PRESIDENT’S NOTE

Welcome to the Winter 2020 Edition of The Candidate Connection. Editor Himanshu Agrawal has inspired another creative edition of our candidate newsletter. The focus on our “unsung heroes” of psychoanalytic training draws our attention to the loved ones who accompany us on our educational journeys. We invite you to read the edition and think of your own journey and those who have inspired and joined you on the path. We spend so much time thinking about being “in it” with our patients, that we may miss those who are “in it” with us, day in and day out.

The Candidates’ Council met in June 2019 in San Diego during APsaA’s 108th Annual Meeting. At the meeting, the delegates elected a new Treasurer, Gerard Sobnosky. Current Candidates’ Council Officers include: Holly Crisp, President; Sumru Tufekcioglu, President-Elect; Angela Vuotto, Secretary; Gerard Sobnosky, Treasurer. The Candidates’ Council is happy to be working with the two new Candidate Councilors-at-Large on the Executive Council (Board of Directors) of APsaA, Adam Moriwaki and Sandy Landen. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates to now have a chance to work alongside APsaA colleagues on the Executive Council and we look forward to the collaboration with Adam and Sandy in their new roles. At the June meeting, we held a discussion inviting candidates to give their input about candidate membership and ideas of how to engage more richly with candidates.

The Candidates’ Council is working to address the needs of all APsaA candidates by providing programming that is relevant and important to candidates, developing professional networking opportunities, and creating a culture of welcome in which candidates may connect with other candidates about professional and educational issues.

We look forward to 2020 as another rich year of programming and connection for candidates in APsaA. Please read on and find out more about some exciting programs available for candidates at the 2020 National Meeting (February 11-16) in New York as well as opportunities to engage with other candidates from across the country that may be of interest to you, both at the national and local level.

If you are coming to New York, plan to come to our Candidate Breakfast and Candidates’ Council Meeting on Thursday, February 13th beginning at 7:45 AM during the National Meeting, then join us for the jointly sponsored Candidates’ Council/IPSO Winter Party that same evening from 7-10 PM, see the www.apsameeting.org website for further details. The Candidates’ Council welcomes involvement from all candidates. Don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the officers and we will help you to get connected with a committee or group with similar interests in APsaA. In the meantime, think of those who have accompanied you along the path of your own psychoanalytic journey as you read this issue of The Candidate Connection!

Warm regards,
Holly Crisp, MD
President, APsaA Candidates’ Council
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EDITOR’S NOTE

My dear friends,

Psychoanalytic training is a time-consuming, challenging, arduous commitment. This edition is dedicated to the people who willfully and sometimes unwittingly commit to traveling on this journey with us—our partners, families and friends. These are the ‘unsung heroes’ that seem to hardly get any mention (barring graduation speeches).

In lieu of customary musings, I present to you an excerpt from an interview with my unsung hero, my wife Sarah:

H: What about all the potential income we lost over the past 4 years?
S: Well there’s that too. But in the end, it’s only money.

H: Remember in my second year when I came to you and said I was thinking of quitting? Now that I better understand how difficult this has been for you as a companion, I do have to ask—why did you counsel me to keep going? Why didn’t you encourage me to quit knowing it would have made life much easier for you?
S: Well, knowing you, I think you would have regretted quitting. Also, I do think there’s something to be said to seeing a commitment through, no matter how hard the task is. And I respect you even more for seeing that.

H: Do you know you’re my hero?
S: (Smiles) Thanks, Honey.

H: What if I told you I wanted to do an MBA after my analytic training?
S: Ask me again in a few years…

I hope you will take this love-filled banter as a cue to reach out to your unsung hero(es) and thank them!

Warmly,
Himanshu Agrawal

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The Tangible, The Intangible, And the Magpie

John Samuel Tieman, PhD (jstieman@aol.com)

When I first met my wife, Phoebe, she was an undergraduate psychology major at Washington University in St. Louis. In the decades since, she has continually studied, taken courses, attended this lecture, that seminar, studied at the Menninger Clinic, and much more. It was not much of a surprise when she decided to become a psychoanalyst.

I had no understanding of the commitment she was making, or how this would affect me. My initial fantasy was that it would be like enrolling in a doctoral program. To an extent, that was true, with courses and enormous amounts of reading, papers and such.

