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Cooperative effort is essential for our existence

By William R. Lynch, M.D.

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“Dis-or-ga-ni-za-tion,” according to Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, is the noun form of the transitive verb “dis-or-ga-nize” which means “to destroy or interrupt the orderly structure or function of.” One definition of “entropy” from the same source is “the steady degradation or disorganization of a system or society.”

Sigmund Freud in “Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego” (S.E. 1921), suggested that one way of preventing a group’s devolution into what he called a primal horde is to establish an enduring structure consisting of subgroups having specialized functions.

Members of our Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute, Society, and Foundation are pouring time and energy into the never-ending

task of staving off the fated entropic plunge into total disorganization that any group faces.

David Hershey, M.D., current Program Chair of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society, has organized an exciting schedule of psychoanalytically informative programs for both our public events and our In-House Colloquia. A recent example of this structure building and continuing educational efforts was this year’s Harlan Crank Symposium reported on by Myron Lazar, Ph.D., in this newsletter issue.

Monty Evans, Ph.D., continues to spearhead the exciting development of the Southern Methodist University Dedman College sponsored Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Consortium. Monty’s work brings together academics from Dedman College with members of the faculty from the Department of Psychiatry of Southwestern Medical School, and members of the Dallas Psychoanalytic

Institute and Society, the Dallas Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, and the Dallas Society for Psychoanalytic Social Work into a higher level organization.

Another stab at combating entropy is Dick Roskos’ (current President of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society) plan to reorganize and update our web site. Dick wants the updated site (www.dalpsa.org) to better represent the current efforts of our Institute, Society, and Foundation as well as link us with other local, national, and international psychoanalytic organizations.

I lack the time and space here to mention all the other members of our varied, interrelated organizations who continue to pour time and energy into breathing life into our group. Gone unhonored are all those who work diligently on committees and projects. Without this steady Sisyphean toil we would not exist.

INSTITUTE NEWS

DALLAS PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

Rhoda S. Frenkel, M.D., President

Institute welcomes third site visit in fifteenth year

By Rhoda S. Frenkel, M.D.

President, Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute

As we begin the fifteenth academic year of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute several exciting endeavors affecting our ongoing growth and development promise to make this an important year.

First, this fall we will have our third site visit, our first as an independent Institute. The site visit is a critical aspect of every academic institution’s life. For us it is an official assessment to assure others as well as

ourselves that we have maintained at least the minimum standards established by the Board of Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association. In recent years the site visitors have focused on facilitating the growth of the Institute, and they also have learned from us. It bears emphasizing that this is a collegial exchange, not an adversarial one. In 1988, following our first site visit, we progressed from a division of the New Orleans Psychoanalytic Institute to a provisional Institute, functioning under the auspices of the Committee on

New Training Facilities (CNTF), a committee of the American Psychoanalytic Associations Board of Professional Standards. In 1992, following a site visit composed of members of the CNTF and one member of the Committee on Institutes (COI), also a committee of the Board, we were formally approved to be a fully accredited independent institute. We achieved independent status relatively quickly compared to other new institutes, the process often taking others ten or more years to move from provisional to **See SITE VISIT on Page 2**

Psychoanalytic Institute welcomes new class

By Max Soll, M.D.

The Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute welcomes its new incoming class of six talented candidates who will commence their studies on September 7, 1999. The class includes outstanding clinicians with diverse backgrounds which undoubtedly will add to the intellectual excitement and ferment that is always such a key aspect of psychoanalytic training.

Gail Alexander, M.D., Ph.D., is the director of the Child Psychiatry residency program at the medical school and also has a long background in public health as well as an advanced degree in that field.

Yaprake Harrison, M.D., Ph.D., is a third year resident in psychiatry at Southwestern Medical School and has a doctorate in pharmacology.

Another resident at the medical school,

Jillian Taylor, M.D., is in her second year and has an advanced degree as well.

Maryam Rezaei, M.D., is a recent graduate of the child psychiatry program at Southwestern, is board certified in psychiatry, and is a faculty member in the child psychiatry division of the psychiatry department at the medical school.

