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Dr. Helen Silverman
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Dear Dr. Silverman,

On behalf of the Psychoanalytic Society's board and officers, I am pleased to summarize our recent activities and exciting plans for the future. Our board consists of a blend of recent graduates and seasoned members who bring both new ideas and experienced perspectives to serving the needs of our membership. Our goal is to contribute to the Postdoctoral community with our ongoing programs and new initiatives and to partner wherever possible with the Postdoctoral Program. Our new monthly P.D. News column, *News from the Psychoanalytic Society*, describes our activities in greater depth.

We are welcoming proposals for our **Fifth Annual Graduate Scholars' Grants**, totaling up to \$5,000. The 2008 grants were awarded to a group studying perversion and the internet, and to two individuals, one examining the use of the interpersonal therapeutic relationship to reactivate dormant creativity in depressed and dementing patients and the second for studying the challenges of being a psychoanalyst parent of a difficult child. Please see the enclosure and use your dues form to request a grant application.

Additionally, this year we will be awarding the **First Annual Candidate Scholar's Grant** in the amount of \$1,000 to a high seniority matriculating candidate in the NYU Postdoctoral Program. A request for proposals was issued last week.

Our **Colloquium Committee's** next conference, **New Horizons: Working Psychoanalytically with Older Adults**, will be held on **January 24, 2009**. Please see the enclosed announcement for the roster of interesting speakers on this provocative and topical subject. As seating is limited, early registration is strongly recommended.

Our **Postdoctoral Referral Service** has successfully provided moderate-cost referrals to Society members for nearly 30 years. Its long-lasting popularity is a reflection of its consistent and personalized service. If you wish to join, please do so as soon as possible, as enrollment capacity is limited to ensure optimal effectiveness. Check out the website at www.PsychologistSearch.org.

The Society also offers members the complimentary benefit of enrollment in our **Moderate-Fee Candidate Psychoanalytic Service** to those who are eligible and would like to provide an NYU Postdoctoral candidate with moderate fee psychoanalysis. See details on the enclosed dues statement and please note the January 30, 2009 deadline.

We look forward to **The Society's 7th Annual Gala Cocktail Party** on **Friday evening, March 6, 2009** at the Harmonie Club! It has become an eagerly anticipated annual tradition and a wonderful opportunity to socialize with colleagues in an elegant atmosphere. Last year we celebrated the accomplishments of the Society's talented musicians. **SAVE THE DATE!** Invitations will be mailed in January. (OVER...)

We also look forward to our 2nd *Annual Graduate Brunch* in spring 2009, welcoming new graduates of NYU's Postdoctoral Program into the Society with complimentary membership for the year, and encouraging them to become involved in our activities. This year we are proud to contribute to the Postdoctoral Weekend with a one-time stipend to a candidate for supervision and a complimentary annual membership in the Society for a graduate.

The Society continues to sponsor the *Bernard N. Kalinkowitz Memorial Fund* that confers a scholarship award to a first-year candidate, as well as cosponsoring the annual publication of the *Postdoctoral Directory* with NYU's Postdoctoral Program. We continue to sponsor *The Annual Memorial Lecture* – offered for more than 30 years – information for which will be forthcoming.

The *Biennial International Conference* provides an excellent opportunity to interact professionally and socially with analysts from around the world. Our last conference entitled, *Loneliness and Yearnings*, was held in Vancouver, Canada and was considered to be a great success. It was co-sponsored with the Toronto, Western Canada, Adelphi and William Alanson White Graduate Societies.

We invite members of the Society to contact the board with suggestions for future events or reactions to our programs. If anyone is interested in working with any of our committees, please feel free to volunteer -- you do not have to be a board member to participate in shaping our programs. To learn more about the Society's initiatives, please check our website at www.PsychoanalyticSociety.org.

You are eligible to join the Society if you are a NYU Postdoctoral Program graduate, faculty member, or supervisor. Please take this opportunity to join or renew your membership in the Society and/or the Postdoctoral Referral Service and the Moderate-Fee Candidate Psychoanalytic Service by using the enclosed form and pre-addressed envelope. Also, please remember to check the box on your dues form if you wish to request a grant application.

Best regards,

Joan Yager

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