

FOURTH JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
"LONELINESS AND YEARNINGS"
VANCOUVER, CANADA
JULY 25-27, 2008

Dear Conference Participants,

The Fourth Joint International Conference will take place on the campus of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. The university is located at the western tip of Point Grey peninsula overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The conference will open on Friday evening with a welcoming cocktail party followed by the Keynote Address, to be given by Dr. Sandra Buechler from the William Alanson White Institute. Dr. Buechler is the author of *Clinical Values: Emotions That Guide Psychoanalytic Treatment*, as well as numerous journal articles. After the Keynote will be dinner and a small group activity designed to promote personal involvement in the conference topic, "Loneliness and Yearnings".

Saturday promises to be a day packed with many stimulating panels. As is the custom for these conferences, Saturday evening's dinner and activity will be a very special Vancouver experience. We will be transported by trolley and enjoy a narrated mini-tour of Vancouver on the way to the dock. There we will board the *Magic Charm* for a harbor cruise, cocktails, dinner and prime viewing of the fireworks. Sunday will again offer paper presentations and a closing cocktail party to end the conference. The conference registration package includes two cocktail parties, two breakfasts, two lunches, all coffee breaks, the Friday night opening dinner and the Saturday night dinner cruise.

We have reserved a variety of types of rooms on the UBC campus for conference participants. **It is very important that you book your lodging as soon as possible, as housing is limited.** We have included a "Request for Accommodation" form with this letter or you may arrange for housing through the web, using this link:

https://reserve.ubcconferences.com/pls/wss/html_ui_search.availability?ref=12345&ses=&cha=GROUP&grp=G70724A&arr=07/22/2008&dep=07/30/2008&pro=UBC

If you prefer, you may send the Accommodation form by regular mail or fax or call the Accommodation office at 604-822-1000 to select your housing. Our group code is: G70724A.

We look forward to sharing this conference experience with you in magnificent Vancouver!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Geskie, Ph.D. Ionas Sapountzis, Ph.D. Joan Pinkus, Ph.D.
Rebecca Curtis, Ph.D. Michael Stern, Ph.D. Lori Bohm, Ph.D., chair
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