A. Chris Heath, M.D., is also a recent graduate of the psychiatry program at Southwestern, and in addition to his private practice works part time doing pharmacological research at the medical school.

Allen Stringer, M.D., is an obstetrician/gynecologist and in addition to being a gynecological oncologist he is chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and Clinical Professor of Gynecology at Southwestern Medical School. He has a long-standing interest in the effects of psy-

chological factors on cancer patients' long-term survival. Dr. Stringer is the DPI's first academic candidate.

An "academic candidate" is an academician affiliated with a university with interest in psychoanalysis. They may qualify to take the courses at the institute provided they are in a personal psychoanalysis. This position is for those academics interested in applying psychoanalytic principles in their own field. They are not qualified to practice psychoanalysis upon graduation.

As is apparent from this brief description of the backgrounds of our incoming psychoanalytic candidates, this group possesses an impressive amount of clinical experience, as well as interest in related fields. These individuals and their resources will without a doubt enrich the learning experience for both the candidates and the faculty who will be teaching them.

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independent status. Since then, as other accredited institutes, we send the COI annual reports informing them in general terms of candidate and faculty progression, changes, if any, in our bylaws, committee procedures, curriculum, and descriptions of new initiatives, such as our newsletter, our psychotherapy program, and the Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis. All Institutes have formal site visits every seven years. A site visit panel is composed of five members of the Committee on Institutes and one member of the Committee on Child and Adolescent Analysis. Our site visit team represents Training and Supervising Analysts from six different institutes from across the country. They donate their time and bring a wide range of experience and perspective to share with us during their five-day visit. They look forward to meeting and talking to as many members of the Institute, Society, Foundation, and extended psychoanalytic community as possible. For this, a variety of lunches and dinners are being planned, as well as scheduled meetings with various Institute committees, plans for them to review our records and curriculum, and to join in on classroom activities, supervisory sessions,

and advanced candidate seminars.

The site visit is a very significant aspect of every academic institute. The concept of a site visit began in the years after World War II, when it was developed by the National Institutes for Health to evaluate and help develop biomedical clinical and research facilities. This approach slowly matured to a level of evaluation and constructive support for virtually every area in the scientific arena. In the clinical area such site visits are now used for undergraduate and graduate education, house staff training, and clinical staff progression. The purposes of the site visits vary with the discipline. In psychoanalysis such evaluation has become a very important measure of the entire program of a given institute. This can sound like "an ominous report card." It is very important for everyone to understand that the site visit not only provides a critical analysis of our functioning but in the extensive exchanges with our faculty, candidates, and colleagues, it provides constructive opportunity for sage advice to improve and strengthen our institute, as well as providing us with their thoughts about how we can best achieve plans for our future development. Thus, even though the idea of a site

visit instills apprehension because of the enormous effort required of everyone, and the expected anxiety that scrutiny of performance generates, we actually look forward with enthusiasm to this milestone in our young institute's life.

We can be proud of how far we have come. We have a broadly experienced faculty who have achieved national and international recognition at a variety of levels including participation on editorial boards of major journals, the publication of books and peer reviewed papers in major psychoanalytic journals, and activities in the major committees on the cutting edge of psychoanalysis. It is gratifying to have most of our former candidates as colleagues on the faculty. They infuse energy and fresh perspectives in our teaching activities, committee work, and outreach to the community. In addition we have a mature and sophisticated candidate group of whom we are very proud. Of our 21 candidates, ten are advanced (beyond classroom work) and two of these are ready for graduation. We are especially pleased to welcome six new first-year candidates for the Institute's sixth beginning class. It is noteworthy that in contrast to our **See SITE VISIT on Page 3.**

SOCIETY NEWS

DALLAS PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

Richard Roskos, M.D., President

Founder's Day this year has a new twist

Since its inception the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society has hosted annually a Founder's Day Lecture presented to the community by a nationally recognized psychoanalyst. Monty Evans Ph.D., advanced candidate in the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute, has played a pivotal role in organizing this year's event. In the following column he has graciously agreed to inform us about it.