But that is about as far as that comparison goes. Her aspirations included her own analysis, something my doctoral program certainly didn’t ask. The best comparison is that it was like she joined a Catholic religious order, one with an inquiry phase, a postulancy, a novitiate, a sacred scripture that includes commentaries by doctors of the faith, abbots and abbesses and bishops, a college of cardinals in New York, theological terms understood only by the initiated, a spirituality both rational and mystical, and final vows.

I also thought that the monetary expenditure would weigh heavily upon us. Today, that is not something I recall much at all.

I knew her studies would change her. I didn’t realize how much they would change me.

I always had an interest in psychology. Indeed, in a fit of undergraduate idealism, I declared a psychology major for a semester. I thought I’d be a clinician. Then I heard that therapists need their own therapy, years of it, and that, at the time, was more self-knowledge than I was prepared to endure. But the interest endured. Decades later, I married the field.

The St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute offered a two-year course in child development. I took it. I wanted to join my wife on her journey. I wanted to share her vocabulary. I wanted her perspective to be more comprehensible to me. The course was largely designed for teachers. It made me vastly better at my chosen profession, teaching. The course had another effect that I had not anticipated. I also am a writer. I started publishing articles informed by psychoanalytic theory.

On a more personal note, there were my fantasies about her analysis. I didn’t think a lot about her analysis, but, when I did, the fantasies were intense. The quality outweighed the quantity. My wife said nothing about her analysis. I knew who her analyst was. The world of psychoanalysis in St. Louis is relatively small, and her analyst was quite prominent nationally. But, of course, he wasn’t a friend, and barely an associate. The degree of my fantasizing was made clear to me by one simple event. My wife and I went to a lecture at the institute. We took the elevator. The doors opened, and there was her analyst. We got in. It was polite but awkward. Phoebe stood in one corner on the far side from her analyst. I was in the middle. I remember thinking, “Sweet Jesus, this guy knows I masturbate.”

What I have given thus far is something of a list of ways I was affected by my wife’s candidacy. These are relatively tangible results. Psychoanalytic theory informs me. It deepens my understanding of the world. And it deepens what Phoebe and I share. Here’s a simple illustration. A few nights ago, we watched “The Lighthouse”, a movie in which two lighthouse keepers, played by the much older Willem Dafoe and Robert Pattinson, struggle on a remote island during a storm. Phoebe said the next morning, “To anyone who wonders whether the oedipal struggle actually exists, I recommend this movie.”

What is less tangible is the way her candidacy deepened our relationship, deepened my understanding of us and the we-ness of us. By far the most profound effect is not in anything that can be readily reported. My wife and I freely open ourselves to our emotions. Perhaps it is easier to speak in poetry, to let my unconscious speak for itself—

**marriage**

that moment the cloud comes and stays and makes you glad you brought a windbreaker that moment when you know you did this one thing right

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you and your wife split a nosh in a clearing a magpie snags a crumb and joins you two to the mountain

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the magpie goes and soon the cloud and the chill and even the mountain will go your wife hangs her jacket on an aspen

The poem was first published in the online magazine “Vox Populi”.

Save the Date:
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Chicago Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL

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**January 2020**
Psych Mom
Anonymous, Age 19

Growing up as the son of a psychoanalyst has been an interesting experience. From the beginning it’s been really hard to stay angry when we fight because my mom is just so willing to talk about feelings. It’s so incredible to gain these skills of mediation and emotional control because these are things that I use every single day. It’s poignant that the way I interact with everyone around me is influenced by my mom’s job and skill set.

One of the expectations of having a parent in the medical world is that the parent (namely, my mother) is gone all the time. This isn’t true. The only times my mother is absent for significant periods of time are the yearly conventions she goes to and even then she’s so present for the rest of the year that her absence goes nearly unnoticed.

Ultimately, having a psychoanalyst for a mother is inspiring. I’ve recently decided to major in psychology and a huge part of that has been the way I’ve been raised and taught. I’m inspired by the work that my mom does and I would love to do the same kind of thing that she does in my own life!

The Stories We Tell About the Stories We Tell: A Spouse’s Perspective
Anonymous

In telling the story as this “unsung hero” in my wife’s analytic training journey, I must take care not only to tell the story, but also to examine the story that I tell. Because, isn’t that an appropriate approach in sharing my part of the analytic journey, to examine the narrative that we tell about our lives? Isn’t that part of what analysts do each day in their own work with patients?

