

## **PROGRAM 2007-2008 SUMMER**

### **Lacan and Badiou's Ontology Of The Void**

This Seminar is co-sponsored with the Society for Lacanian Studies

With the publication of 11 English translations of his books within the last 8 years, Alain Badiou has quickly emerged as a central figure in contemporary thought. His interventions in fields as diverse as philosophy, aesthetics, ethics, political theory, and psychoanalysis have become important yet controversial touchstones in current debates. Badiou goes further than any other philosopher of his generation to bring Lacan's intervention in psychoanalysis to bear on broader ontological and epistemological problematics. Distinctly Lacanian concerns—such as the constitutive relation between excess and void, the phallus as a function of the “count for one,” the retroactivity of *après coup* and the “traversal of phantasy,” as well as the importance of the *matheme* and set theory—all play essential roles in Badiou's critical reconception of the “event.” This seminar will introduce participants to Badiou's theory through close readings of his key philosophical text, *Being and Event*, which Continuum Press has recently released in English translation.

The seminar will meet at 819 Macarthur Boulevard in Oakland for 6 two-hour sessions every other Sunday beginning in mid-July. For more details, please write Scott Ferguson at [sferg@berkeley.edu](mailto:sferg@berkeley.edu) or phone him at (510) 834.4480.

## **FALL**

### **Clinical Seminar**

#### **Forms and Transformations of Narcissism**

This monthly year-long clinical seminar combines didactic presentations with clinical cases offered by analysts and candidates of the school. The seminar will use the vantage point of narcissism to ground and illustrate Lacanian theory and clinical practice. It will explore the built-in tension and ambiguity within Freudian theory between a developmental and a structural concept of narcissism. We will explore Freud's changing views on primary and secondary narcissism as well as the relationship between narcissism and the so-called object relationship. We will consider how narcissism and object relations or socialism, as Bion calls it, normality and pathology, are structurally interdependent. The unity of the ego is not inborn but is established by a structural moment that Lacan called the mirror phase. Lacanian theory converges with the prevailing intersubjective theory of narcissism and Lacan, in fact, has been credited with coining the term intersubjective.

After examining the views on narcissism across the spectrum of contemporary psychopathology and psychoanalysis, the seminar will present four degrees of differentiation within narcissism. Two types of primary narcissism in relationship to the mother are identified: absolute and relative. Secondary narcissism is defined as a structural form of narcissism according to Lacan's mirror phase and in relationship to the *objet a* and the ideal ego. Finally, the seminar will postulate the existence of further structural differentiations within narcissism generated by the establishment of the ego-ideal and of the symbolic function of the phallus and of the father. The ego-ideal refers to an imaginary identification with the father, whereas the empty subject refers to the function of the symbolic father. Such end state form of narcissism/subjectivity is differentiated from first-degree primary narcissism, because it is the result of the separations introduced by the paternal function.

Faculty: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D., and analysts and candidates of the school  
Location: 2820 Adeline, Berkeley, 94703  
Day and Time: Saturdays 1-4PM  
Dates: September 15, October 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 19.  
Tuition: \$500  
Approval of CE units is pending

### **Introduction to Lacanian Clinical Practice**

This seminar will explore psychoanalytic and Lacanian approaches to assessment, diagnoses, and treatment. We will begin with Freud's triptych of the complementary series as the source and true basis for multi-axial diagnoses. The latter articulate the genetic/biological, psychical, and social-traumatic causal series that operate within psychopathology and psychiatry in general. We will contrast the descriptive logic of DSM IV with Freud's structural criterion of grouping diagnoses into three or four groups. Psychical causality will be distinguished from both genetic/biological and social-traumatic causality. Psychical causality represents the formal cause of psychopathology and of psychoanalysis as a science of the subject. Psychical causality is present from the very beginning assessment phase of the treatment, in the presentation of a symptom and with reference to the question of the subject's desire. The seminar will explore the phases of Oedipal structure in relationship to the phases of treatment and the phases of the transference relationship. Lacanian and quantum notions of time will be applied to the question of the length of the treatment, and the length and frequency of the sessions. From a Lacanian perspective, the direction of the treatment is given by two factors of the therapeutic relationship: the desire of the analyst and the unconscious subject or the subject of the unconscious. The seminar will be open to clinicians and students. No prior knowledge of the Lacanian teaching is required.

