

Section III InSight Report, July 2011

Section III – Women, Gender, and Psychoanalysis – www.section-three.org is dedicated to professional development, research, scholarship, networking, mentoring, and referral opportunities. We promote deepened understanding of contemporary gender-related concerns involving work, play, and family.

We apply theory and research to clinical issues at our programs at the annual Division 39 spring meeting and the APA August meeting. We actively encourage members' political advocacy and maintain liaisons with other groups. We are especially focused on outreach to early career professionals. As a "psychological home" for women in psychology and psychoanalysis, we have invited innovative and creative presenters who are scholars in other fields, including art history, neurobiology, reproductive biology, sex research, and child abuse.

Current board members: President, JoAnn Ponder, Ph.D.; Past-President, Marilyn Metzl, Ph.D., ABPP; Treasurer, Connie Halligan, Ph.D.; Membership Secretary, Richard Ruth, Ph.D.; and Representative to Division 39 Board of Directors, Judith Logue, Ph.D. Our thirteen Members-at-Large, which include both women and men, are listed on www.section-three.org. Please contact our officers and/or our administrator, Ruth Helein, ruth@namgmt.com with any questions or concerns.

Most recently, we awarded Dr. Toni Heineman, founder and Executive Director of A Home Within, the Section III Recognition Award for her development of the only national organization focused exclusively on meeting the emotional needs of foster youth. Dr. Heineman is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, and has been a dedicated, valued, and long-time member of Section III.

Section III eagerly promotes graduate student research in gender with a dissertation grant for our National Dissertation Award. Application details are at www.section-three.org. Ms. Karen Dias was our 2010 recipient. She explored the complex subjective experiences of first-generation college students and their "Negotiations of Identity, Social Mobility, and Belonging at Elite Colleges Committed to Diversity." A previous winner, Jessica Zucker, Ph.D. (www.drjessiczucker.com) did a qualitative and innovative study on women's sexual health and female identity development. In-depth interviews included women in the entertainment and sex worker/pornography industry.

In 2009 and 2010, we collaborated with the Committee on Sexualities and Gender Identities (SGI) and held a thought-provoking Conversation Hour exploring the similarities and differences in our focus and respective goals. Concerns about losing our identities and expanding our horizons were addressed in-depth.

Our energetic Past-President, Dr. Marilyn Metzl, has done major work for us, especially with international outreach. She visited Mongolia, and with her assistance, two

psychiatrists, Drs. Tuvshoo and Erka, attended our Division meeting in 2009. We have posted photographs and a report on our Web site about this interesting interdisciplinary and global connection. We are delighted that Marilyn will be the Co-Chair for the Santa Fe Division 39 April 18-22 Spring Meeting, "The Leading Edge of Creativity."

Danielle Knafo, Ph.D., art history scholar, presented an enlightening gender-bending slide presentation to a standing room only audience at our April 2011 Division 39 meeting. Her talk was titled, "Women's Self-Representation – A Dialogue Between Psychoanalysis and Art." She will return for the Santa Fe April 2011 meeting. Dr. Knafo is a professor and psychoanalyst.

Our president is JoAnn Ponder, Ph.D., an active member of the Austin chapter of Division 39. She co-chaired a terrific 2009 Spring Meeting in San Antonio, and is with the Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute. Dr. Ponder emphasizes vital leadership in exploring gender issues through a psychoanalytic lens. Her special interests are alternative pathways to parenthood, including adoption and assisted reproduction, domestic violence, eating disorders, gender differences in power, dominance, and politics, and bodily modifications such as reconstructive/plastic surgery, tattoos, and piercing.

Our Web site features publications by our members. We currently feature Karen Maroda, Ph.D., a Milwaukee psychoanalyst (www.karenmaroda.com) for her latest book, *Psychodynamic Techniques*. We encourage you to contact our administrator, Ruth Helein, ruth@namgmt.com, our President, Dr. JoAnn Ponder, JoAnnPonder@aim.com, Past-President, Dr. Marilyn Metz, marilynmetzl@sbcglobal.net, and our Section III representative, Dr. Judy Logue, judith@judithlogue.com if you have any papers, chapters, or books you would like us to feature. We welcome you and want to support your work in gender, whether it is theoretical, clinical, or applied.

As you can see from the above report, and our Web site (www.section-three.org), we are a diverse, collaborative, and supportive group of men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

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