Oskaar Pfister Forum

Integrating Depth Psychotherapy and Christian Faith

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Welcome to the Oskar Pfister Forum!

The Oskar Pfister Forum is an international outreach of the Society for Exploration of Psychoanalytic Therapies and Theology (SEPTT) www.septt.org, and Brookhaven Institute (BIPACT). As academics and clinicians, the Society is committed to the dialogue of Christian theology and depth psychotherapies. We believe that such a conversation is both consonant with historic Christianity and supportive of its redemptive telos. The Oskar Pfister Forum is dedicated to bringing together relationally-oriented depth psychotherapy and Christian faith.

We have chosen to name our forum the “Oskar Pfister Forum” because of the pivotal role of Rev. Oskar Pfister in the integration of Christian faith and psychoanalysis in Europe. Oskar Pfister (1873-1956) was pastor of Prediger Kirche, Zurich from 1902 to 1939. While struggling in his parish to offer more than temporary or momentary aid to his congregation and community, Pfister was attracted to the writings of Sigmund Freud. Pfister’s lifespan passion was for the calling of people to the love of Jesus Christ. In his quest for an active Christian orientation that was committed to love for one’s neighbor, Pfister visited Freud in 1908. A lifelong and mutually fulfilling friendship developed between Freud and Pfister that continued until Freud’s death in 1939.

Pfister co-founded the Swiss Society of Psychoanalysis that continues to this day as an affiliate organization of the International Psychoanalytic Association. Psychoanalysis became a vital component of Pfister’s practical method for both pursuing his life-long commitment to the love of Jesus Christ and love of neighbor, and for the ordering of his own life as a Christian.

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Robert M. Gordon, Ph.D. ABPP is a Diplomate of Clinical Psychology and a Diplomate of Psychoanalytic, and served on the governing council of the American Psychological Association. He was president of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and received its Distinguished Service Award. He was elected Honorary Member of the American Psychoanalytic Association. He has authored many scholarly articles and books in the areas of ethics, the MMPI-2, psychotherapy, relationships, forensic psychology, personality assessment, diagnoses, the Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual, a PDM-2 editor and researcher, and co-author of the Psychodiagnostic Chart. Dr. Gordon is rated by ResearchGate as a top researcher. He directs a consulting practice in Allentown, PA.

Lowell W. Hoffman, Ph.D. is a psychoanalyst, clinical psychologist, and Co-Director of Brookhaven Center in Allentown, PA, where he has provided psychotherapy to individuals and couples for over 30 years. With his wife, Marie T. Hoffman, Ph.D., he is the founding Co-Director of the Society for Exploration of Psychoanalytic Therapies and Theology, founding Co-Director of Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology, and founding and past Co-Chair of the Psychoanalytic Track of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies. Dr. Hoffman has contributed to the integration of Christian theology and psychoanalysis through his publication of journal articles, book chapters, and as guest editor of the Journal of Psychology and Christianity.

Marie T. Hoffman, Ph.D. is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology (Adjunct) at NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, Co-Director of Society for Exploration of Psychoanalytic Therapies and Theology, Director of Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology, Co-Director/psychoanalyst and psychologist at Brookhaven Center in Allentown, PA, and was the 2006 Stephen Mitchell Scholar. In addition to journal articles and book chapters, she is author of Toward Mutual Recognition: Relational Psychoanalysis and the Christian Narrative (2011), and When the Roll Is Called: Trauma and the Soul of American Evangelicalism (2016). Dr. Hoffman has been an invited lecturer on the integration of psychoanalysis and Christian theology at Rosemead School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, George Fox University as well as numerous other academic settings.

Mgr. Marek Macák is a Slovak clinical psychologist living in Prague, Czech Republic. Having been originally trained in daseinsanalysis, and psychoanalytically oriented assessment, he has been working in the mental health field as a diagnostician, therapist and assessment supervisor and teacher. From 2016, he has been serving as the president of Czech Society for Rorschach and Projective Assessment. He teaches projective techniques at the Institute of Clinical Psychology and integration of theology and psychology at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Prague. In 2011, he founded the Association for Dialogue of Theology and Psychology, which organizes conferences, group meetings and supervision for both lay and professional counselors, Christian psychologists and therapists.

Werner May, M.A. is a psychologist, the 1986-2014 President of the IGNIS-Association of Christian Psychology in Germany, www.ignis.de, and President of the European Movement of Christian Anthropology, Psychology and Psychotherapy, www.emcapp.eu. EMCAPP’s focus encompasses basic topics of Christian Psychology. Mr. May’s specialization is the counseling of foster and adoptive families. He is the publisher of the free web journal Christian Psychology Around the World, www.emcapp.ignis.de and author of several books (in German) in the area of Christian counseling and education.
Biographical Information

Udo W. Middelmann, L.L.M., B.D., M.A. has been the Director of the Francis A Schaeffer Foundation since 1988. He lectures widely in Europe and the US on current topics in the fields of theology and ethics with an emphasis on the human person in the image of the God of the Scriptures. Most recently he spoke in several universities in Lviv, Ukraine, on the requirements for a civil society, emphasizing the necessity of the rule of law, the affirmation of individual significance, and morals-based political philosophy. He held the Chair of Religion at The King's College in NY, teaches regularly at Nyack College, and is currently adjunct professor for Pepperdine University's Study Abroad Program in Lausanne, Switzerland. He publishes FOOTNOTES, a tri-annual report with reflections on current issues. He is the author of six books, including Pro-Existence, The Innocence of God, Neither Necessary nor Inevitable, and God and Man at Work: Doing Well and Doing Good. Deborah and Udo Middelmann reside in Gryon and New York and have 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

