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2024

Lecture Series: *Foundational Concepts in Group Relations Theory*, led by Sarah Rosenbaum. Please find [the series brochure attached](#) with more information. Click [here](#) to register today. **November 4 - 25 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm ET | Online.**

Online Social Dreaming Matrices: Our monthly online series continues on the first Saturday of each month from **5:00 - 6:30 pm ET starting from Sep 7, 2024 thru May 2, 2025**. Through sharing dreams and freely associating to their content, we will examine the systems, small and large, which we are all a part of. See [here](#) for more information.

ISPSO/TNYC Northeast American Regional Meeting: A one-day, in-person event at the William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis & Psychology, that explores ways of bringing the unconscious to the surface through artistic expressions and sensory experiences. This event is a partnership between the New York Center and the [International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations \(ISPSO\)](#). For more information and registration please go [here](#). **October 19, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 pm ET | In person.**

In-person Social Dreaming Matrix: An in-person social dreaming matrix (A Midsummer Night) beneath the open sky, nestled in the tranquil beauty of Maggie's Garden, a local community garden just east of Broadway on West 149th Street, near the 1 train, W 145th street stop. This event is free of charge and will not be live-streamed. We do encourage you to bring a few items for a shared refreshment table – to be enjoyed before and after the matrix. **Friday, June 21, 2024 | 5:30-8:00 pm ET.**

Application Event: A Conversation About the COVID-19 Pandemic Today in a Systems Psychodynamics Context with Leo Wilton, PhD, PH. Join us for a reflective discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic on the eve of its fifth anniversary. **Saturday, March 2 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm ET | Online.** See [here](#) for more information (how to register and Zoom link).

Group Relations Conference (GRC): *Race Relations in a Global World: Leadership, Organizations, and _____*, directed by Patrick Jean-Pierre, a virtual GRC, February 22-25.

Lacan, Bion & the Social Bond: A Seminar with Jamieson Webster. This seminar will explore the pivotal and under-explored intersection of two leading 20th-century thinkers to make way for a deeper understanding of the histories of group psychology and unconscious social processes. February 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm ET | Online. See [here](#) for more information.

Hybrid Social Dreaming Matrix (SDM): A special hybrid SDM will take place both online and in person at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY, **February 3, 5:00 - 6:30 pm ET.** See [here](#) for how to register and the Zoom link.

Application Event: U.S. Book Launch | Systems Psychodynamics: Theorist and Practitioner Voices from the Field. Authors David Lawlor & Mannie Sher with Interviewees Leslie B. Brissett, Marisa Guerin, and Ed Shapiro. Sunday, January 28, 2024. 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET | See [here](#) for more information.

Small Study Group: Authority & Leadership in Everyday Life: Six-Week Small Study Group, consulted by Frank Marrocco, Tuesdays, January 9 - February 13, 6:15 - 7:30 pm ET, 57th Street & 8th Ave, New York, NY. See [here](#) for more information.

2023

Lecture Series: Foundational Concepts in Group Relations Theory, led by Sarah Rosenbaum, October 19 - November 9, 6:30 - 9:00 pm ET, online. See [here](#) for more information.

Informational Dialogue: What is Group Relations?, led by Mary McRae and Leslie Brissett, March 25, 10:30 am - 11:30 am ET. See [here](#) for how to register.

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Application Event: The New York Center invites you to an in-person screening and group discussion of artist Andrea Fraser's *This meeting is being recorded*, a performance-based video installation exploring formations of race, gender, and age in an intergenerational group of seven self-identified white women. February 5, 2023, 2-5 pm, Marian Goodman Gallery. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

2022

Application Event: The Disorganizing Force of Desire. What might a psychoanalytic reading of desire help us understand about organizations? In this conversation with

psychoanalyst Jamieson Webster, we will explore how Freud develops his concept of desire and how he conceptualizes the project of psychoanalysis, including its institutions. December 11, 11-12 pm ET, online. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Application Event: Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Exploring Tavistock Group Relations in the Digital Age. Mónica Rocío Velarde Lazarte invites members to reflect on the roots of Group Relations as a practice, in order to consider what can be learned by looking backward and how an orientation towards this history can illuminate future applications for this method. The event will take place on a new online program designed specifically for Group Relations Conferences. November 12, 11 am - 1 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

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Application Event: Critical Conversations About Race, Power, and Authority - Mary McRae has invited a team of experienced group relations consultants to explore this topic with her. She will use short vignettes from the video *Group Dynamics in a Multicultural World* as a stimulant for a critical conversation about race, power, and authority, then and there, here and now. How can we talk to each other? September 22 | 7 - 9 pm ET | Online. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Application Event: Mónica Rocío Velarde Lazarate will present Hope of the Amazon, her adaptation of Group Relations Conferences and training for Amazonian communities in Peru. The program was founded and designed by Mónica in 2010 as a societal intervention and formed by representatives of eleven ethnic groups of the Peruvian Amazon in the city of Iquitos. June 4 | 11 am - 12:30 pm ET | Online. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Application Event: Mannie Sher and David Lawlor, editors of *An Introduction to Systems Psychodynamics: Consultancy Research and Training* will define systems psychodynamics, and will discuss how a holistic approach to organizational and social problems can offer a fresh perspective on complex issues. May 15 | 1 - 2:30 pm ET | See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Application Event: Using examples from his recently published book, *Traveling through Time: How Trauma Plays Itself out in Families, Organizations, and Society*, M. Gerard Fromm will discuss the effects of trauma on organizations and societal dynamics, through a consideration of what psychoanalyst, Donald Winnicott, calls "potential space." March 15 | 7 - 8 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Group Relations Conference: *Race Relations in America: Leadership, Organizational Dynamics, and _____*, directed by Patrick Jean-Pierre, an online event, March 25-27.