By Monty Evans, Ph.D.

Advanced Candidate, Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute

This year's Founder's Day Symposium is an expansion of the annual Founder's Day Lecture instituted to commemorate the founding of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society. In 1999 the Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Consortium was created in order to represent the interests of an alliance of academics and clinicians, scientific societies and universities, and the human sciences and services. To recognize the broader psychoanalytic community the 1999 Founder's Day Symposium celebrates the joint efforts of faculty from SMU's Dedman College, the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. The psychoanalytic community, including the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society, the Dallas Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, and the Dallas Society

for Psychoanalytic Social Work, has jointly supported the symposium.

The Symposium begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 1999, with Otto Kernberg, M.D., President of the International Psychoanalytic Association, delivering the annual Founder's Day Lecture. Dr. Kernberg's lecture is entitled "Contemporary Psychoanalytic Theories of Drives and their Relations to Affect Theory." The afternoon program begins with a presentation by Donnell Stern, author of "Unformulated Experience: From Dissociation to Imagination in Psychoanalysis." His lecture, "What we do with Words," will be followed by a discussion by panelists Jeffrey Andresen, M.D., UTSWMC; Dale Godby, Ph.D., UTSWMC, DSPP; and Nina Schwartz, Ph.D., SMU. Dr. Stern is a Training Analyst at the William Alason White Psychoanalytic Institute.

The final program, a slide lecture on a psychohistorical study of "The Bauhaus as a Creative Institution: Weimar Dessau,

Berlin 1919-1933," will be delivered by Peter Loewenberg, Ph.D., Professor of History and Political Psychology at UCLA. Professor Loewenberg, a founder of the University of California Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Consortium, was instrumental in gaining the formal recognition of psychoanalysis in the University of California's curriculum and research agenda.

I.P.C. faculty members are considering the formation of an institute for advanced psychoanalytic study in the human sciences and services. To be located in SMU's Dedman College, the institute would encourage interdisciplinary research in the human sciences and services. The institute would also promote psychoanalytic studies, an emerging field that seeks to confront the social roots, structures, historical development, philosophical orientations, and problems of psychoanalysis as a human science and its profound effects on modern culture.

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earlier years, our candidates now participate more fully in all the activities of the Institute. I believe that our talented group is looking forward to welcoming the site visit team, and that the experience will help us become more cohesive and productive, and move us toward our academic and clinical goals in psychoanalysis.

Although the site visit looms large, other issues merit comment. We congratulate and welcome the appointment of Dr. Diane Fagelman Birk, M.D., as a Training and Supervising Analyst. She was our first graduate and is now the newest member of the Education Committee. Two other fac-

ulty members are well on their way to appointment as Training Analysts. Additionally, this past May the class of our first psychotherapy course graduated.

Another new activity of the Institute is the evolving interaction with Southern Methodist University's Dedman College through the Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Consortium. What began as a small reading seminar has attracted a large enthusiastic group from surrounding communities who are excited by psychoanalytic studies. The future may bring the Institute to a closer affiliation with SMU with the potential of becoming an integral part of the expanding curriculum of SMU's Dedman College.

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Harlan Crank Symposium features Anton Kris, M.D.

By Myron Lazar, Ph.D.

On June 19, 1999, the Dallas Psychoanalytic Society, the local organization of all graduated psychoanalysts of American Psychoanalytic Association Affiliated Institutes, dedicated to psychoanalytic education and collegiality amongst its members, hosted the annual Harlan Crank Symposium in the classroom of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. The featured speaker was Anton Kris, M.D., a Training and Supervising Analyst with the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute. Dr. Kris is the author of numerous articles and a book entitled "Free Association." He is also a member of a well known psychoanalytic family. His mother and father, Marianne and Ernst Kris, both made important contributions to psychoanalytic theory.

Dr. Kris mentioned his heritage to point out the benefits and hazards of being the child of mental health professionals. He emphatically encouraged us to be parents and not analysts or therapists to our children.

