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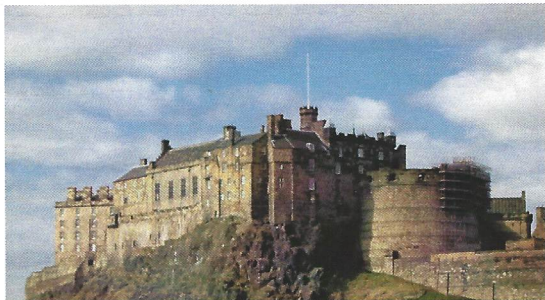
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FAILURE: PSYCHOANALYTIC EXPLORATIONS



University of Edinburgh,

Edinburgh, Scotland

August 6-8, 2010

Lori Bohm, White

Frances Clark, Scotland

Amanda Cornish, Scotland

Rebecca Curtis, White & Adelphi

Michael O'Loughlin, Adelphi

Michael Stern, Psa Soc

Brent Willock, Toronto

Ionas Sapountzis, Adelphi, chair

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday:

- 6:30 Registration
- 7:00 Welcoming Remarks
- 7:15 Dinner
- 8:15 Keynote Address
- 9:15 Small Group Activity



Saturday:

- 7:30 - 8:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 - 10:30 Panels 1A and 1B
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:45 Panels 2A and 2B
- 12:45 - 1:45 Lunch
- 1:45 - 3:30 Panels 3A and 3B
- 3:30 - 4:00 Coffee Break
- 4:00 - 5:30 Panels 4A and 4B
- 6:00 Scenic Drive to Glenturret Distillery
- 7:00 - 11:00 Dinner, Music and Dancing



Sunday:

- 7:30 - 8:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 - 10:30 Panels 5A and 5B
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:45 Panels 6A and 6B
- 12:45 - 1:45 Lunch
- 1:45 - 3:15 Panel 7A and 7B
- 3:15 - 3:45 Coffee Break
- 3:45 - 5:15 Panels 8A and 8B
- 5:30 - 7:00 Closing Cocktail Party

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

- 6:30 Registration
- 7:00 Welcoming Remarks:
Amanda Cornish, *Scotland*
Ionas Sapountzis, *Adelphi*
- 8:15 Keynote Address: **Richard Holloway**,
Former Bishop of Edinburgh
Fail Better
- 9:15 Small Group Activity: Exposure to Failure
in Our Own Lives

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Panel 1A: Facing Mortality/ Life Appraisal

8:45 - 10:30

Joan Yager, *Psa Soc*

*Embracing Who I Am Now: Working
Through Issues with Older Adults*

J. Gail White and Michelle Flax, *Toronto*

*Failure of the Body: Perseverance of the
Spirit*

Robert Langan, *White*

Brief Candle

Rhonda Sternberg, *Psa Soc*

*"What If I Had Only a Year To Live?"
Reflections on Feelings of Failure,
Regret and Working Through*

Panel 1B: Impossible Mourning and the Limits of Therapy

8:45 - 10:30

Michael O'Loughlin, *Adelphi*

*When Speech and Reason Falter:
Working with Impossible Mourning*

Marilyn Charles, *Austen Riggs Center*

*Falling Through the Rabbit Hole:
Bearing the Unbearable with Victims of
Unspeakable Trauma*

Estelle Rapaport, *Adelphi*

*Growing Up in the Shadow of the
Holocaust: Addressing the Struggle to
Mourn Across Generations*

Sharron Kaplan, *Adelphi*

Failure. Imitations. Exploring the Worst

Panel 2A: Fear of Failure/ Self Destruction

11:00 - 12:45

Robert Mendelsohn, *Adelphi*

*Clutching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory:
Failure, Self-Destruction, and the Icarus Myth*

Mark Borg, *White*

*Failing Better: Working Through Chronic
System/ Personal/ Treatment Failures in
Psychoanalysis*

Christopher McIntosh, *Toronto*

*Standing Tall: Bodily Metaphors in a
Case of Self-Defeating Personal Failure*

Rivka Greenberg, *Psa Soc*

*Fear of Failure as a Defense against
Separation Anxiety*

Panel 2B: Bodily Failure

11:00 - 12:45

Patricia Vitacco, *Psa Soc*

When the Body Fails Us

Maureen O'Reilly-Landry, *Psa Soc*

*Failed Organs, New Relationships: Whose
Kidney Is It Anyway?*

Judith Levene, *Toronto*

*The Big Hit: How Adult Illness Can
Recapitulate Childhood Trauma and
Fears of Failure*

Joy Dryer, *Psa Soc*

*Failure: A Clinical Reassessment of the
Concept*

Panel 3A: Defining Failure

1:45 - 3:30

Harold Davis, *Psa Soc*

What Fails in Failure and Whose Failure Is It?

