

Jane Hall's introduction May 19, 2017

On behalf of the program committee - Linda Greenberg, Kim Kleinman, and Arnie – I want to welcome you all.

We are here to celebrate Arnie Richard's Collected Papers published by IP Books and CFS! Arnie, one of my dearest friends has touched each of us in this profession with his energy, commitment, generosity, intellect, and enthusiasm, all of which know no bounds. I cannot adequately express my appreciation for his loyal friendship, encouragement, and love – and so the opportunity to present this meeting to honor and celebrate him is very special.

Joining him tonight in alphabetical order are: Frank M. Lachmann, Ph.D. - a founder and faculty member

of the Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity; and a Clinical Assistant Professor, in the NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Joann Turo, Joann Turo, a member of CFS, considers herself an 'expansive' Contemporary Freudian, who has presented internationally on the significant role Freudian temporality or *Nachtraeglichkeit in the psychoanalytic process*.

& Art Lynch, President of The American Institute for Psychoanalysis founded in 1941 by Karen Horney who passionately opposed the dogmatism that characterized psychoanalysis at the time. As editor of the Collected Papers he will tell us about this huge job.

I hope that everyone here will participate tonight – as we ponder, with open minds, where we stand today and where we are going.

Theories abound in the field of psychoanalysis. Beginning with the splits from Freud by Jung, Adler, Rank, Ferenczi and others, continuing with Horney and Sullivan in America, psychoanalysts with different ideas formed their own societies and institutes. With the addition of Kohutian self- psychology, and on to the present day popularity of the Relational school begun by Mitchell and Greenberg, and the fairly recent refocusing in America on Melanie Klein, Bion, Ferenczi, and Lacan, psychoanalysts have branched off from the main stream, forming tributaries with strong currents giving us many ways to understand patients. How psychoanalysts develop, use, and create theory and how these theories underlay the techniques they use will be the focus of this panel.

What does each panelist propose to us analysts who keep developing every day and how do we avoid the idealization theory? We might even touch on the Eitingon model of education, the TA system, frequency, and furniture. Wherever we go – let us have fun.

In sum, this meeting, celebrating Arnie's Collected Papers, is about the theory or theories the analyst chooses and uses today. Our roots and our experience surely effect the theories we initially choose and our analyses (especially our self analyses) and most importantly our patients guide us in our continuing development. My particular interest is the 'open mind' and how it gets developed **IF** it gets developed. Our profession has been marked by factions and disrespect. Is it changing? Can it change? Is it too late? **Or** are we just entering into its mature stage? I can only wish and hope that the benevolent curiosity we extend to our patients can be extended to each other because there really are no answers – and it is the questions that keep us going.

Art will start us off with a short talk on his experience as editor of these important volumes.

Then, Joann followed by Frank, with Arnie's response. The audience is invited to join in with questions and comments.