When did this journey begin? One answer could be, “ten years ago.” That is certainly an accurate answer. And these ten years have certainly been years of sharing in her experience. Analytic training is an arduous road for the candidate; it requires classes, writing, and one’s own analysis as well. Yes, my wife was challenged logistically to fit her training into her daily work schedule, and it was another claim upon her time within an already busy professional and family life. She was also challenged by the ways in which analysis opened up her thoughts and feelings, her history and her relationships, in ways that were helpful and painful. I think that, for me, the most challenging aspect of the analytic journey was that I was part of something that I felt was affecting me because it affected someone so close to me, yet I also felt very distant from the experience because it was so deeply personal and difficult for her to share.

I want to take care that this is not the only, or even the primary, narrative that is told about training, that it’s a distinct process that someone undergoes, and the support team is just along for the ride during the process of education. I think there’s another way to tell this story.

For me, the analytic training journey began the day that she chose psychiatry as her medical specialty. When she was doing various rotations, she found that she was more interested in the stories of the patients, what was happening to them outside of the treatment room, than the particular malady that brought them to the hospital or clinic. Please do not misunderstand; my wife was a competent and conscientious doctor regardless of rotation. But I remember that day as the day that her analytic journey began, and it was much longer than ten years ago.

Yet, I would even say that the day analytic training began for me was when we got married, because the analytic approach is just part of who she is. Too often, we break our lives into chunks of time because that’s what makes life easier to understand. It’s similar to a book being broken into chapters. And the “chaptering” of our lives, similar to chapters in a book, is a helpful and often necessary task to help our minds make sense of the arcs and shifts within the story. But it also needs to be conceded that the chapters are partially artificial, and that one needs to step back and see chapters for what they are: episodes of a seamless story. I am so proud of my wife for having completed such a rigorous training; I think it’s a journey, though, that we’ve been on as part of our relationship as well.

Analytic training was demanding and difficult and long, but, in a strange way, it also makes sense that she did it because it represents a part of her that I love. That doesn’t mean that it has made the training easy. What it does mean to me is that it’s been worth it.

Interest-free Loans for Training
Applications due May 1, 2020

The Candidate Assistance Fund of the American Psychoanalytic Association provides loans up to $5,000 to candidates training to be psychoanalysts. The loans are to be repaid within a maximum of 6 years. Currently, between 5 and 7 loans are made annually.

There are two criteria considered in approving a Candidate Assistance Fund loan:
- the need as evidenced by an applicant’s financial need.
- the ability to repay the loan as evidenced by the applicant’s overall financial health.

Eligibility
- APsaA Candidate Members in good standing are eligible to apply to the Fund.
- Candidate Members must have completed one year of training.
- Financial need must be demonstrated.

Application Procedure
Guidelines and applications are available in the Members Section of the APsaA website (www.apsa.org) or email Tom Newman, APsaA’s Executive Director, for an application form at tnewman@apsa.org.

Application Deadline
Fund loan applications need to be received at the APsaA offices by May 1, 2020.
Meet the New Candidate Councilors-at-Large to the Executive Council

Sandy Landen, PhD  Adam Moriwaki, PsyD

We are both honored and excited to be the first candidates elected as Candidate Councilors-at-Large to the Executive Council, which is the Board of Directors at APsaA. Sandy Landen, PhD, is an advanced candidate at the New Center for Psychoanalysis, Los Angeles (NCP). Sandy has been actively involved in the Candidates’ Council for the past six years serving as the Secretary (2016–2018), Chair of the Child Committee, and currently as the Liaison to the Child and Adolescent Section of APsaA’s Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE). She is a member of the DPE Institute and Advisory Consultative Section and a member of the DPE Child Congress Committee. At NCP, Sandy is the Chair of the Membership Division, a member of the Board of Directors, and a faculty member of the Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Program. She has a private practice in West Los Angeles. Adam Moriwaki, PsyD, is a 4th year candidate at the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute and trains as a distance candidate from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This has given him a contemporary and collaborative training experience that informs a unique perspective towards analytic training. Adam also serves as Secretary for the Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society. He is licensed as a psychologist and is in private practice in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He lives with his wife, Ashley, daughter Rylan (3 years old), son Declan (7 months old), and cat Junior, in Muskego, Wisconsin.