Faculty: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.  
Location: Mission Mental Health, 2712 Mission Street, San Francisco  
Day: Second and Fourth Friday of the Month, Beginning Sept. 21, 2007

Time: 1-2:30 PM  
Fee: Free

For further information please call 415-401-2707  
Continuing Education Credit is pending

### **Lacan and Bion**

This seminar will explore Bion's notion of **O** or the reality of being/psychic experience in relationship to Lacan's theory of the three registers of experience and his notion of the big **O** (Other) and the lack in the Other ( $\emptyset$ ). Both theorists distinguish between knowledge and knowing (Lacan) or knowledge and being O (Bion), and establish a relationship between desire and knowledge (the desire of the analyst in Lacan, and ridding knowledge of memory and desire in Bion).

Faculty: John Stone, Ph.D. and Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.  
Location: 2820 Adeline, Berkeley, 94703  
Day and Time: Saturday 1-4PM  
Date: December 15, 2007  
Fee: \$60  
Approval of CE units is pending

### **Introduction to Lacan: Basic Concepts**

This annual seminar provides an overview of Lacan's fundamental theoretical concepts and does not presuppose prior familiarity with Lacanian theory. After providing an overview of Lacan's life and seminal influences on his work the instructors will introduce the theory of the signifier to explain Lacan's theory of the unconscious and of desire, and the formation of the subject. A presentation of the registers of the Real, Imaginary, and Symbolic will serve as background for a review of other seminal concepts, such as Lacan's view of narcissism, identification, and the drive, as well as the distinctions between pleasure and *jouissance*.

Faculty: Marcelo Estrada, LCSW and Carrie Thaler, Ph.D.  
Dates: Two three-hour sessions to be announced. Please check our website for details and updates,  
Location: 902 Curtis Street, Albany, 94706  
Fee: \$ 80 and \$100 with CE units  
Approval of CE credit is pending.

## **SPRING**

### **Lacan on Identification**

This conference will highlight Lacan's innovative and specific approach to identification. We will review his early work as well as his extensive elaboration in his seminar of 1961-1962 on Identification.

Faculty: Andre Patsalides, Ph.D.  
Date: Saturday April 19  
Time: 1-4 PM  
Location: 2820 Adeline, Berkeley, 94703

### **Termination of analysis: The future of an illusion?**

This seminar questions notions such as “termination, ending, finishing, completion, cure..” that mark the point at which an analysand and a psychoanalyst begin to think about stopping their meetings and concluding a treatment. We shall review various theoretical and clinical elaborations on “analysis terminable and interminable” – Freud, Lacan, contemporary object relations theorists – and illustrate with clinical case material what allows for a separation, what analysands might take (and not take...) with them from an analysis, and what might remain interminable and/or illusory at the point of conclusion. (Suggested reading: Freud [1937] “Analysis terminable and interminable”)

Faculty: André Patsalides, Ph.D., Jed Sekoff, Ph.D., Beatrice Patsalides, Ph.D.  
Date: Sunday April 20, 2008  
Time: 9:30 AM-1 PM  
Location: TBA  
Tuition: \$80

### **Cartels, Research Groups, and Study Groups**

#### **Weekly Cartel on Lacan’s Seminar #5 on the Formations of the Unconscious**

Beginning May 23, 2007  
Plus one: Marcelo Estrada, LCSW  
Phone: 510-339-6244  
Convener: Geoffrey Young.

