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**NPAP Scholar of Literature and Psychoanalysis  
Wins Psychoanalytic Award for Essay on Hamlet**

**New York, NY – (January 15, 2016)** – The American Psychoanalytic Association’s Committee on Research and Special Training (CORST) has awarded its annual essay prize to Gavriel Reisner, Ph.D. for his paper, “*On Ghosted and Ancestral Selves in Hamlet: Loewald’s ‘Present Life’ and Winnicott’s ‘Potential Space’ in Shakespeare’s Play.*” The essay combines literature and psychoanalysis in an innovative analysis of *Hamlet*.

“Dr. Reisner’s paper demonstrates the way in which psychoanalysis and the humanities can nourish and supplement each other, making his essay an easy choice for this year’s CORST Essay Prize,” said Lewis Kirshner, M.D., chair of the prize committee.

Dr. Reisner’s publications include books, articles, chapters in compilations, and reviews focusing on literature and psychoanalysis. Among his full-length studies is the well-received *The Death-Ego and the Vital Self: Romances of Desire in Literature and Psychoanalysis*. The present essay on Hamlet is the foundational chapter of a work in progress using Loewald, Winnicott, and other theorists to elucidate a series of literary texts. Its projected title is *Ghostly and Ancestral Selves: On the Creation of Being in Narrative*.

“I am grateful that a study of literary and psychoanalytical texts that foregrounds each field equally was recognized by the CORST committee of the American Psychoanalytic Association,” said Dr. Reisner.

Gavriel Reisner (Ben-Ephraim) was formerly Lecturer in English and Senior Visiting Lecturer in Multidisciplinary Studies at Tel Aviv University. He is currently a candidate at the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis in New York.

The CORST Essay Prize of \$1,000 is awarded annually to the author who submits an outstanding essay using psychoanalytically informed research in the biobehavioral sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. For more information about the prize visit, [www.apsa.org](http://www.apsa.org).

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