This marks both a momentous and meaningful opportunity for candidate representation on the Executive Council while also allowing us to serve as the liaison between the Candidates Council and the Executive Council. The leadership on the Candidates Council, as well as the leadership of the Executive Council, was both instrumental in making this important organizational shift to have candidate representation on the Executive Council. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this opportunity for the candidate voice to be heard at the Executive Council! We are serving staggered terms, Adam will be serving a one-year term and Sandy is serving a two-year term. Sandy had the opportunity to attend the Executive Council meeting at the Spring meeting as an observer in preparation for the Winter meeting when both Adam and Sandy onboard as full voting members of the Executive Council. We are currently serving on a committee led by Holly Crisp, MD, President of the Candidates’ Council, focusing on strategies for growing candidate membership and offering candidates a more connected experience after joining. It would be wonderful to hear directly from our candidate members any ideas, questions, and/or concerns at our email addresses below. We look forward to seeing you at the 2020 National Meeting.

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Report from Program Chair for the Candidate’s Council

Amber Nemeth, PhD, Chair

As the Program Chair for the Candidate’s Council, I am excited to share with you two candidate programs for the 2020 National Meeting in New York City. The Candidate Forum, will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., titled, “Self-Disclosure in the Age of Social Media.” The presenters include Dr. Aimee Martinez, a candidate from the New Center for Psychoanalysis, Dr. Shuli Sandler, an advanced candidate from the New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and Dr. Nathan Kravis, a Training and Supervising analyst from the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research and the author of, “The Googled and the Googling Analyst” (2015). Together they will discuss the impact of social media on the analytic relationship, including transference and countertransference themes. I have read their preliminary papers and they are fantastic. The impact of social media on psychoanalysis is a timely topic we all are immersed in, yet we have few opportunities to step back and examine their impact on each other. I am sure it will be an exciting and thought-provoking presentation, with ample time for discussion.

The Candidate at Work Discussion Group, will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. and is titled “Taking the Risk: Masculinity, Sexuality, and Danger in the Era of #MeToo.” Ms. Susan Heim-binder, LCSW, a recent graduate of the William Alanson White Institute will present her work and Dr. Steven Cooper, a Training and Supervising Analyst from the Boston Psychoanalytic Society will be the discussant. Not only does Ms. Heim-binder take clinically astute risks in her analytic work, she is also an exceedingly talented and evocative writer who takes many risks in the description of her clinical work and its theoretical underpinnings. Her writing brings the listener into the analytic room with her and into the very body of the work she discusses.

I hope you can join us for these two presentations, both of which I am sure will be thought provoking and engaging.

To learn more, visit: http://www.apsameeting.org/candidates/.

Master Teacher Award

Holly Crisp, MD, Chair

We are pleased to honor the 2020 recipient of our Candidates’ Council Master Teacher Award, the only APsaA award presented by candidates. This year we honor Dr. Adrienne Harris, who will present “Gender as Fluid, Gender as Fixed: The Role of Suffering, Shame, and Interpellation in Complex...”
Identifications.” In this presentation she will consider the complex position of gender and its relation to other forms of identity: sexuality, race, class, and culture.

The Master Teacher Award Videos are available in the Members Section of apsa.org. Login and visit the Information for Candidate Members page.

Candidates’ Council Psychoanalytic Paper Prize

Sumru Tufekcioğlu, PhD, Chair

The Candidates’ Council Psychoanalytic Paper Prize and Writing Workshop was held on Friday, June 21st in San Diego. The meeting was chaired by Sumru Tufekcioğlu, PhD. The 2019 finalist winner Mead Godert, PhD, LMSW, from the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, who was also the semi-finalist in 2018 presented his paper “Racism in the Countertransference” in which he explores the impact, on the analytic process, of the unconscious racism the analyst might find himself experiencing in his reactions to the analysand. Neil Altman, PhD from New York served as discussant and commented on the themes of the paper as well as on the writing process more broadly. Participants had an opportunity for discussion in a collegial and informal atmosphere.

For the 2020 Candidates’ Council Psychoanalytic Paper Prize, the committee has received numerous strong papers and has granted the Finalist and Semi-finalist awards to two of the papers evaluated by the committee judges: The 2020 Finalist is Loren Sobel, MD, MS from the Pittsburg Psychoanalytic Center with his paper “The Imaginative Bridge to Relational Contact: from the Random to the Meaningful” in which he examines the meaningful clinical moments in the analytic process that seem random at first and thus are easy to miss.