#### **Research in Psychoanalysis, Cultures and Anthropology**

Purpose: to study and explore the relationship between the Unconscious and cultural variations, particularly but not exclusively non-western cultures - to clarify the

relationship between psychoanalysis, anthropology, ethnopsychanalysis and cross-cultural psychology. Themes: the unconscious and cultural differences, "unconscious & "linguistics", psychoanalytic aspects of migration and exile, bilingualism in the clinic, cultures, sexualities and gender variations, intercultural conflicts (individual and social).

Process: Readings, discussions, text presentations, case presentation.  
Contact: Philippe Gendault, Ph.D. Phone: 415-289-7033.

### **Research Group in the Practice of Analysis and the Practice of Meditation**

Purpose: to study the relationship between the experience of a personal analysis and the experience of meditation. To this effect we will explore the relationship between Vasubandhu's (an Indian Zen Ancestor from the second century) three forms of self-nature (the Other-dependent, the Imagined, and the Real), and Lacan's three registers of experience (Real, Symbolic, Imaginary). The group is open to anybody who has been in analysis or psychoanalytic psychotherapy, preferably the former, and has significant experience and interest in the practice of meditation.

Contact: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.  
Phone: 415-401-2707

### **Monthly Study Group**

Text: Five Lessons in Psychoanalysis by David Nasio  
Contact person: Marcelo Estrada, LCSW  
Phone: 510-339-6244  
Convener: Cecile Gouffrant

### **Continuing Education Credit**

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis is an approved provider of continuing education for Clinical Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists (BBS Provider Number PCE-638). Continuing education credits are given to Psychologists at the completion of the course. The number of CE units is equal to the number of hours listed for each course. Any course of less than 8 hours duration requires 100% attendance, while any course of 8 hours or more requires 80% attendance and make-up work (with prior instructor approval) for the missing class(es).

**Please check our website for updates on course offerings at [www.lacan.org](http://www.lacan.org)**

## **Instructors**

### **Marcelo Estrada, M.A.**

Founding Member, Faculty and Scholar of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis.

### **Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.**

Psychoanalyst and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; Training Director of Mission Mental Health, San Francisco; Adjunct Faculty of the California School of Professional Psychology; Private practice in Berkeley. Dr. Moncayo has published many papers in professional journals and is the author of a new book to be released in London in 2008: *New Lacanian Perspectives for Clinical Psychoanalysis. On Narcissism, Sexuation, and Jouissance in Psychoanalysis and Culture.*

**Philippe Gendraud, Ph.D.** Candidate and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; private practice in San Francisco.

### **Andre Patsalides, Ph.D.**

Founding Member, Psychoanalyst and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; Member of the Belgian School of Psychoanalysis, Brussels; Professor Emeritus at the University of Louvain, Belgium. Dr. Patsalides received his psychoanalytic training in Brussels and with J. Lacan in Paris.

### **Jed Sekoff, Ph.D.**

Psychoanalyst in practice in the East Bay; Teaching Faculty at SFPI, PINC, the Wright Institute, and NCSPP. Dr. Sekoffs writing includes work on film, culture, and psychoanalysis, as well as a clinical theory of subject relations.

**Beatrice Patsalides, Ph.D.**, psychoanalyst, faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis, Berkeley, staff psychologist at the Centre Primo Levi, Paris, France, private practice in Paris. Publications include articles on psychoanalysis and political violence, trauma, new technologies of reproduction.

### **Scott Ferguson**

Scott Ferguson is pursuing a Ph.D. in rhetoric and film studies at UC Berkeley where he also currently teaches classes. His dissertation (in progress) explores problems of visualization in the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century theories of psychogenesis

### **John Stone, Ph.D.**

John S. Stone. Ph. D. a psychologist - psychoanalyst practicing in Berkeley, Ca, is an active member of the biannual international conferences on Wilfred Bion's psychoanalytic work and the annual Bion conferences that he begun in Yosemite Valley. In the past decade, he has studied Lacan's work and is a member of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis.

**Registration Form**

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(Students with valid ID receive a 20% discount)

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