

The Lacanian School Is Delighted To Present Professor, Author, and Psychoanalyst Dany Nobus

Pascal's Wager and the Knowledge of Ignorance in the Endplay of Psychoanalysis

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Date: September 12, 2009
Day: Saturday
Time: 1-4PM
Fee: \$100, \$40 for students
Location: 1453 Mission, between 10th & 11th streets,
CIIS building, room 207.

This seminar will launch the 2009-2010 training year and begin the theme for the seminar of the analysts of the school. Dany Nobus will be reviewing the theme of termination as it appears in several Lacanian texts. Out of this reading, he will be relating Lacan's elaboration of Pascal's wager (which Lacan discusses in Seminar XVI), to the questions of the end of analysis, and the lack in the Other.

THE ENDS OF ANALYSES

From the Divided Subject (\$) to the Torus ($\delta [\emptyset]$)



How do analysands end analyses? What are the good clinical exits, the ways out from analytic treatments? How do analyses fail or succeed or fail when they succeed and succeed when they fail? At the end of analysis, and as a result of working through the transference, the analyst has to become dispensable to the analysand and fall from the place of the ideal (the *objet a*, the master signifier, the imaginary phallus). This needs to be differentiated from resistance and the negative transference involved in de-supposing the analyst and psychoanalysis from being the subject supposed to know. The "I know better" of the ego, differs from the realization of unconscious knowing, which is what ultimately emancipates the analysand from the analyst.

Subjective destitution, or ego and object loss, at the end of analyses, differ from the idea of a strong or unified ego, just as identifying with the *synthome* differs from identification with the analyst. The recognition of an

inevitable lack also means letting go of the recriminations against the Other who did not give this or that recognition or this or that object. The setting up of an Other who forbids access to *jouissance* is a defense against emptiness or a way to avoid the void or the lack in the Other. The fabrication of a phantasy object forbidden by a powerful authority that has the right/privilege to enjoy it, constructs a mythical Oedipal drama to defend against the fact that there is neither authority nor a great forbidden sexual pleasure (*jouissance* of the Other). When the analyst operates out of the emptiness of the desire of the analyst, the analysand fabricates or invokes an unconscious phantasy object that will be placed in lieu of the absence of the analyst's own object cause of desire. The analysand then will either demand that the analyst give him/her this object or perceive the analyst as demanding this object from them. The phantasy is traversed when the vacuity of the analyst's desire and the demand of the analysand are realized for what they are and analysands turn their desire towards their life rather than the analyst. The vacuity of the Other comes to represent a place of renewed signification, whereas the demand of the analysand will be transformed into luminous activity within the space and rims of the senses/erogenous zones. Both sexes will have to make do with a limited phallic *jouissance* (not precisely a genital ideal), whereas women, in relationship to the phallus, also experience a supplementary form of feminine sexual *jouissance* that both sexes may also experience in the form of an asexual Other *jouissance* similar, if not identical, to the Freudian principle of sublimation.

Faculty: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D. and Analysts and Candidates of the School
Location: 2237 Carleton Street, Berkeley, 94703
Day/Time: Saturdays 1-4PM
Dates: September 26, Sunday October 10, November 14, December 19,
Sunday January 10, Sunday February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1.
Tuition: \$500
Approval of CE units is pending

THE ETHICS OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

This will be a continuation of the year-round reading of Lacan's Seminars. This year we will closely read Seminar VII – The Ethics of Psychoanalysis. In this seminar Lacan addresses the specific function of ethics within psychoanalysis as differentiated from traditional ethics or morality and from either hedonism or ascetism. Specific Lacanian concepts are deployed (i.e. *das Ding*) for the purpose of redefining the Freudian concept of sublimation. As in previous seminars, this will be an opportunity to read Freudian, philosophical, and literary references. Schedule and location TBA. Fees will be based on ability to pay. Interest individuals should contact Marcelo Estrada (Marcelo.estrada@gmail.com), Ali Chavoshian (achavoshian@wrightinst.edu) or Geoffrey Young (tboy72776@yahoo.com).

