III. Education/Training (Courses, etc.)

DSPP does not formally provide training but there are members who provide consultation and training groups. There are also reading, didactic, and consultation groups comprised of DSPP members.

IV. Other Professional Events

A. DSPP Events

1. Fall Social for Early Career Professionals
2. Spring Social for Early Career Professionals
3. Annual Soiree
4. Spring Lake Outing
5. Theater Event: “Electra: Mothers and Daughters, Victims, Vengefulness, Forgiveness-Justice, and their Dynamics in Psychotherapy.” Dale Godby, PhD and Yaprak Harrison, MD
6. Arts Film Event: “Blind” Myron Lazar, PhD and Chris Cather, MD

V. Key Initiatives or innovations this year

We have continued to use our new website this year (www.dspp.com). In addition to announcements, we have a members only section that all readings have been uploaded to. This has reduced our operating cost by eliminating the expense of printing, binding, and mailing readings to members. Our website also provides a public directory that serves as increased marketing for our members. Members were strongly encouraged to register online through the website. As such, we have more accurate data regarding our membership than in previous years.

We are currently attempting to expand our membership of early and middle career professionals. As a result we have started to schedule ECP Fall and Spring Socials to help attract graduate students, post-docs, and professionals licensed up to 7 years. This has been spearheaded by one of our current ECP members.

DSPP has also collaborated with the Dallas Psychoanalytic Center (DPC) to co-sponsor all events this year. In addition, DSDPP has contributed funding and support for the Postgraduate Program in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy through DPC.

VI. Current challenges

We are looking to find a consistent space for us to hold our monthly meetings as the attendance has outgrown our previous site's capacity. Additionally, we continue to be in the process of shifting the composition of our executive committee. While this has contributed to some discontinuity, it has brought new ideas and greater involvement of our early career members.

VII. What I want to learn from other chapters

How do other chapters determine how much profit they would like to make? How is profit spent, possibly scholarships or some form of outreach? What have other chapters done to increase interest from graduate students at local programs?