Prof. Samuel Pfeifer, M.D. was the Medical Director of the Christian Psychiatric Clinic Sonnenhalde near Basel, Switzerland from 1988 - 2012. For many years, he has reflected on the nature of mental health and Christian counseling and has published several books and numerous articles on psychiatry, psychotherapy and counselling. His books have been translated into more than 10 languages. Moreover, he has a keen interest in intercultural aspects of Global Mental Health, and has visited clinics around the globe. Starting in 1990, he was involved in building a broad platform of psychotherapy and Christian counseling in the German speaking world, the Academy of Psychotherapy and Soul Care (APS). The biannual conferences are attracting about 800 attendees. Dr. Pfeifer is professor at Evangelische Hochschule Tabor in Marburg, Germany, where he teaches psychotherapy and spirituality. He is married to Annemarie Pfeifer, active in politics in Basel, Switzerland, and has three adult sons. Website: www.seminare-ps.net

Alistair Ross, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Psychotherapy, Director of Psychodynamic Studies, and Associate member of the Theology Faculty at Oxford University. He is also of Dean of Kellogg College, Oxford. His podcast lecture of Freud and Pfister is freely available on the University website. Alistair is also an ordained Baptist minister. He is a Senior Accredited Therapist and Supervisor with the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy, and a Dynamic Interpersonal Therapist (British Psychoanalytic Council). He is the author of a short biography on Freud (2015, The History Press, UK).

Brad Strawn, Ph.D. is the Freed Professor for the Integration of Psychology and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology, Pasadena, California and is on faculty of the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology. He holds degrees in both theology and psychology and obtained advanced training in psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the San Diego Psychoanalytic Institute. Brad’s 40+ publications in journals or book chapters include his co-editing Christianity and Psychoanalysis: A New Conversation (with Earl Bland), co-authoring The Physical Nature of Christian Life: Neuroscience, Psychology & the Church (with Warren Brown) and recently contributing to the book Core Competencies of Relational Psychoanalysis (Barnes, Ed.). Brad is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, a licensed psychologist and maintains a private practice in Pasadena, CA.

Theresa Clement Tisdale, Ph.D., Psy.D. is Professor of Clinical Psychology at Azusa Pacific University and faculty member at the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology, a licensed clinical psychologist, and a certified psychoanalyst. She maintains a private practice in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy in Glendora, CA. Dr. Tisdale has published articles and book chapters, most recently co-editing a journal special issue on Psychoanalysis, Christianity, and Mourning. She is on the editorial board of six academic journals. Dr. Tisdale teaches courses on the history of psychoanalytic thought, psychoanalytic psychotherapy, and object relations theory and practice. She was recently awarded a grant from the Faculty Research Council at Azusa Pacific University for a project entitled, “Taking it to the streets: Cultivating and enlivening the spirit and practice of the European psychoanalytic free clinic movement in America.”
Forum Schedule

Friday, June 29, 2018

09:00 - 09:15 - Welcome

09:15 - 10:15 - Integrating Christianity, Psychology, and Depth Psychotherapy: A Developing Dialogue - Brad Strawn, Ph.D.

10:15 – 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30 - Honoring Oskar Pfister - Alistair Ross, Ph.D.

11:30 - 12:00 - Q & A

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch on your own

13:00 - 17:00 - Historical Perspectives

13:00 - 14:00 - Hidden Christian Influences in Psychoanalysis - Marie Hoffman, Ph.D.

14:00 - 15:00 - “The Leaven of Love”: Izette de Forrest and Sandor Ferenczi
Lowell Hoffman, Ph.D.

15:00 - 15:15 - Coffee Break

15:15 - 16:15 - Freud’s Free Clinics and the Redemptive Urge - Theresa Tisdale, Ph.D., Psy.D.

16:15 - 17:00 - Roundtable: Exploring Integration Across the Globe
Lowell Hoffman, Ph.D., Marie Hoffman, Ph.D., Werner May, M.A., Mgr. Marek Macák, Samuel Pfeiffer, M.D., Alistair Ross, Ph.D., Brad Strawn, Ph.D., Theresa Tisdale, Ph.D., Psy. D., Moderator, Scott Hickman, Ph.D.

Saturday, June 30, 2018

09:00 - 09:15 - Welcome

09:15 - 12:00 - Clinical Perspectives

09:15 - 10:15 - Introduction of Psychoanalytic Diagnostic Manual 2
Robert M. Gordon, Ph.D., ABPP.

10:15 - 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30 - Introduction of PDM2 Continued - Robert M. Gordon, Ph.D., ABPP.

11:30 - 12:00 – Q & A

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch on your own

13:00 - 17:00 - Theological Perspectives

13:00 - 13:45 - Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Clinical Process
Marie Hoffman, Ph.D.

13:45 - 14:00 - Coffee Break

14:00 - 16:00 - Evil and Suffering: Theological Perspectives - Udo Middelmann

16:00 - 16:30 - Roundtable: Psychoanalytic/Theological Integration on Evil and Suffering
Lowell Hoffman, Ph.D., Marie Hoffman, Ph.D., Alistair Ross, Ph.D., Brad Strawn, Ph.D., Theresa Tisdale, Ph.D., Psy. D.

16:30 - 17:00 - Discussion (Panel and Audience)

Conference attendees are invited to convene for dinner at Montreux Jazz Festival
Conference Registration & Location

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(June 29 - July 14, 2018)
Meeting place and time will be announced at the forum for those interested in traveling to Montreux on Saturday evening, June 30, after the conference adjourns.
Lew Aron, Ph.D., Director of NYU Post-doc/Relational Scholar
Jessica Benjamin, Ph.D., Relational/Feminist Scholar
Nancy McWilliams, Ph.D., Senior Editor of PDM/Psychoanalysis Scholar
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