THE OTHER SIDE OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

With the release of the English translation of Lacan's Seminar XVII, *The Other Side of Psychoanalysis*, and the collection *Reflections on Seminar XVII* by noted Lacanians, we would like to offer this year-long reading seminar of the texts. Here's a chance to discuss Lacan's four discourses of the master, hysteria, university, and analyst. This is an opportunity to encounter Lacan's thinking on Freud, Marx and Hegel as well as on the relationship between university discourse and the discourse of psychoanalysis. In this seminar Lacan identifies four viable types of social bonds that regulate most intersubjective relations. Schedule TBA. Fees will be based on ability to pay. Interest individuals should contact Marcelo Estrada (Marcelo.estrada@gmail.com), Ali Chavoshian (achavoshian@wrightinst.edu) or Geoffrey Young (tboy72776@yahoo.com).

SOUTH BAY DIDACTIC CLINICAL CONSULTATION SEMINAR

The following seminar will focus on a Lacanian reading of some of Freud's most famous cases:

- The rat man (Obsessional neurosis) & 'the individual myth of the neurotic' (by Lacan)
- Anna "O" & Dora (Hysteria) & the discourse of the Hysteric (as revisited in Lacan's seminar XVII)
- Little Hans (Phobia) & "the structure of myths in the observation of Little Hans's Phobia" (Lacan, seminar IV)

This year long seminar will take place once a month and there will be assigned reading for each meeting. Each meeting will combine reading of Freud's case with complementary Lacanian reading along with a clinical presentation and consultation to take place in the second half of each session. Themes from Lacan's seminar on the Object Relations will be reviewed with regards to the case of 'Little Hans' as Lacan redefines the third imaginary term introduced by Freud (the phallus) as the function associated with the law of the father, focusing on the lack of renunciation in the mother and the function of the phobic object as a result of the father failing to intervene in the child-mother dyad. The notions of frustration, deprivation, and castration will be discussed. Further themes from Lacan's reading of the discourse of the Hysteric will be applied to the cases of Anna "O" and 'Dora' as described in Lacan's seminar XVII. Lastly, reading the case of the 'Rat Man' will be supplemented with Lacan's lecture on 'the neurotic's individual myth.'

Faculty: Ayelet Hirshfeld, PhD, and other candidates of the school

Location: Los Gatos, CA

Tuition: \$300

For questions please write to avelethirshfeld@yahoo.com or call 408.315.6960

EVOLVING LACANIAN PERSPECTIVES FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOANALYSIS

This seminar will present an evolving Lacanian reading of the psychoanalytic theory of narcissism, of the phases within Oedipus, transference, and within different types of analytic treatments. Sexual difference between psychical masculinity and femininity will be formulated as a negative dialectic: both sexes are not without having and not having the phallus across levels of logical organization and the three registers of experience. Many clinical examples and vignettes will be offered to illustrate Lacanian theory, the permutations within sexuation, as well as the various principles of Lacanian clinical practice. The Lacanian multiform criterion for the practice of psychoanalysis is presented as an alternative to the post-Freudian notions of a standard frame, or a holding environment. The criterion extends the use of psychoanalysis to a larger group of clinical, socio-economic, and multicultural populations. Finally, the seminar will explore the Lacanian perspective on supervision and how the phases of supervision differ both from the phases of analysis and from the phases of a love relationship.

Location: Mission Mental Health, 2712 Mission, San Francisco

Date and Time: Fridays from 1-2:30 PM beginning Sept 11

Fee: Free

Instructor/s: Raul Moncayo, Ph.D. and Participants

For information: Call 415-401-2707

INTRODUCTION TO LACAN: BASIC CONCEPTS

This annual seminar provides an overview of Lacan's fundamental theoretical concepts and does not presuppose prior familiarity with Lacanian theory. After providing an overview of Lacan's life and seminal influences on his work the instructors will introduce the theory of the signifier to explain Lacan's theory of the unconscious and of desire, and the formation of the subject. A presentation of the registers of the Real, Imaginary, and Symbolic will serve as background for a review of other seminal concepts, such as Lacan's view of narcissism, identification, and the drive, as well as the distinctions between pleasure and jouissance.

Faculty: Marcelo Estrada, LCSW and Roberto Lazcano, Ph.D.

