

North Carolina Psychoanalytic Society 2007-2008 Scientific Program Series

Deborah Luepnitz, PhD

presents two programs on

Saturday, March 29, 2008

**Thinking in the Space Between Winnicott and Lacan:
Towards a New Middle Group?**

and

A Comparison of My Two Personal Analyses: Winnicottian and Lacanian

For decades, Donald Winnicott and Jacques Lacan attracted almost non-overlapping audiences. This situation has begun to change as analysts and academics have become more familiar with both the British and French traditions. Winnicott's use of the countertransference quickly became essential to American practitioners. Lacanian constructs such as the three registers, the insistence of the signifier and the desire of the other have also begun to appear in American psychoanalytic discourse. This state of affairs brings to mind the 1940s' debate between the Kleinians and Anna Freudians which culminated in the original "Middle Group."

In the morning portion of the conference, Dr. Luepnitz will advocate thinking in the space between the humanistic and post-humanistic concepts of Winnicott and Lacan and offer a case example that illustrates the contributions of both traditions to clinical practice. In her afternoon presentation, she will discuss her personal experiences in analysis with two different analysts, one a Winnicottian and the other of the Lacanian school.



About the Presenter: Deborah Anna Luepnitz, Ph.D. is on the Clinical Faculty of the Dept of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, and maintains a psychoanalytic practice in Philadelphia. Her recent book, *Schopenhauer's Porcupines*, is a collection of case stories that illustrates her work with a diverse population. She is also the author of *The Family Interpreted: Psychoanalysis, Feminism, and Family Therapy* (1992) and she was a contributing author to the *Cambridge Companion to Lacan* (2003). She is one of a few Americans to have undergone both a Middle Group and a Lacanian personal analysis.

Four years ago, Dr. Luepnitz launched Insight For All (IFA) -- a program that connects formerly homeless adults with psychoanalysts in the community willing to work pro bono.

Target Audience: Open to mental health professionals and any others with an interest in these ideas. This program is at an intermediate instructional level.

Conference Schedule:

9:30-10am Registration and refreshments
10am-12pm Morning presentation ("Thinking in the Space Between Winnicott and Lacan"), Q&A
12-12:30pm Break, lunch begins and continues through program
12:30-2pm Afternoon presentation ("A Comparison of My Two Personal Analyses"), Q&A

Location: Lucy Daniels Foundation, Cary, NC

Cost: Morning presentation: \$45 (\$50 at the door)

Afternoon presentation, including lunch: \$45 (**pre-registration required**)

Conferences are free of charge to NC Psychoanalytic Society Members. Lunch fee of \$15 applies to afternoon program. **Pre-registration is encouraged for the morning presentation and required for the afternoon session.** Morning conference is also free to pre-registered full-time students and to trainees in Departments of Social Work, Psychology, and Psychiatry. Afternoon conference, including lunch, is available to students/trainees for \$15.

Up to 3.5 Category I, CME credits are offered through the American Psychoanalytic Association. NCPS is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer up to 3.5 Category A, CE credits for Psychologists. Letters of attendance will be provided to all others. See below for specifics.

Our refund/cancellation policy is available upon request. Contact the Administrator for further details.

How to Register:

Pre-registration for the morning presentation is highly recommended. **Reservations for the afternoon portion of the conference must be made in advance. Space for afternoon presentation is limited; early registration recommended!**

Payment by Credit Card:

You may register online at www.ncpsasoc.org/registration.php. Society members should register through the "Members" section.

Payment by Check:

Mail to: NC Psychoanalytic Society, 901 Paverstone Drive, Suite 11, Raleigh, NC 27615

Special arrangements are available for participants with disabilities. Please contact the Society Administrator at the number below prior to the day of the program to make arrangements.

If you wish to Pre-register or have any questions please contact our Administrator at

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Directions:

The Lucy Daniels Foundation (LDF) is located at 9001 Weston Parkway in Cary, NC.

From I-40, Take exit 287, Cary/Harrison Ave. Proceed toward Cary on Harrison Ave., approx.5 mile. Turn right onto Weston Pkwy and travel for 1.5 miles. The LDF is across the median on the left. Continue driving another 0.1 mile and make a U-turn at the median break to return to the LDF, now on your right. After turning into the LDF drive, you may park alongside the building or in the upper parking lot. (The LDF is located in the end of the building closer to Weston Parkway; the section of the building housing the Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood is at the far end, closer to the upper parking lot.)

Educational Objectives:

The morning presentation should allow audience members:

- 1) To develop a clearer understanding of the basic constructs of Winnicott and Lacan, e.g. the 3 registers, the transitional object, selfhood vs. subjectivity, and the role of the analyst (good enough mother vs. the other).
- 2) To have a preliminary sense of how Winnicott's use of countertransference and Lacan's emphasis on the pursuit of the signifier can be meaningful in clinical practice.

The afternoon presentation should allow audience members:

- 1) To develop a sense of the subjective experience and effects of a British Middle School analysis.
- 2) To develop a sense of the subjective experience and effects of a Lacanian analysis.
- 3) To obtain an understanding of significant differences and similarities between the two analyses described by the presenter.

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The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of 3.5 hours in category 1 credits towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. Disclosure information is on record indicating that participating faculty members have no significant financial relationships to disclose.

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