CE/CME Award

3 CE/CME credits

Location and Time

Washington School of Psychiatry
5028 Wisconsin Ave #400
Washington DC 20016

Saturday, November 9, 2013
9AM-1:15PM

Fee

$90 Regular
$60 Current WSP members
$30 Current WSP or graduate students

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Trauma leaves dead spaces in the mind and witnessing helps bring about aliveness of mind. We learn from the witnessing of mass trauma, the Holocaust and other atrocities how to develop a witnessing process with patients. The joining of two minds in the face of trauma moves the psyche from the impossibilities of traumatic experience to the possibility of resilience. Witnessing faces broken bonds and psychic terrors while honoring the eternal presence of residues of lonely psychic terror. The presentations address the role of witnessing in bringing about capacities for narrative, symbolization, and metaphor. This conference addresses the potency of a witnessing process to open space in the mind and in society.

In the spirit of Harry Stack Sullivan, the originator of the interpersonal perspective on psychoanalysis and explicator of the interaction between the individual and society, the conference will offer a “here and now” experience with these challenging topics through story, metaphor, film (Conspiracy), and personal resonances to terrors in the mind.

**Learning Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the ways in which witnessing trauma informs their clinical work
2. Discuss the trauma of invisibility
3. Describe the impact of facing evil
4. Define resilience and the way it is identified and develops in treatment

**Presenters**

Marilyn B. Meyers, Ph.D. is a Clinical Psychologist on the faculty of the Clinical Program on Psychotherapy Practice at the Washington School of Psychiatry. She teaches the Relational Paradigm and Attachment theory in that program. She is co-author and co-editor of The Power of Witnessing: Reflections, Reverberations and Traces of the Holocaust with Nancy R. Goodman (Routledge, 2012). She has also written on clinical work with couples with Holocaust history: When the Holocaust Haunts the Couple: Hope, Guilt and Survival (2005) in Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Couple Therapy (Society of Couple Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists) and Am I my Mother’s Keeper? Certain Vicissitudes Concerning Envy in The Mother-Daughter Relationship (1998) (Gerd Fenchel, ed., Jason Aronson)


Henri Parens, M.D. is a Professor of Psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University, training and supervising analyst (Adult and Child), Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. Author of over 240 publications, including 21 books, 11 authored and 10 co-edited, 5 scientific films., 1 DVD Documentary, and 1 TV series for CBS OF 39 ½ programs. The recipient of many honors, his principal research and prevention efforts include the theory and development of aggression; the prevention of violence and malignant prejudice, and the prevention of experience- derived emotional disorders via Parenting for Emotional Growth, methods and materials. Dr. Parens contributed a chapter entitled A Holocaust Survivor’s Bearing Witness in The Power of Witnessing: Reflections, Reverberations and Traces of the Holocaust – Trauma, Psychoanalysis and the Living Mind (Eds. N.R Goodman and M. B. Meyers, Routledge, 2012). Dr. Parens is a Holocaust Survivor.

Salman Akhtar, M.D. is a Professor of Psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University, training and supervising analyst at the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. Among his many publications are: Broken Structures: Severe Personality Disorders and their Treatment (Jason Aronson, 1992) and Objects of Desire: Exploring our Internal Connections with Things Around Us (Other Press, 2005), Freud along the Ganges (2005), The Wound of Mortality (2010) and The African American Experience: Psychoanalytic Perspectives (Jason Aronson, 2012). He is the Book Review Editor of the Journal of Applied Analytic Studies. Among his many honors, he is recipient of the highly prestigious Sigourney Award for distinguished contributions to psychoanalysis.