



# THE DENVER PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY invites you to attend the 2019-2020 Lecture Series

**Friday, April 3, 2020  
at 7PM**

Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church  
1980 Dahlia St., Denver, CO

This event is free to attend or there is a small fee for CME credit. In order to receive a CME certificate, the attendee must: pre-register online, pay in full, attend the entire session and complete an evaluation within 14 days after the program.

## The Erotic Self: Bringing Self-Psychology and Freud Together

*featuring John Riker, PhD*

### Description:

Dr. Riker will show why the energy that vitalizes unconscious self structure needs to be thought of as eros and how the self speaks through what he terms "erotic eruptions." Dr. Riker will describe psychological dynamics in which there are strong tensions between the ego, the body, ingested social codes, and the self, and describe how one can tell what is pressuring one, so that they might determine the importance of those motivations. Along the way, Dr. Riker will weave together Plato, Freud, and Kohut into a novel picture of the human soul.

### Objectives:

1. The participants will be able to understand what the singular self in each human being is and how it manifests itself.
2. The participants will be able to understand the nature of eros and the erotic in such a way that it is not reduced to the sexual, as it tends to be in contemporary culture.
3. The participants will be able to identify which sector of the psyche is pressuring them, so as to better evaluate the importance of their motivations.

	CME CREDIT	NO CME CREDIT
MEMBER	\$20.00	FREE
NON-MEMBER	\$30.00	FREE



For the past three decades, John Riker has been devoted to exploring the relation of psychoanalysis, especially Kohutian self psychology, to problems in ethics and philosophical anthropology. He has written four books

intersecting psychoanalysis and ethics (most recently, *Exploring the Life of the Soul*), and published numerous articles and spoken in many conferences on this material, including conferences in England, Belgium, Turkey, Austria, and Israel. John has been a professor of philosophy at Colorado College for over half a century and been named Professor of the Year a record four times, and advisor of the year three times. He was the initial recipient of the award Colorado College established to recognize someone who most promotes diversity and inclusion on campus.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of American Psychoanalytic Association and The Denver Psychoanalytic Society. The American Psychoanalytic Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this Live Activity for a maximum of **1.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ALL LEARNERS:** None of the planners and presenters of this CME program have any relevant financial relationships to disclose.

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