

# Fourth Joint International Conference

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# **LONELINESS AND YEARNINGS**



**Vancouver, Canada**

**July 25-27, 2008**

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Brent Willock, Toronto

Lori Bohm, White, chair

## Friday, July 25

- 5:00 Welcoming Cocktail Party and Reception  
6:00 Welcoming Remarks:  
Representative from WCPA  
**Lori Bohm, White**  
6:15 Keynote Address:  
**Sandra Buechler, White**  
*Someone to Watch Over Me*  
7:15 Dinner  
9:00 Small Group Activity: Loneliness and Yearnings Through the Life Cycle

## Saturday, July 26

### Panel 1A: Solitude and Creativity In the Artist's Life

8:45 - 10:15

**Danielle Knafo, Adelphi**

*By Herself: Women, Creativity  
And Solitude*

**Susan Weisser, Adelphi**

*Loneliness, Emptiness and the Bliss  
Of Solitude in Literature and Life*

**William Allured, Psa Soc**

*The Solitude of the Photographer  
Analyst*

### Panel 1B: Loneliness in the Older Adult

8:45 - 10:15

**Stephen Kiraly, Vancouver**

*Psychotherapy of the Lonely Older  
Adult: Integrity not Integrity vs.  
Despair*

**Rhonda Sternberg, Psa Soc**

*Loneliness, Longing, Loss, Laughter  
and Love in Work with Nursing Home  
Residents*

**Helene Kafka, White**

*The Capacity to Feel Lonely: A  
Mindbody/Relational Achievement*

### Panel 2A: Expanding Our Theories to Understand and Treat Loneliness

10:45 - 12:30

**Roger Frie, White**

*The Lived Experience of Loneliness:  
Fromm-Reichmann and the  
Phenomenological Tradition in  
Psychoanalysis*

**Brent Willock, Toronto**

*Loneliness and Limiting Theoretical  
Models*

**Kenneth Eisold, White**

*The Threat of Exile: How Groups Compel  
Conformity*

**Anna Aragno, Philoctetes Center**

*Silent Cries, Dancing Tears: Reflections  
on the Developmental Antecedents and  
Uniquely Artistic Solutions to Loneliness  
and Longing*

### Panel 2B: Coping with the Loneliness of Analytic Practice

10:45 - 12:30

**Sharron Kaplan, Adelphi**

*Dead-ends, Presence and Loneliness In  
the Analytic Session: Refining Skills Via  
Eugene Gendlin's Contributions*

**Jani Klebanow, Adelphi**

*The Lonely Analyst*

**Valentina Harrell,  
White**

*Tolerating Loneliness  
in Analytic Work:  
Cultivating an  
Aesthetic State of Mind*

**Joy Dryer, Psa Soc**

*The Analyst's  
Challenge When a  
Patient Abruptly  
Leaves Treatment*



### Panel 3A: Empty Relationships in Cyberspace

2:00 - 3:30

**Barbara Eisold, Psa Soc**

*Loneliness & Love Making on the Net:  
How On-Line Romance Can Magnify  
Unsatisfied Love-Related Needs*

**John O'Leary, White**

*The Paradox of Aloneness in Virtual  
Reality: Less Lonely in a Second Life?*

**Karen Lombardi, Adelphi**

*Internal Space and the (Dis)Connection  
In Cyberspace: Adolescent Longings in  
a Pseudo-connected World*

### Panel 3B: Love, Longing and the Paradox of Solitude

2:00 - 3:30

**Arlene K. Richards & Lucille Spira,**

*IPTAR, NYFS*

*Proust and the Love of Longing*

**Evelyn Hartman, White**

*Loneliness and Love*

**Ronald Zirin, Toronto**

*Solitude: A Paradox*

### Panel 4A: Symbolization and the Awakening of Desire

4:00 - 5:30

**Amira Simha-Alpern, Adelphi**

*I Don't Care What I Eat - On the Inhibition  
Of Longing and Desire*

**Julie Lehane, Adelphi**

*Under My Bones: Exploring Loneliness  
and Yearning Through Poetry*

**Maria Gurevich, Toronto**

*The Quest for Mutuality and Reciprocity  
as an Antidote to Shame and Loneliness*



