

PROGRAM 2008-2009
BOOK PRESENTATION AND CELEBRATION

“Evolving Lacanian Perspectives for Clinical Psychoanalysis: On Narcissism, Sexuation, and the Phases/Faces of Analysis in Contemporary Culture.”

Raul Moncayo will be presenting his new book published by Karnac. The presentation will be followed by a reception.

Location: 1453 Mission, between 10th & 11th streets,
CIIS building, room 307
Date: Sunday, September 28
Time: 11-2
Fee: Free

**CLINICAL SEMINAR OF THE ANALYSTS OF THE
SCHOOL ON IDENTIFICATION**

This year-long clinical seminar of the analysts of the school will be focused on the phenomenon and concept of identification. We will begin with Freud’s Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego and continue with Lacan’s seminar on identification. In this seminar Lacan builds on Freud’s notion of a unary trace or partial identification to understand not only the nature of a symptom, but also the origins of language and of the super-ego/ego-ideal. Lacan accomplishes this task by grounding the notion of identification in its philosophical and philological meaning. We will explore the relations among a trace, a line, a ring, a void, a voice or vocalization, a sign, and a signifier. Finally, the seminar will use the concept of identification to elucidate the question of identity in a postmodern age (with its concomitant loss of traditional ideals and parental/paternal authority), the troubles of adolescence (the pathos of youth), and what Lacan means by identification with the *synthome* as a criteria for the termination of analysis.

Faculty: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D. and Analysts and Candidates of the School
Location: 1578 San Lorenzo, Berkeley, Ca. 94707
Day/Time: Saturdays 1-4PM
Dates: September 20, Sunday October 19, November 1, November 22,
January 17, February 28, March 7, April 4, May 16.
Tuition: \$500
Approval of CE units is pending

READING SEMINAR IV: THE OBJECT RELATION AND FREUDIAN STRUCTURES

This seminar will introduce the fourth year of Lacan's teaching - 1956-57 – in which he inaugurates his specific contribution to the understanding of Oedipal complexity with the introduction of the framework of Frustration-Privation-Castration, as well as the “phallus” as a conceptual term. Against the position of the *Societe Psychanalytique de Paris*, and in pursuit of the specifically Freudian concept of the object as originally lost, Lacan consequently elaborates not so much on the object, but rather its lack. He approaches this question by addressing the role of the object in perversion and phobia as illustrated by Freud's cases such as *A Child is being Beaten*, *Dora*, and others, but primarily through his analysis of *Little Hans*. This seminar will meet weekly, 10:00 am to 12:30 am starting Tuesday September 09 through May 09. Dates and times might be subject to change according to participation. Although this text has not yet been published in the English, a full translation will be made available to participants (thanks to R. Grigg).

Facilitators: Philippe Gendrault & Geoffrey Young
Location: 3702 Sacramento Street in San Francisco
Registration: call 415-289-7033.
Email: tboy72776@yahoo.com or drgendrault@yahoo.com
Fee: \$ 100 monthly/ \$ 50 monthly for students

ON THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND NORMALIZATION OF PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND THE PSYCHOPATHOLOGY OF NORMALITY AND ENLIGHTENMENT

According to Freud even in the best environments or societies, that do not produce trauma or developmental deficits, repression is constitutive of subjectivity and not only the hallmark of neurosis or psychopathology. To be normal or to be subjected to the norm is to be repressed and neurotic/conflicted while at the same time the injuries of subjectivity are worn on the chest and face as medals/masks of honor and signifiers/traits of uniqueness. Social and sexual functioning is predicated on repression and at the same time the latter functions as an obstacle to the former. The elimination of the category of neurosis from the DSM is consistent with a dichotomy between normality and psychopathology that masks the origins of and interdependence of both normality and psychopathology. In the place of a category of neurosis a new biological mythology is created that conceals the non-biological or normative aspects of an illness as well as what is abnormal about normality. Up until

recently binary or dual formal logic was considered sufficient to understand the body (wherein you either have an illness or you don't), but human nature and the mind are dialectically organized and therefore require different forms of rationality for their understanding and transformation. When the study of the brain rules the mind and psychiatry, the knowledge of the brain ends up destroying both and reducing psychiatry to medicine and the natural sciences. Conversely, when the mind/psyche rules the brain and psychiatry, both the mind and the body/brain are preserved alongside one another.

In an attempt not to pathologize pathology or to keep normality and pathology separate, discontinuities are dichotomies are created between normality and illness, enlightenment and delusion, which end up pathologizing pathology or idealizing normality more than necessary. Normative psychiatry or the opposite identity politics, mask what may be not so healthy about being normal or normalize what in fact may be pathological or unhealthy. In this seminar we will ask questions such as what are the positive aspects of hysteria and the obsessional structure, what are and what to do with the perversions and sociopathy within normality and neurosis, and what is psychotic, if anything, about the so-called normal or ordinary personality. Finally the seminar will raise the question of the borderline character: is it a neurotic structure with perverse and psychotic symptoms or is it a fourth diagnostic group with unique characteristics. To this end the seminar will consider the defenses of splitting and projective identification (found in some schools of psychoanalysis) and examine whether they justify the existence of a fourth diagnostic group or whether they simply constitute new versions of repression and neurotic formations.