Dates: Nov. 7 & 8, 12-3 pm

Location: 902 Curtis Street, Albany, 94706

Fee: \$ 80 and \$100 with CE units
Approved for Continuing Education Credits

AQUAGENIC URTICARIA, PRURITUS, AND OTHER PSYCHOSOMATIC SKIN CONDITIONS AND ALLERGIES - A LACANIAN READING

The present seminar will focus on a Lacanian reading of various skin conditions. The seminar will incorporate various psychoanalytic notions such as Green's concept of 'the dead mother,' Ogden's 'autistic-contiguous position,' Klein's 'paranoid schizoid position,' Lacan's 'mirror stage,' Winnicott's 'primary maternal preoccupation,' McDougall's 'archaic hysteria' and more. The notion of psychosomatic illness and somatization across the various erogenous zones and associated conditions will be discussed broadly and will be redefined from a Lacanian perspective.

Faculty: Ayelet Hirshfeld, PhD
Location: 1453 Mission, between 10th & 11th streets,
CIIS building, room to be announced.
Day/Time: Saturday, 1-4PM
Dates: February 20, 2010
Tuition: \$60
Check lacanschool.org website for updates.

LACAN AND BION III

This seminar will explore the views on the end of analysis as described in the works of Bion, the object relations, and relational schools of psychoanalysis. An attempt will be made to clarify the similarities and the ontological and epistemological differences between the different schools of psychoanalysis with regards to the topic of termination.

Faculty: John Stone, Ph.D. and Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.
Location: 2237 Carleton Street, Berkeley, 94703
Day and Time: Saturday 1-4PM
Date: April 24, 2010
Fee: \$60
Approval of CE units is pending

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Instructors

Carrie Thaler, Ph.D.

Founding Member and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; Adjunct Clinical Faculty of the California School of Professional Psychology, private practice (Albany, Oakland). In addition to psychoanalysis, Dr. Thaler specializes in neuropsychology.

Marcelo Estrada, M.A.

Founding Member, Faculty, Scholar, and psychanalyst of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis.

Raul Moncayo, Ph.D.

Supervising Psychoanalyst, Founding member, and Faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis; Training Director of Mission Mental Health, San Francisco; Research Faculty of the California School of Professional Psychology; Private practice in Berkeley. Dr. Moncayo has published many papers in professional journals and is the author of “Evolving Lacanian Perspectives for Clinical Psychoanalysis. On Narcissism, *Sexuation*, and the Faces/Phases of Analysis in Contemporary Culture.”

John Stone, Ph.D.

John S. Stone. Ph. D. a psychologist - psychoanalyst practicing in Berkeley, Ca, is an active member of the biannual international conferences on Wilfred Bion's psychoanalytic work and the annual Bion conferences that he begun in Yosemite Valley. In the past decade, he has studied Lacan's work and is a member of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis.

Dany Nobus

Dany Nobus is Professor of Psychology and Psychoanalysis, and Head of the School of Social Sciences at Brunel University, London, where he also directs the MA in Psychoanalysis and Contemporary Society. He is the author, most recently, of *Knowing Nothing, Staying Stupid: Elements for a Psychoanalytic Epistemology*, and has contributed numerous papers on the theory, practice and history of psychoanalysis to academic and professional journals.

Ayelet Hirshfeld, Ph.D.

Ayelet Hirshfeld, PhD is a candidate and faculty the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis in SF. She is the facilitator of a weekly 'variable length Lacanian analyses' seminar at Mission Mental Health. Current research includes: Lacanian reading of allergies, skin conditions, and other psychosomatic illnesses; Lacanian investigation of the notion of creativity; and a conceptualization of a Lacanian approach to organizations. She has a private practice of psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and consultation in Los Gatos, California.

Geoffrey Young

Geoffrey Young is a member and faculty of the Lacanian School of psychoanalysis where he has translated Lacan's seminars from 1956-59. He is a student in a Master's of Psychology program at CIIS, a counselor with Progress Foundation, and an intern at Mission Mental Health also in San Francisco.

Ali Chavoshian, Ph.D.

Ali Chavoshian is a member and faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis, Teaching Faculty at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, Professor at City College of San Francisco, Visiting Professor at the School of Medicine, Rasht, Iran. Private practice in Berkeley, California.

Roberto Lazcano, Ph.D.

Roberto Lazcano is a member and faculty of the Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis. He is a clinical supervisor at WestCoast Children's Clinic. Together with Raul Moncayo he has co-authored a paper on Lacan and Magritte that will appear in the Fall issue of The Psychoanalytic Review. Himself an artist, Dr. Lazcano has been interested in the field of Art and Psychoanalysis for many years.

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