John O'Leary, *White*

*The Forty % Theory: Failure as a Matter
of Interpretation*

Janet Benton, *White*

*Success and Failure: Definers or
Constrainers?*

Michael Stern, *Psa Soc*

The Challenge of Obsolescence

Panel 3B: Issues Contributing to Therapeutic Failure

1:45 - 3:30

Bruce Herzog, *Toronto*

*Second-Hand Rose: Attempting a Second
Analysis as Second Best Analyst*

Barbara Waxenberg, *Psa Soc*

*The Perils of Perfidy: An Odyssey Through
a Psychoanalytic Failure*

Jani Klebanow, *Adelphi*

*The Analyst as Failure: Making Meaning
Out of One's Mistakes*

Jean Principe, *Psa Soc*

*Termination: Separating Failure from
Success*

Panel 4A: Suicide

4:00 - 5:30

Ronald Ruskin, *Toronto*

*The Tragic Impact of Failure and Dread:
Therapists Whose Patients Suicide*

Marsha Hewitt, *Toronto*

*Thinking through Therapeutic Failure
with the Suicide Patient*

Rebecca Curtis, *White*

*Fame, Fortune and Failure: Trying to
Understand the Suicides of Celebrities
and Successful People*

Panel 4B: Theoretical Concepts of Failure and Forgiveness

4:00 - 5:30

Paul Finnegan and Graham Clarke,
Toronto

*A Fairbairnian Perspective on Failure
in the Analysis of the Wolf Man*

Ann Baranowski, *Toronto*

*Otto Rank's Notion of the Neurotic as
"Artiste Manque" ("Failed Artist")*

Karl Loszak, *Toronto*

*Failing with Grace: How a Golden Thread
of Forgiveness Runs through
Psychoanalysis*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Panel 5A: Learning from Failure/ Resilience

8:45 - 10:30

Sandra Buechler, White

Bouncing Back: Therapeutic Resilience

Lori Bohm, White

Failure as a Spur to Growth

Sue Wallace, Scotland

Very Small Steps: Maintaining Resilience and Compassion in the Face of 'Failure' in Working with Homeless People

Melinda Blitzer and

Heather Perrin-Boyle, Adelphi

Struggling with a Struggling Group: Transforming Failure into Professional Growth

Panel 5B: Failures in Couples/Failures of Intimacy

8:45 - 10:30

Jeffrey Rubin, Westchester Institute

Failures of Intimacy and Their Transformation

Molly Ludlum, Scotland

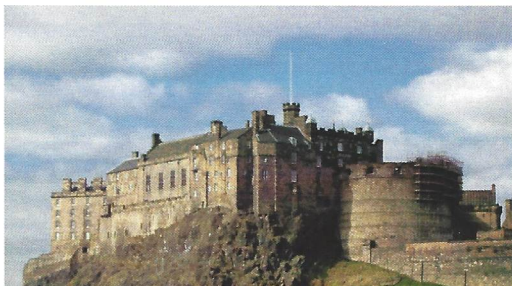
Relationship Breakdown: What Role for the Couples Psychotherapist?

Alison Ross, Psa Soc

Failed Marriages: Two Husbands in Treatment

Maria Gurevich, Toronto

"Desperately Seeking a Love Object": Dissociated Desires and the Failure to Sustain Mutual Recognition



Panel 6A: Failure as Depicted in the Arts and Literature

11:00 - 12:45

Renee Cherow-O'Leary, *Columbia*
Failure as Represented in the Arts and Humanities

Mark Egit, *Toronto*
Failure as Development

Henry Seiden, *Division 39 of the APA*
You Can't Go Home Again

Sara Weber, *Psa Soc*
Free Fall: Spaciousness or Madness?

Panel 6B: Winnicott, the Middle Group and Failure

11:00 - 12:45

Ionas Sapountzis, *Adelphi*
The Failure to Understand as a Transitional Experience

Graham Clarke and Paul Finnegan, *Toronto*
Disillusions and Endopsychic Structure: Winnicott, Suttie, Macmurray and Fairbairn

Frances Clark, *Scotland*
Whatever Happened? A Clinical Evaluation of the Relationship between Humpty Dumpty and the Wall

Valentina Harrell, *White*
Winnicott's Empathic Failure vs. Enactment Communication: Discussion of Clinical Examples

Panel 7A: The Specter of Failure in Treatment

1:45 - 3:15

M. Kim Sarasohn, *Psa Soc*
Rendering Me Helpless: Making Sense of Chronic Depression and Its Treatment

Linda Bergman, *Adelphi*
A Failed Treatment, or Was It?

Jenny Kaufmann, *White*
The Failure of the Idealized Object and the Success of Being Real

Panel 7B: Shame and the Sense of Failure

1:45 - 3:15

Sally Swartz, *University of Cape Town*
Shame, Envy and Gratitude: Some Reflections on Failure and the South African Psychoanalytic Community

Amira Simha-Alpern, *Adelphi*
"Dora" and the Bathwater: A Relational Perspective on Psychoanalytic Failure

Peter Shabad, *Chic. Inst. for Psa.*
Through the Mind Darkly: The Transformation of Tragedy into Shame and Self-Pity

Panel 8A: The Personal Experience of Failure

3:45 - 5:15

John Sloane, *Toronto*
Psychoanalytic Identity, A View from Purgatory: Reflections on the Experience of Being Judged Unacceptable as a Training Analyst

Gerald Gargiulo, *NPAP*
Through the Lens of Hope

Robert Besner, *Toronto*
How I Lost My Life and Found it Again—Sort of: A Personal Journey of Loss and Adaptation

Panel 8B: Failing our Children

3:45 - 5:15

Stephen Hyman, *Adelphi*
Whose Report Card is it Anyway? Working with Parents Whose Self Worth is Determined by Their Child's Achievement

Elizabeth Allured, *Adelphi*
Blind Spot in the Analytic Lens: Our Failure to Address Environmental Uncertainty

Brent Willock, *Toronto*
The Man Who Mistook His Daughter for His Ex-Wife