Location: Mission Mental Health, 2712 Mission, San Francisco
Date and Time: Fridays from 1-2:30 PM beginning Sept 5
Fee: Free
Instructor/s: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D. and Participants
For information: Call 415-401-2707

DESIRE AND ITS INTERPRETATION

This all-year round weekly discussion/study group will focus on Lacan's Seminar VI, Desire and Its Interpretation. Like last year's reading of Seminar V, this will involve close and slow reading of the Lacanian text and related references, such as Shakespeare's Hamlet and some of Freud's texts. We will be meeting on Thursday nights, 7-9pm. Fees will be based on ability to pay.

Interested individuals should contact: Marcelo Estrada
(Marcelo.estrada@gmail.com) or Geoffrey Young (tboy72776@yahoo.com).

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: Nov. 8 & 9, 12-3 pm
Location: 902 Curtis Street, Albany, 94706
Fee: \$ 80 and \$100 with CE units
Approved for Continuing Education Credits

Lacan and Bion II

This seminar will explore Lacan's and Bion's notions of affects, projective identification, the countertransference, and the desire of the analyst. We will begin with the early Freudian cathartic method and continue examining the working through of emotional material in the analytic relationship. The truth and falseness of an affect, and the relationship between affect and representation/signifier will be considered according to the logic of the Borromean knot. Among the affects considered will be: love/hate, envy/jealousy, sexual excitation/desire/fear/aversion, anxiety, and grief. Affects will be understood and organized according to different forms of *jouissance*. Finally, the notions of countertransference, projective identification, and identification with the analyst will be elucidated in light of the identification with the *synthome* and the desire of the analyst.

Faculty: John Stone, Ph.D. and Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.
Location: 2237 Carleton Street, Berkeley, 94703
Day and Time: Saturday 1-4PM
Date: November 22,
Fee: \$60
Approval of CE units is pending

**The Lacanian School Is Delighted To Present Professor,
Author, and Psychoanalyst Dany Nobus**

**On the Significance of the Letter in Lacanian
Psychoanalytic Practice**

Dany Nobus

When, in 1971, Lacan criticized Derrida for proposing that the letter is primary with regard to the signifier, he was implicitly criticizing a position he himself had held since the early 1960s. In this seminar, I will explore the ramifications of Lacan's thinking concerning the relationship between the signifier and the letter. I shall argue that the letter is an underrated factor in Lacanian theory and practice, and that Lacan himself contributed to the devaluation of its significance.

Date: Jan. 17, 2009
Day: Saturday
Time: 1-4PM
Fee: \$100, \$40 for students
Location: 1453 Mission, between 10th & 11th streets,
CIIS building, room to be announced. Check lacanschool.org
website for updates.

Digital Hysteria: A New Malady of HyperModernity

Fernando Castrillon, M.A., Psy.D.

We are engaged in a technical enterprise at the species scale: the problem is knowing whether the Master/Slave conflict will find its resolution in the service of the machine (Lacan).

If we understand human subjectivity as changing and as a polyphonic production of culture, then we can also come to understand that the changing nature of culture will produce new maladies of subjectivity. Julia Kristeva, the Bulgarian-French psychoanalyst, speaks eloquently about the changing landscape of human subjectivity we are beginning to encounter in the contemporary psychoanalytic space. The purpose of this presentation is to

unearth and examine one of these new maladies of subjectivity or the soul that is characteristic of hypermodernity; namely *digital hysteria*.

After differentiating between symptom and structure, the presentation goes on to give a thorough examination of hysteria from a psychoanalytic perspective. Lacan's detailed understanding of hysteria as a structure within neurosis is foregrounded and used as a template for the proposed new psychopathological structure I have come to term *digital hysteria*. This understanding of digital hysteria draws from my work on digitization and the role of digital machines within hypermodernity and their impact on human psychology. Clinical examples and popular culture will be used to illustrate different aspects of this new psychopathology.

Faculty: Fernando Castrillon, Psy.D.
Date: March 7, 2009
Day: Saturday
Time: 1-4PM
Fee: \$60
Location: 1453 Mission, between 10th & 11th streets,
CIIS building, room to be announced. Check lacanschool.org
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Instructors

Carrie Thaler, Ph.D.

Founding Member and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; Adjunct Clinical Faculty of the California School of Professional Psychology, private practice (Albany , Oakland). In addition to psychoanalysis, Dr. Thaler specializes in neuropsychology.

Marcelo Estrada, M.A.

Founding Member, Faculty, Scholar, and Candidate 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; Research 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 “Evolving Lacanian Perspectives for Clinical Psychoanalysis. On Narcissism, *Sexuation*, and the Faces/Phases of Analysis in Contemporary Culture.”

Philippe Gendraud, Ph.D.

Candidate and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; private practice in San Francisco.

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.

Fernando Castrillon, Psy.D.

Earned a Masters in Sociology from the University of California and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). He is also a Candidate in Training at the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis in Berkeley, California. He is adjunct lead faculty in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department and the Community Mental Health Department at CIIS and post-doctoral fellow with the Department of Health in San Francisco.

Dany Nobus

Dany Nobus is Professor of Psychology and Psychoanalysis, and Head of the School of Social Sciences at Brunel University, London, where he also directs the MA in Psychoanalysis and Contemporary Society. He is the author, most recently, of *Knowing Nothing, Staying Stupid: Elements for a Psychoanalytic Epistemology*, and has contributed numerous papers on the theory, practice and history of psychoanalysis to academic and professional journals.

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