Dr. Loren Sobel earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed his psychiatry residency at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh where he served as Chief Resident for Psychotherapy Training. He is a recent graduate of the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center and a volunteer Clinical Faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh. He teaches psychodynamic and psychoanalytic theory and technique at the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center and the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Sobel serves on the board for the Clinic Without Walls, a low-fee clinic that provides psychodynamic psychotherapy to the community for those who are uninsured or underinsured. Loren will present his paper at the APsaA National Meeting in New York, on Friday, February 14th from 11:30–1:30.

The Semi-finalist for 2020 is Genie Dvorak, PsyD from the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis with her paper: “The Persistent Past: Listening for the Logic and Potentials of the Repetition Compulsion.”

Genie Dvorak, PsyD is a recent graduate of the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis. She is a psychologist in private practice in San Francisco where she sees adults and couples as well as children and adolescents. She is a teaching faculty member at SFCP and teaches and supervises at the California Pacific Medical Center and Access Institute for Psychological Services. Genie will present her paper in June at APsaA’s 109th Annual Meeting in Chicago (June 19–21) session date TBD.

The Paper Prize and financial awards will be presented to the winners at the Plenary of the APsaA 2020 National Meeting in February.

To learn more about the Paper Prize session, see page 52 of the Preliminary Program. To apply for the 2021 prize, visit: http://www.apsa.org/content/candidates-council-paper-prize.

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Challenges in Child and Adolescent Clinical Work: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Ethics”. The morning panel is on “Psychoanalytic Contributions to Understanding and Treating Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)”, and the afternoon panel is on “Ethical Issues and Practice in the Treatment of Young Adults and their Parents”.

For candidates training in Child and Adolescent psychoanalysis the Child DPE section has 14 subcommittees to become involved with depending on your areas of interest. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in the Child DPE section at: drsandylanen@gmail.com.

To learn more, see page 8 of the Preliminary Program. The DPE Child Congress is included with registration for APsaA’s 2020 National Meeting.

What is the DPE?

The American Psychoanalytic Association’s Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE) is designed to inspire, promote and support excellent psychoanalytic education and training in APsaA-approved institutes.

APsaA has a total of 8 departments: Academic & Professional Affairs (DAPA); Communications; Membership Services & Programs; Psychotherapy; Psychoanalytic Education (DPE); Public Advocacy; Science; and Social Issues.

Social Issues Committee

Alexandra H. Sawicki, MD, Chair; Candidates’ Social Issues Committee

In the past year APsaA has spoken out against policies harmful to migrant children and families, issued an apology to the LGBTQ community, advocated for measures to reduce gun violence, and continued to bring attention to the discrimination that patients with mental health and substance abuse disorders face from health insurers. The Social Issues Department works on behalf of APsaA to articulate organizational and psychoanalytically-informed viewpoints on some of the most significant social issues of the day. I write to make candidates aware of this work and of opportunities to join these efforts.

Candidates with an interest in the intersection of psychoanalysis and social issues who are attending the February 2020 National Meeting will find many programs of interest. Wednesday is particularly rich with programming related to social issues. The Committee on the Status of Women and Girls will present “The Psychodynamic and Psychological Impact of Misogyny.” The Committee on Gender and Sexuality will present the 2020 Ralph Roughton Paper Prize Winner and will also hold a session entitled “Emerging Perspectives on LGBTQ: Making Good on Our Apology: Using the Past to Understand the LGBTQ+ Experience in the Present.” Also on Wednesday, the Service Members and Veteran’s Initiative will present on working with combat-related trauma. These are just a few of the programs available.

Outside of APsaA meetings, interested candidates can find prior APsaA position statements on apsa.org under the ‘About APsaA’ tab. APsaA’s position statements are important reference points for our organization and for individual psychoanalysts. The latest position statement, approved in 2018, was the “Position Statement on Discrimination and Violence Against Women.” Other older, but recently referenced statements include “Position Statement on Emotion, Group Psychology and Inflammatory Political Rhetoric” and “Position Statement on Firearm Violence.”

Candidates who are interested in learning more about the work of the Candidates’ Social Issues Committee and the Social Issues Department should contact me for more information at alexandra.sawicki@gmail.com.

