

SYLLABUS: Class 6

TITLE: Transgenerational Haunting: “Urgent Voluntary Errands”

Speaker: Tova Tarr, PhD

Date: 02/17/2025

Time: 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM

Seminar 2.75 CE credits

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Description:

In this program we will describe Transgenerational Haunting, the mandates that are implanted, stored, deferred and transferred from one generation to another. In particular we will discuss the “Urgent Voluntary Errands” that compel the enactment of transgenerational mandates that get appropriated and pressure the next generations to repeat and enact.

We will observe such dynamics in the novel *Until August* by Gabriel García Márquez. Also, we will discuss clinical material and how psychoanalytic treatment must facilitate the exit of the patient from their mandated “Errand” and help the patient “return to itself.”

Program Objectives:

At the end of the program, learners will be able to:

- 1) Define the process of Transgenerational Haunting;
- 2) Recognize “Urgent Voluntary Errands” of the unconscious in Transgenerational Haunting;
- 3) Describe how an “Errand” is interrupted and describe how generativity is restored in the process of Psychoanalysis.

REFERENCES/READINGS:

Required

1. *Until August* by Gabriel García Marquez, 2024 (pdf attached).
2. “Scripting” Inhabitations of Unwelcome Guests, Hosts, and Ghosts: Unpacking Elements That Constitute Transgenerational Haunting.
Maurice Apprey interviewed by William F. Cornell. *Transactional Analysis Journal*, published online: 09 Sept. 2019.
3. *Transgenerational Haunting in Psychoanalysis: Toxic Errands* by Maurice Apprey, Routledge, 2024.
Editor’s Introduction: In Consultation, My First Meeting With Maurice Apprey, by William F. Cornell.

Optional

1. “Urgent Voluntary Errands” by Maurice Apprey in *Psychoanalysis*. Today

The speaker: Tova Tarr, PhD earned her Master’s Degree in Educational and Developmental Psychology from New York University and her PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. Following years of working with children and families as a certified school psychologist and certified family therapist, Dr. Tarr pursued psychoanalytic studies with various mentors and programs including the Pittsburgh Jung Society and Keeping Our Work Alive (KOWA) for several decades. Dr. Tarr is currently in private practice and is a faculty member at the Western Pennsylvania Community for Psychoanalytic Therapies.

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