

# MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOLOGY

## SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING

Sunday, September 9, 2007 ~ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Coffee & Conversation 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, 16001 West Nine Mile Rd., Southfield Michigan

### Joint Presentation with Michigan Psychoanalytic Council

#### *Of Mind and Matter: Neurobiology and Its Application to Psychoanalysis*

*Paper presentation by Sander J. Breiner MD, FAPA*

**ABSTRACT:** The Central Nervous System development from gestation onward (including its organic vulnerability to psychic stress) is reviewed. Special discussion is devoted to the White Matter's relationship to emotion and learning. The connection of the effect on the CNS by psychic stress; and the effect of the CNS (early developmental pathology and later trauma) on mental functioning is explored. Just as the brain can affect the mind helpfully and negatively; so can the mind injure the brain or help to heal its injuries. The benefits of psychoanalysis protecting the brain and moderating the effects of aging or brain trauma are discussed.

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT:** Dr Breiner is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Professor of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Wayne State University, Fellow American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians, Training Psychoanalyst Michigan Psychoanalytic Council, Chairman Standards Committee National Association Advancement of Psychoanalysis, published over 100 articles and 3 books.

## OCTOBER 2007 MEETING

Sunday, October 14, 2007 ~ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Coffee & Conversation 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, 16001 West Nine Mile Rd., Southfield Michigan

### The Never-Ending Quest to Find the Words...

#### A Story of Moving with Unconscious Process and Dynamic

*Paper Presentation by Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D.*

**ABSTRACT:** The Never-Ending Quest... was originally presented in Queretero, Mexico at a conference sponsored by AGAPE, a Mexican psychoanalytic society. Organized and written around the conference theme, Words, Feelings, and Beyond: The Personal Meaning of My Analytic Experience, this writing looks back over the past 40 years and speaks to how the personal meanings of my analytic experiences have influenced what I have come to mean by psychoanalysis. Premised on a view of the unconscious as ubiquitous, mysterious, and the spiritual life force of human being-ness, this reflection begins in the mid-60's when I came to learn the letters of the alphabet, and traces through the '70's, 80's, and 90's my never ending quest to find and form the words that might express the feelings in working with the mystery, magic, and muscle of the human spirit. And also, why this quest continues to be a work in process...

**ABOUT THE PRESENTER:** Dr. Kavanaugh is a former president of the International Federation for Psychoanalytic Education, the Academy for the Study of the Psychoanalytic Arts, and the Michigan Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology. He teaches, consults and is in private practice in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

## NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING

Sunday, November 11, 2007, ~ 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Coffee & Conversation 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, 16001 West Nine Mile Rd., Southfield Michigan

### Joint Presentation with Michigan Psychoanalytic Council

#### The Weed Blossom

A play by Gene Alexander

*A Video presentation with actors doing a dramatic reading of the play.*

*Following the Video three brief papers by play author, original therapist and a discussant will be read by local people and audience discussion will then follow.*

**ABSTRACT:** *The Weed Blossom* is a play which had its inception in a conversation between Suzanne Chassay and Gene Alexander. Suzanne had written a prize winning paper about the suicide of one of her patients, a woman who happened to also be a poet. Gene had been the co-founder of a long standing poets co-operative and had been writing poetry for several years. As the two of them talked, Gene became interested in the possibility of writing a play exploring the patient and her legacy.

The play had its first staged reading in Los Angeles where it was chosen for a spring new plays festival by The Company Rep. In November of 2006, it was presented at the IFPE conference in Pasadena. Joining Suzanne and Gene in that presentation was Dr. Barbara Blasdel.

The presentation was an attempt to illustrate how we learn to think in the shape of a story, and how an act of creativity can expand our sensibilities, developing our ability to work with narrative, both the 'real' and the 'potential' narrative, in the process of psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

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