**Panel 6A: Yearnings for Non-Human Connections**

11:00 - 12:30

**Henry Seiden**, APA Div. 39  
*On the Longing for Home*

**Ronnie Lesser**, Psa Soc  
*Nostalgia*

**Elizabeth Allured**, Adelphi  
*Lonely for the 'Other Mother': Nature and The Relational Fourth*

**Panel 6B: Healing the Traumatized Analyst's Loneliness**

11:00 - 12:30

**Bruce Herzog**, Toronto  
*The Loneliness of the Traumatized Analyst and The Self Righting Function of His Private Practice*

**Jenny Kaufmann**, White  
*In the Shadow of Suicide*

**Michael O'Loughlin**, Adelphi  
*What If Absolutely Everything I Do is in the Service Of Fleeing Loneliness?*

**Panel 7A: The Father, Faith and Loneliness**

2:00 - 3:30

**Matthew Tedeschi**, Adelphi  
*Silence the Grinch: The Loneliness of a Boy Who Yearned to Hear His Father's Voice*

**Philip Classen**, Toronto  
*A Dialogue Between Psychoanalysis and Religion As It Pertains to Loneliness and Yearnings*

**John Sloane**, Toronto  
*The Loneliness of the Analyst and Its Alleviation Through Faith in O: Repetition and Reparation in The Countertransference*

**Workshop: Alone No More: How Becoming Oneself Requires Becoming Other Than Oneself**

2:00 - 3:30

**Robert Langan**, White  
**Sara Weber**, Psa Soc

**Panel 8A: Loneliness and Yearning in Film**

4:00 - 5:30

**Helen Gediman**, Psa Soc  
*Lonely Stalking: A Perverse Transformation of the Search for Idealized Romantic Love*

**Art Caspary**, Toronto  
*Loss and Yearning in No Country for Old Men*

**Bennett Roth**, Psa Soc  
*Loneliness in Pan's Labyrinth*

**Panel 8B: Loneliness in Mid-Life**

4:00 - 5:45

**Joan Lavender**, Psa Soc  
*How Could This Have Happened to Me? The Phenomenology of the Relational Void*

**Anita Katz**, Psa Soc  
*Unbearable Loneliness: Retreat into Fantasy And the Body*

**Renee Cherow-O'Leary**, Columbia University  
*Snow White & the Wicked Stepmother: Loneliness & Longing in the Midlife Woman*

**Rebecca Curtis**, White  
*Loneliness, Longing & Love: Laura & Her Fictional Menagerie*

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8:45 - 10:15 Panels 1A and 1B  
10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break  
10:45 - 12:30 Panels 2A and 2B  
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch  
2:00 - 3:30 Panels 3A and 3B  
3:30 - 4:00 Coffee Break  
4:00 - 5:30 Panels 4A and 4B  
6:00 Trolley Transport to Evening Dinner Cruise  
7:00 - 11:00 Dinner Cruise and Fireworks



**Sunday:**

7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 10:30 Panels 5A and 5B  
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break  
11:00 - 12:30 Panels 6A and 6B  
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch  
2:00 - 3:30 Panel 7A and Workshop  
3:30 - 4:00 Coffee Break  
4:00 - 5:30 Panels 8A and 8B  
5:45 - 7:00 Closing Cocktail Party

**Panel 4B: Treating the Difficult Lonely Patient**

4:00 - 5:30

**Ionas Sapountzis, Adelphi**

*"Tell Me How To Bear Myself": The Case of a Self-persecutory Woman*

**Graeme Taylor, Toronto**

*Loneliness in the Dis-Affected Patient*

**Karin Holland Biggs, Vancouver**

*The Loneliness of Being Two in One:*

*A Developmental Note on*

*Obsessional Doubt and Other Hope*

*Filled Curiosities*

*Sunday, July 27*

**Panel 5A: Separation Anxiety in Mothering and As a Barrier to Termination**

9:00 - 10:30

**Judith Setton-Markus, Vancouver**

*Loneliness: When the Baby in the Mother Meets the Baby in the Cradle*

**Jess Malkin, Toronto**

*The Necessity of Subject/Object*

*Confusion In Avoidance of Binary*

*Psychosis and Radical Melancholia*

**Harold Davis, Psa Soc**

*Loneliness and Separation Anxiety as Barriers to Termination*

**Panel 5B: The Loneliness of the Immigrant**

9:00 - 10:30

**Michèle Barnett, Psa Soc**

*The Loneliness and Yearnings of the Immigrant*

**Judith Warren, Psa Soc**

*Loneliness of the Long Distance Immigrant*

**Veronica Fiske, Adelphi**

*Alienation in Alien Worlds: The Psychotic Experience of Being an Illegal Immigrant*