

# MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOLOGY

## FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING

Sunday, February 14, 2010 ~ 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Coffee & Conversation 11:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.)

Extended Discussion 1:20 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, 16001 West Nine Mile Rd., Southfield Michigan

### **Wang Fo and an Ethic of Free Association: Poetic Imagination, Mythical Stories, and Moral Philosophy**

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

**ABSTRACT:** As medicine articulates a code of ethics for the analytic practitioner as a healthcare professional, literature suggests an ethic for those practitioners who understand and interpret themselves outside of a healthcare matrix, e.g., as an artist, poet, or philosopher. This essay examines the Taoist fable from ancient China, *How Wang Fo Was Saved*, in terms of the ethic and values embedded in its organizing themes. This fable suggests an emotional, ethical, and intellectual attitude that complements and enfolds within the associative-interpretive process, the heart of psychoanalysis. In the context of process material, consideration is given to an ethic of caring and theory of moral obligation that derive from these values as illustrated in the narrative of *Small Change Makes Cents*, the story of a young man seen shortly after his third psychiatric hospitalization. The complex interweave of literature and narrative story -coupled with the practitioner's ways of *being, knowing, and presencing* - yields an *Ethic of Free Association*.

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT:** Dr. Kavanaugh is a former president of the Academy for the Study of the Psychoanalytic Arts and the MSPP. He is the philosopher-in-residence (in psychoanalysis) at the Center for Psychoanalytic study (Chicago) and is in private practice in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

## MARCH 2010 MEETING (in Ann Arbor - see map)

Sunday March 14, 2010 ~ 11:30 to 1:30 (Coffee & Conversation from 11:00 ~ 11:30)

East Hall Auditorium, Room 4448, 530 Church St.

University of Michigan, Central Campus, Ann Arbor, MI (enter on Church Street)

### **JOINT PRESENTATION with U of M INTERDISCIPLINARY PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES PROJECT (UMIPS) Narcissism, ego ideal and the superego in the current financial crisis**

*Paper presentation by Michael Shulman, Ph.D.*

**ABSTRACT:** The current financial crisis emerges historically as a paroxysm of modern economic deregulation. It is a phenomenon linked psychologically to idealizations, both of the notion of deregulation and of powerful financial figures. Freud's work suggested a series of basic understandings of idealization's functioning in large group psychology. His conceptualizations of narcissism, ego ideal and the superego's origins are organized around a central relational paradigm of onlooker(s) and idealized object. Applying this paradigm of idealization, and appreciating its origins in the parent-child relationship, I consider accounts of financial child geniuses in an effort to illuminate one psychological piece of the origins of this particular crisis of public trust.

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:** Michael Shulman, Ph.D. is a Clinical Instructor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, as well as a psychoanalyst and psychologist in private practice in Ann Arbor. A graduate of Wesleyan University, the University of Michigan, and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute (MPI), he is currently on the faculties of MPI and Madonna University, as well as U-M. He is also current Co-Chair of the Committee on Psychoanalysis and Undergraduate Education of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

## APRIL 2010 MEETING

Sunday, April 11, 2010 ~ 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

### **Multiple Subjectivities: A Relational Approach to Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)**

*Paper presentation by Maria Slowiaczek, Ph.D.*

**ABSTRACT:** In treating a patient with DID, the analyst enters into a world of multiplicity where each alter wants to be approached with an openness to their differing developmental needs and distinct subjectivities. The analyst's attunement to these multiple subjectivities helps to process traumatic experiences and to develop new capacities for relatedness and self-awareness. Within the context of the analytic relationship, the alter personalities begin to engage in relationships with each other, moving from a position of isolation to cooperative, internal communication. In the case described in this paper, a traumatized child alter who cannot speak learns to use her hand as a puppet to communicate. She begins to process her traumatic experiences, to grow into new ways of relating and to communicate with other alters.

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:** Maria L. Slowiaczek, Ph.D. is in private practice in Ann Arbor where she works with adults and couples. She did her analytic training at The National Training Program in Contemporary Psychoanalysis in New York. She has taught and supervised graduate students at the University of Michigan for 14 years. She is active in the International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology where she is on the Council, the Advisory Board and also Chair of the Welcoming Committee.

## NEWS FROM MSPP'S SECTION

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[www.AcademyAnalyticArts.org](http://www.AcademyAnalyticArts.org)

## About MSPP

The Michigan Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology is a Local Chapter of the Division of Psychoanalysis (39) of the American Psychological Association. MSPP furthers psychoanalytic ways of thinking, educating and practicing through monthly meetings, workshops/conferences, the MSPP Newsletter, the website ([www.mspp.net](http://www.mspp.net)), other educational offerings, and through its section, The Academy for the Study of the Psychoanalytic Arts. MSPP is a 501(C)(3) organization and donations are thus tax deductible.

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People attending MSPP meetings at the Fisher Auditorium can now park in the lot adjacent to the auditorium. It can be reached from Providence Drive. Turn right halfway between the front and back ends of the hospital. A large entrance that used to be the emergency entrance is the landmark. A large parking area is visible in front of this entrance. 1. Drive up to the speaker just outside the gate. 2. Push black button on the speaker. Wait for SECURITY to answer. 3. Tell security you are going to the meeting at the Fisher Center. 4. Park and go to the door off the parking lot near the Auditorium. Someone will be there or it will be ajar. If it is not open, push black button on the speaker near the door. Ask security, when they answer, to buzz you in. *Entry to Providence Hospital, with paid parking, is also available through the front/De Paul (9 mile/north side only).*

## DIRECTIONS TO ANN ARBOR ~ MARCH MEETING



**FROM EAST:** I-94 West to State Street (exit 177). Turn right (north). State Street to main campus area. Right on South University to Church Street.

**FROM WEST:** I-94 East to State Street (exit 177). Turn left (north). State Street to main campus area. Right on South University to Church Street.

**FROM EAST Suburbs:** Take I-696 to 275 to M-14 West. Follow M-14 West signs closely. Take Exit #3, marked "Downtown Ann Arbor"; this becomes Main Street. Follow Main to Huron Street. Left onto Huron to State Street. Right on State to South University. Turn left at South University.

*Any other route to M-14 east of AA follows same directions from M-14.*

**FROM LANSING and other POINTS WEST:** I-96 to US-23 South to M-14 west. Take second exit "Downtown Ann Arbor" after the fork (*this becomes Main Street.*) Turn left on Huron St., right on State St., and left at S. University.

**PARKING:** (There will probably be some street parking)  
The nearest structure is on Forest just south of South University.

**Specific Directions To Auditorium** (see Map). The building is **East Hall**. The entrance is on Church Street, just north of South University. The **Auditorium is on the 4th floor** and has the number **4448**. Enter the building at 530 Church Street, glass doors (DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY). Take the elevator to the left and go to 4th floor. Follow the arrows/signs around to room 4448.