

# THE DENVER PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

## THE 2018 - 2019 LECTURE SERIES

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**October 5, 2018**

**Featuring Li Brookens, LCSW**

**Transgender Identities in Clinical Practice and Beyond: Updating and Expanding Gender Identity and Expression Models**

Participants will be exploring current mental health practices aligning with optimal health for our transgender clients. After initial teachings on Gender, Gender Development, and Transgender Identity and Expression, attendees will participate in a gender experiential group discussion as part of the learning.



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**November 2, 2018**

**Featuring Karen Rosica, Psy.D.**

**MDMA Assisted Psychotherapy for PTSD**

The primary focus of this presentation will be MDMA assisted psychotherapy for PTSD but the topic is impossible to discuss in isolation. We will look at the historical context for this research, the main characters, as well as outcomes and future planning. Most importantly, we will discuss its relationship to how this work relates to our work.



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**February 22, 2019**

**Featuring David Stevens, Ph.D.**

**Psychoanalytic Observations on the Despot's Capacity to Induce the True Believer to Deny Reality**

This paper takes Freud's often overlooked theories on group psychology as its starting point. The role of infantile sexuality, in particular, is explored as a source for hypotheses for understanding the paradoxically intense attachment of adherents to their cult leaders.



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**March 15, 2019**

**Featuring Dominique Scarfone, M.D.**

**Free Association, Surprise, Trauma and Transference**

I will contend that free-association, far from being outdated, is a most central feature of the method of psychoanalysis as it operates an essential reopening of the process of translation/repression. I will show that free-association sinks its roots in a model of the mind highly congruent with modern neuroscience. Through the notion of surprise, logical and practical connections can be established between free-association, seduction, trauma and transference. A well-conceived concept of free-association is therefore an indispensable tool for the practice of psychoanalysis.



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**April 5, 2019**

**Featuring Jane Kite, Ph.D.**

**Fundamental Ethical Ambiguity of the Analyst as Person (with a note on Confusion of Tongues)**

In this presentation, I will address the largely unrepresented state of ethics in psychoanalysis. We tend to do an end run around the subject of ethics in our field and take for granted that we all agree on what constitutes ethical behavior without inquiring further. I will argue that because psychoanalysis as a discipline is based on what is not known, we must first take into account the unknown in each analyst's inevitably personal (unconscious) participation, including his/her motivation to become an analyst in the first place. I will mention the concept of (typically sexual) ethical "boundary violations", and our tendency to conflate psychoanalytic discourse with forensic discourse at these times, resulting in a kind of confusion of tongues within the field itself.



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*Lectures begin at 7 PM at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver CO 80220  
and are **Free to Attend** but donations are welcome  
Dates, presenters and topics are subject to change. Check website for up-to-date information*