



In Memoriam Anni Bergman, Ph.D. 1919-2021

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The Editors and Board of Directors of the *Journal of Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy* have had the pleasure and honor of a several-decade collegial relationship with Anni Bergman, and we mourn her loss. Anni was a member of the core group (also including Kirkland Vaughans, Susan Warshaw, Neil Altman, Pearl-Ellen Gordon, Elaine Seitz, and Stephen Seligman) that founded this journal which began publishing in the year 2000, under the editorship of Dr Kirkland Vaughans. The current Board of Directors of the JICAP Foundation emerged from that group and Anni remained as a significant board member and contributor to our process throughout the past 21 years of our development.

From the fledgling publication to which we gave birth, we have matured into an internationally recognized journal with a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion – publishing clinical articles and research rooted in and emerging out of a contemporary psychoanalytic developmental tradition. We credit Anni with the inclusion of “Infancy” within our title, and with supporting the integration of research and clinical material related to Infancy studies as a component of our mission. Dr Bergman was among those groundbreaking observational researchers and clinicians who have made major contributions to psychoanalytic developmental theory, to our understanding of treatment of parents and infants, young children and those with atypical development, as well as to the implications of all of these to clinical work across the lifespan.

The Board of *JICAP* and the JICAP Foundation are forever grateful for all she gave to us. A memorial statement follows, presenting details of her extraordinary life, an attached bibliography as well as the reflections of many colleagues and friends who worked with Anni at various stages of her career. These reminiscences present a montage of sorts, enabling us to gain a rich sense of Anni as a person, fostering a deeper appreciation of her professional contributions as they evolved throughout her lifetime. Included as well, are links to some articles which she published in this journal, and a re-publication of her 2014 article, a speech presented to the 2012 graduates of the Parent–Infant Psychotherapy Training Program which bears her name. She was at the time, well into her tenth decade.


It is striking that so many people, whose lives were impacted by Anni Bergman, speak so similarly of this extraordinary woman. Her profound impact on the lives of children and all whom she mentored are deeply moving. What shines through in the words of her numerous friends and colleagues is the joy all took in knowing her, her openness and vitality, her passion for life and the many who felt close to her.

We dedicate this issue of *JICAP* to Anni Bergman, Ph.D.

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