To learn more, see page 8 of the Preliminary Program.
Membership

Holly Crisp, MD, Membership Liaison

The Candidates’ Council is working with the APSaA Membership Committee to consider strategies to engage current candidate members, meet their needs as the younger generation of APSaA, as well as to increase the numbers of candidates joining as APSaA members.

Do you have a question concerning your APSaA membership? Contact Membership Services at membership@apsa.org.

DPE Sub-Committee on Candidates in the Community

Jane Keat, PsyD, Chair—Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute

Committee Members:
Jan Chess, PhD—San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis
Paola Contreras, PsyD—Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute
Eileen Dunn, PsyD—Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis
Han Feng, MA—William Alanson White Institute
Mead Goedert, LICSW—Michigan Psychoanalytic Society & Institute
Jeanne Johnson, PhD—Oregon Psychoanalytic Center
Nisha Shah, MD—Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute
Mariela Shibley, PsyD—San Diego Psychoanalytic Center
Sheryl Silverstein, PhD—Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis
Jillian Stile, PhD—Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training & Research
Angela Vuotto, MD—Institute at PANY (Psychoanalytic Association of New York)

Rachel Marec, MD—Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute
Alexandra Sawicki, MD—Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute
Jennifer Logue, PhD—St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute

We have recently added Jennifer Logue from the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute. She is an associate professor at Southern Illinois University, where she directs the graduate program on Diversity and Equity in Education. She serves on the DPE sections for Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Education and for Diversities, and is thinking deeply about psychoanalytic pedagogy, especially around issues of diversity.

We have been working hard to promote and solicit applications for the DPE Psychoanalyst in the Community Section’s Candidate in the Community Mentoring Award, which pairs candidates working in the community with mentors and a small stipend to help them develop this work and integrate it into their psychoanalytic identities. The award will be given to four candidates this year. We are looking forward to learning from their experiences about what helps support candidates in their development as community practitioners, as we continue to build a network of candidates passionate about community work.

Committee members are working to develop a proposal for a Discussion Group at the Meetings that would provide opportunities for candidates and more senior analysts to present and discuss work they are doing in community settings. We are increasingly interested in the importance of understanding group process as a way in to thinking psychoanalytically about the community systems in which we work.

Committee Members have continued to discuss ways to advocate for increased attention to community psychoanalysis in our training, and are following with interest the DPE Psychoanalyst in the Community Section’s work with Oregon Psychoanalytic Center around a developing community psychoanalysis training and service project.

To learn more about the Community Mentoring Award visit: https://apsa.org/CandidateCommunityAward.

DPE: Training and Education Section

Sumru Tufekcioglu, PhD, Liaison

In the last year, APSaA’s Department of Psychoanalytic Education’s Training Section chaired by Dr. Richard Fritsch has been focused on multiple projects to enhance the training experience of the candidates of APSaA-approved institutes. One of the projects that is underway aims to create an online library of readings and syllabi from all APSaA...
Committee discussions included assessment of the quality of each research project outlined above, i.e., whether the project is psychoanalytic in nature and promotes public health, whether the costs budgeted are justifiable, and whether the project has strong research design qualities. The Committee will meet in February of 2020 in New York for the next round of grant submissions.

To learn more, visit: http://www.apsa.org/research-fund.

**Joint Candidates’ Council/IPSO Winter Party**

On Thursday, February 13th, 2020, we are again hosting the Candidates’ Winter Party, jointly sponsored by the Candidates’ Council and IPSO, from 7–10 PM. This event is the primary opportunity for candidates to socialize with other candidates, make professional connections and develop friendships in a non-educational event. Join us for networking, conversation, live music provided by The Shrinks, dinner, and drinks. Tickets are available to purchase in advance at https://apsa.org/product/candidateparty or at the door.


In addition to the programming during the upcoming meeting, the Candidates’ Council is pleased to join the International Psychoanalytical Studies Organization (IPSO) in support of a unique opportunity for candidates, the IPA Working Parties for Candidates: the Working Party on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today (WPSPTT), on Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, 2020, before the APsaA meeting begins on Tuesday. This is an educational opportunity for candidates to experience an immersion in analytic listening and to work and think with colleagues from outside of the North America region. Psychoanalysts from France and North America will co-moderate the groups, providing candidates not only an experience with this innovative method, but an international perspective on psychoanalysis.

To learn more, see page 9 of the Preliminary Program.

