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CATS NEEDS YOU

I am very happy to announce to you the inauguration of the CHILD ANALYTIC TRAVELING SCHOLAR program, known as CATS. It's a joint project of the ACP and the APsaA DPE Child Section and I was honored to be appointed by both as Chair of the organizing committee. ACP members Felecia Powell-Williams, Robin Rayford, and Ann Smolen round out the group so far, and we would love to have more interested colleagues join us.

With funding support already secured from ACP, DPE, and the American Psychoanalytic Foundation (and, we hope, the Anna Freud Foundation), we plan to select a distinguished colleague each year who will travel to two local groups to talk about child and adolescent analysis. We hope to stimulate interest and increase knowledge about child analysis, encourage trainings, link candidates and faculty from different places and lots more! The Program will pay for travel expenses and the local society will take care of lodging and food. Together the local group and the Scholar will decide how they want to use the visit, what would be most interesting and stimulating for them.

You will learn more about CATS when we launch at the APsaA meetings - there will be information at the table in the exhibit section and at the Child Congress, and committee members will be happy to answer your questions. Same goes for our ACP meeting in Baltimore!

In the meantime, we need you to be thinking about who you think would be a great ambassador for child analysis - please nominate yourself or someone else!

What would your group like to hear about? Please write us a letter applying to be chosen as a destination.

Join the committee and help our with fun and interesting efforts!

See you in New York and Baltimore! - Kerry Kelly Novick kerrynovick@gmail.com

**Save the Date -- Announcing the First ACP International Clinical Conversation
Conference - October 31, 2020, Freud Museum, London**

One of the things we all value most about the ACP is the opportunity to share our work with each other, to have conversations about the clinical experience and how we understand it and come away enriched and revitalized in the work. Large conferences have their role, but often lack the safety and intimacy of such deep conversations.

The ACP Conversation Conference for 30-40 child analysts from around the world is a place where this can happen, where colleagues can experience a cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches.

FIRST ACP CLINICAL CONVERSATION CONFERENCE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2020
FREUD MUSEUM

LONDON, ENGLAND

Two colleagues, one from North America and the other from Europe, will talk together throughout the year preceding the Conference, each sharing a case with the other, starting the conversation. At the Conference, they will each begin with a brief description of the cases they have been discussing and give participants a sense of their dialogue so far. Then the participants will be included in the conversation, responding and offering ideas and their own experiences.

Small facilitated groups in the afternoon will create opportunities for participants to talk with each other about their own cases, after which everyone will come back together to share what we have learned and enjoyed in conversation through the day.

FEE WILL BE \$75 FOR THE DAY, INCLUDING TEA AND COFFEE AND FREE ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUM, EXHIBITIONS, AND A PERSONAL TOUR. REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE ACP LISTSERVE SOON AND INQUIRIES CAN BE SENT TO JACK NOVICK AT jacknovick@gmail.com

The date was chosen to be the weekend before the Anna Freud Centre Colloquium weekend, so that a lovely bookended professional trip to London can be planned.

AFAA Grants: Pilot Project a Resounding Success

The low fee analysis committee, headed by Ava Bry Penman and working with ACP Board Members, increased grant sizes and renamed the project the “Anna Freud Altruistic Analysis” grant or “AFAA grant” in honor of our founder and in the child analysis tradition of “altruistic analysis”. The application was made user friendly, the amount available was doubled to

\$5,000, and the grant was made available for 3-5 times per week analysis as before. Other possibilities were added: increasing frequency of therapy cases to analytic frequency of 3-5 times per week, adding regular concurrent parent work to an ongoing analytic case and extending the age limit to include “emerging adults” (up to 26-years of age). Through the generous challenge grant and annual regular grant from the Anna Freud Foundation, record-breaking contributions from ACP members, and the continued generosity of the Todd Ouida Foundation, the ACP raised \$37,500 with a further \$12,500 guaranteed by the Vanguard Scholarship fund to give the ACP \$50,000 towards these AFAA grants.

The pilot project led to the awarding of eleven grants in 2019. Two awardees dropped out early and we started 2020 with nine grants at a cost of \$44,000. We have money for at least one more grant and we are starting the campaign to match funds from the Anna Freud Foundation for 2020. Once we commit \$50,000 for AFAA grants we will start a waiting list as child cases can end quickly for a range of reasons.

We should all be proud of the success of this project. Our numbers are small but our effect can be great. There is no psychoanalytic organization offering so many low fee grants to both candidates and graduates. It is worth repeating—these grants can go to candidates and regular members. - Jack Novick.



Changes to Dues Structure

Firstly, thank you to the many of you who have sent in your dues for this year. We cannot adequately fund our work together without your dues so we are indeed very grateful.

Daniel Prezant and I sent you all an e-mail on November 21, 2019 detailing the changes to the dues structure. These changes were made in 2018 at the meetings in Santa Fe when Jill Miller was President. Darcy Schatz, our indefatigable and able administrator, sent a follow-up letter on December 5 inviting you to let her know if you did not agree with your new dues category as we are aware that for some of you who had not paid dues in some years, the change understandably felt unwelcome.

The simple way to think about the change is that if you work, we ask you to please pay, and if you don't, you don't have to pay. A few of you who work very reduced hours have made the very good point that a sliding scale would be a good idea. Dan and I offer as a suggestion that if you are working a very reduced number of hours, you select "non-active" practice category, which is only \$25 for the PSC and if you feel you can afford to donate more, you donate on the website or send it in by mail. We are not auditing anyone; you can select your own category of dues.

First and foremost, we do not want to lose any of you. You are the heartbeat of our organization and each of you has done important work with children and we very much want your vital voice to be heard at conferences, on committee and on the list-serve. We do not wish to lose anyone due to these dues structure changes.

It is a reality that we are a greying organization. I have at times worried I write more obituaries than welcome letters. Jack Novick has worked very hard to solicit many more members from Europe and Latin/South America, and the councilors with Robin Turner's project have worked very hard to have regular contact with all child trainings so we can solicit membership from all child candidates.

We need to have important and existential conversations about our future. Some of you have written to me passionately about wanting to extend a welcome to all mental health professionals who work with children who have an abiding interest in a psychoanalytic approach even if they themselves are not child analysts. Others of you feel strongly that we cannot dilute our child psychoanalytic core identity. Still more have suggested researchers be sought and welcomed into our membership. We do have a collegial category in which we welcome researchers, directors of schools, and non-child analysts of all kinds. Collegial members may not run for office or vote but we welcome our colleagues.

We are doing a lot in the ACP. The AFAA program has given out \$50,000 to support low-fee analysis. In October, our first international conference will be held at the Freud Museum. The Program Committee work solidly throughout the year to put together outstanding, rigorous papers and presentations for us to hear. We have a table now at APsaA meetings which has resulted in new members. Our social issues committee alongside Gil Kliman's crucial work has helped the traumatized children and parents at the border.

We are a group who are dedicated to psychoanalytic work with children, families, indeed emerging adults (up to age 26). We are uniquely trained to have this rich developmental approach.

Dan and I welcome your comments and hope very much to continue these discussion in the years to come.

We cannot wait to see you all in Baltimore, and thank you so much for your continued participation. – Justine Kalas Reeves and Daniel Prezant

LAST BUT NOT LEAST----

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET ABOUT OUR ACP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NYC ON
FEBRUARY 11TH AT 6:30 PM AT THE APSAA MTG OF THE GRAND HYATT – ROOM TBD.**

**AND....DRUMROLL.....THANK YOU PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEES
OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN BALTIMORE MAY 1ST – 3RD AT THE FOUR SEASONS**

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<https://www.childanalysis.org>