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January 2022

## Letter From the President

### Hope and Dread in the Pandemic

Dear Postdoc Colleague,

Last year was another trying year for us and for the world. In the spirit of psychoanalysis, this year of the pandemic brought with it both hope and dread. In 2021, we looked with optimism to Pfizer and Moderna for a sense of safety, only to encounter new threats from the Greek duo, Delta and Omicron. But we at Postdoc rejoice in having our own Greek duo, Orfanos and Lechich, who through their wisdom, toil, and prescient commentary from the not-so-Greek Chorus of the Executive Committee, has enabled us to retain a sense of meaning and connection.

For nearly 50 years, the Psychoanalytic Society of the Postdoctoral Program has been an extension of the NYU Postdoctoral Program. We began in the early 1970s as the Graduate Society of the Postdoctoral Program, enabling those who had graduated and lost their NYU affiliation to stay connected to their Postdoc colleagues and to benefit from the type of intellectual stimulation that is present at the university.

Through deep dedication to our calling, Postdoc has stood ready to help people through difficult times, and this worldwide health crisis has created an unprecedented need for our services. The Psychoanalytic Society and the NYU Postdoctoral Program continue to work together in close collaboration to support members by providing meaningful activities and educational opportunities.

We are committed to supporting diversity of all types through our Scholar's Grant program, and seek to expand further the **diversity of perspectives on the Board**. We want to hear from *new and recent graduates and members from different backgrounds, races, ethnicities, sexualities, theoretical orientations, and deep passions that reflect the Postdoc community's needs, interests, and desires*.

We recently welcomed our new administrator, **Debbie Kopinsky**. Debbie is highly-skilled, efficient, and technologically sophisticated, as well as a delight to work with. We are so happy to have her join us. Hopefully, you will get a chance to "meet her" throughout the upcoming year during the renewal process and our scheduled activities.

**We invite you to renew your membership in the Psychoanalytic Society or join for the first time.** On the back of this letter, you will find the membership categories. **Note to candidates:** We began in the early 1970's as the Graduate Society, but now seek to create an even more cohesive community by including candidates. Joining now as a Candidate Member, *free of charge*, entitles you to attend events, apply for a Scholar's Grant, and even sit on the Board. **Gloria Ellis** is currently our **Candidate Board Member**, and we are creating more such positions. Gloria has already made wonderful

contributions by providing candidates' perspectives. **Note to new (2021) and recent graduate psychoanalysts (1-5 years post-graduation):** We appreciate the many difficulties of being thrust into the professional world upon graduation, and want to do what we can to support you. We therefore subsidize your dues, either completely or in part. (See below.)

There is no better time for members of the Postdoc community to support one another, and we hope you will join us for 2022!

With warmest regards and wishes for a better year ahead.

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New Graduates (2021 or 2022 graduation) – Welcome! **No dues**  
Recent Graduates (2017 or later): Discounted amount of **\$75**  
Honorary Member: Special category for Postdoc Director and Clinic Director- **No dues**  
Candidate Member – **No dues**  
Confidential Hardship Dues: **\$25**

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