**Featured Institute/Center:**

**CENTERS FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES**

**Report from The Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston, Texas**

*Cristina Ivan, MD (advanced candidate)*

Our trainees (approximately 35 current trainees) and faculty (approximately 40 senior faculty members) are from Houston, Austin, and Dallas areas.

The Center enjoys a close working relationship with local schools—Baylor College of Medicine (Houston) and The University of Texas Health Science Center (Galveston and Houston), and with other local clinics, societies, and associations—Menninger Clinic, Houston Psychoanalytic Society, Austin Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, and The Lovett Center (one of the largest groups of specialized therapists in the Greater Houston Area).

Our center offers the following classes:

- Studies in Adult Psychoanalysis
- Studies in Adult Psychoanalytic thinking
- Studies in Adult Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
- Studies in Child Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

We also have a very active alumni group that meets once a month. Participants discuss one or two journal articles per meeting. The readings include a few classic papers, but most are contemporary. While they include theoretical, developmental, and applied topics, most have a clinical emphasis. Each meeting is facilitated by a CFPS faculty member who has an interest in the topic. ✤

**Research**

*Sumru Tufekcioglu, PhD, Chair, Candidates’ Council Research Committee, Candidate Member, Fund for Psychoanalytic Research*

The Committee for the Fund for Psychoanalytic Research convened for its 108th Annual Meeting in San Diego with five members in attendance. Following the discussion on finances, the Committee reviewed and discussed in detail twelve grant proposals. We had seven submissions from the United States, one submission each from the United Kingdom, Portugal, and Sweden, and two submissions from Italy. The topics of study in the proposed research projects consisted of:

- Psychoanalytic process in the treatments of adolescents; examination of possible overlaps between alliance ruptures and microaggressions; the healing potential of patient-therapist attachment; the effect of induced mood states on mentalization; assessing psychoanalytic process outcomes within a machine-learning framework; and neural effects of object relations in psychosomatic chronic pain.

Institute discussions included assessment of the quality of each research project outlined above, i.e., whether the project is psychoanalytic in nature and promotes public health, whether the costs budgeted are justifiable, and whether the project has strong research design qualities. The Committee will meet in February of 2020 in New York for the next round of grant submissions.

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**Joint Candidates’ Council/IPSO Winter Party**

On Thursday, February 13th, 2020, we are again hosting the Candidates’ Winter Party, jointly sponsored by the Candidates’ Council and IPSO, from 7–10 PM. This event is the primary opportunity for candidates to socialize with other candidates, make professional connections and develop friendships in a non-educational event. Join us for networking, conversation, live music provided by The Shrinks, dinner, and drinks. Tickets are available to purchase in advance at https://apsa.org/product/candidateparty or at the door.


In addition to the programming during the upcoming meeting, the Candidates’ Council is pleased to join the International Psychoanalytical Studies Organization (IPSO) in support of a unique opportunity for candidates, the IPA Working Parties for Candidates: the Working Party on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today (WPSPTT), on Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, 2020, before the APsaA meeting begins on Tuesday. This is an educational opportunity for candidates to experience an immersion in analytic listening and to work and think with colleagues from outside of the North America region. Psychoanalysts from France and North America will co-moderate the groups, providing candidates not only an experience with this innovative method, but an international perspective on psychoanalysis.

To learn more, see page 9 of the Preliminary Program.

**Featured Institute/Center:**

**CENTERS FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES**

**Report from The Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston, Texas**

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Our trainees (approximately 35 current trainees) and faculty (approximately 40 senior faculty members) are from Houston, Austin, and Dallas areas.

The Center enjoys a close working relationship with local schools—Baylor College of Medicine (Houston) and The University of Texas Health Science Center (Galveston and Houston), and with other local clinics, societies, and associations—Menninger Clinic, Houston Psychoanalytic Society, Austin Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, and The Lovett Center (one of the largest groups of specialized therapists in the Greater Houston Area).

Our center offers the following classes:

- Studies in Adult Psychoanalysis
- Studies in Adult Psychoanalytic thinking
- Studies in Adult Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
- Studies in Child Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

We also have a very active alumni group that meets once a month. Participants discuss one or two journal articles per meeting. The readings include a few classic papers, but most are contemporary. While they include theoretical, developmental, and applied topics, most have a clinical emphasis. Each meeting is facilitated by a CFPS faculty member who has an interest in the topic. ✤