Application Event: A virtual screening and discussion of the 1983 film *Who's in Charge?* directed by Canadian filmmaker Allan King (1930 - 2009). The film documents a 4-day working conference directed by Gordon Lawrence on being employed and unemployed in Canada which at the time had reached record levels of unemployment. February 5 from 10 am - 1 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information and how to register.

Social Dreaming Matrices (cont.): A monthly series on Saturdays (Jan 22nd, Feb 26th, Mar 26th, Apr 23rd, May 28th, & Jun 25th) from 5 - 6:30 pm ET of socially dreaming across physical, cultural, and language boundaries. See [here](#) for more information.

2021

Social Dreaming Matrices: A monthly series starting September 25, of socially dreaming across physical, cultural, and language boundaries. See [here](#) for more information.

A New Lecture Series: *Group Relations Foundations* with Sarah Rosenbaum, a weekly series of four online learning sessions held on Mondays (Oct 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) from 6:30 - 8:30 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information.

Group Relations Forum: *Standards, Structures, and Institutions: Reimagining Authority, Value, and _____ in a World of Difference*, directed by Patrick Jean-Pierre, hosted online, June 5.

Social Dreaming Matrices: *Dream 2021*, a monthly series of online social dreaming matrices held January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, and June 26 from 4 - 5:30 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information.

Group Relations Forum: *United and Divided We Stand: Leadership, Authority, Political Identity, and _____*, directed by Patrick Jean-Pierre, hosted online, February 20.

2020

Community Event: A virtual community gathering to reflect on the matter of Black lives and the ongoing psychological impact of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States, June 6.

Community Event: An online Social Dreaming Matrix to make sense of members' collective experience in the midst of a public health crisis, March 31.

Community Event: A virtual community gathering to reflect and allow space for members to share their experience and understanding of the unfolding coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, March 17.

Group Relations Conference: Leadership & Membership in Our Time: Working with Identity, Authority, and Boundaries, directed by Howard Friedman, hosted at The City College of New York from January 17–19.

2019

Group Relations Conference: *Finding Voice – Listening to Others: Leadership and Authority in Groups & Systems*, directed by Howard Friedman, hosted at The City College of New York from January 18–20.

2018

Holiday Colloquium: *Application of Group Work in Real Life*, directed by Yaromil Fong-Olivares, hosted at the Community Resource Exchange.

Group Relations Conference: *Leadership Authority Identity In Groups and Systems*, directed by Howard Friedman, hosted at The City College of New York from January 19–21.

2017

Holiday Colloquium: *Intergenerational Interactions and Transitions, an Embedded Groups Dialogue*, directed by Asha Gipson, Yaromil Fong-Olivares, Leslie Migliaccio, hosted at The New School in partnership with the Change Forum.

2016

Holiday Colloquium: *Talking About Structural Inequalities in Everyday Life: New Politics of Race in Groups, Organizations, and Social Systems*, presentations by Ellen Short and Leo Wilton, editors.

Community Event: *What Do Institutions Hold for Us? An Embedded Groups Dialogue*, directed by Howard Friedman, held at the Whitney Museum of American Art, in collaboration with the installation, "Down the River," by Andrea Fraser.

2015

Holiday Colloquium: *The Color Bind: Talking (and Not Talking) About Race at Work*, with authors Erica Gabrielle and Tamara Buckley.

Group Relations Conference: *Authority and Leadership: The Race for/of Employment*, directed by Eliat Aram, hosted at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Community Event: *Race Relations in the United States: An Embedded Groups Dialogue*, directed by Howard Friedman, hosted at New York University.

2014

Holiday Colloquium: *Group Dynamics in a Multicultural World*, a video presentation by Mary McRae.

Case Study Presentation: *Leadership and Irrationality in School Reform: Through a Group Relations Lens*, presentation by Maggie Barber.

Group Relations Conference: *What! Now? Authority and Leadership: Studying the Cost of Work*, directed by Eliat Aram, co-sponsored with Teachers College, Columbia University.

2013

Holiday Colloquium: *Identity in Consulting*, with Mary McRae and Robert C. "RC" Whitehouse.

Group Relations Conference: *Authority and Leadership in Groups and Organizations: Exploring the Price of Learning*, directed by Eliat Aram.

2012

Community Event: *Sexual Identity, Leadership, and Authority: An Embedded Groups Dialogue*, directed by Frank Carson and Laurie Nisco, hosted at New York University.