The main theme of his writings

throughout his career and his presentation to us had to do with delineating two different kinds of conflicts in the psyche. He defines them as convergent and divergent conflicts. He likened a convergent conflict to a football game with two opposing lines pushing against each other. This form of conflict also conforms to the classical psychoanalytic theoretical view of a struggle existing between the Id and Superego with the Ego serving as referee. His second type, divergent conflicts, are more like a tug-of-war between numerous polarities such as active vs. passive, homosexuality vs. heterosexuality, independence vs. dependence, etc. While the first kind of conflict, convergent, responds to interpretation and the analysis of resistance, divergent conflicts do not seem to be responsive to these traditional approaches. Instead, Dr. Kris has found that divergent conflicts are associated with a resistance related to a fear of loss similar to resistances seen in the mourning process. In other words, the patient fights allowing themselves to free associate to either side of the polarity, fearing

losing something important from the other side.

For instance, with the polarity of independence vs. dependence the therapeutic procedure is to encourage the analysand to expand their range of associations to richer and deeper fantasies of independence and dependency without judging either side of the polarity. The analysis of the inhibiting self criticism takes on a major role in resolving divergent conflicts. Each of the polarities mentioned is experienced in a similar fashion as in this example. The resolution of divergent conflicts is a slow process and usually occurs out of clear sight of either patient or analyst. Dr. Kris thinks of their resolution as mainly a by-product of the full expression of "associating freely."

Dr. Kris and those in attendance provided many clinical vignettes which allowed further clarification of his thinking. His style of presentation was informal, warm, and full of humor. It was a very enjoyable and educationally fulfilling day.

In-house colloquium series scheduled for members of Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute and Society

By David Hershey, M.D.

Program Chair, Dallas Psychoanalytic Society

A series of three Saturday colloquia for members of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute and Dallas Psychoanalytic Society have been planned for October 2, 1999, November 6, 1999, and January 8, 2000. Each will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 12 noon, and will meet at the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. All three will be worth three hours of CME, or the equivalent.

October 2

Lewis Binford, Ph.D., is Professor of Anthropology and Archeology at Southern

Methodist University.

Dr. Binford is one of a handful of leading figures in the current world of archeology and anthropology. His fieldwork experience is extensive, covering the Nunamiut and other groups in Alaska, the aborigines of Western Australia, the Kalahari Desert of Africa, as well as numerous sites in the United States. He constantly consults with other archeologists and projects all over the world. He will describe these experiences and also will discuss the philosophy of science and scientific methodology and how ideas are tested against empirical data. Before October 2, Binford will provide references

for participants' preparation for the colloquium.

November 6

Steven Daniels, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of English at Southern Methodist University. He will present an analysis of a children's book. Details will follow at a later date.

January 8

Jeffrey Andresen, M.D., is in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He will discuss the subject of awe and other matters related to the religious experience.

Dallas Psychoanalytic Society Meeting Schedule 1999-2000

1. **Saturday, September 18:**
Public meeting
Founder's Day Presentation
Otto Kernberg, M.D. (New York)
At Southern Methodist University
Consult brochures sent out by Monty Evens, Ph.D., for details about exact place and time. The brochure also contains information concerning the dinner given the night before – September 17 – in honor of Dr. Kernberg and other guest speakers. For extra brochures, contact Monty at (214) 369-7104.

2. **Wednesday, October 6:**
Business Meeting
Tramontana Restaurant
8220 Westchester
7 p.m.
Dr. Deborah Peel will give an update on legislative and political issues.

3. **Wednesday, December 8:**
Business Meeting
Tramontana Restaurant
8220 Westchester
7 p.m.

4. **Wednesday, January 19:**
Business Meeting
Tramontana Restaurant
8220 Westchester
7 p.m.

5. **Saturday, April 1:**
Public meeting
Joint Symposium with DSPP
Jessica Benjamin, Ph.D.
At Southern Methodist University
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Details to follow later

6. **Wednesday, April 26:**
Business Meeting
Tramontana Restaurant
8220 Westchester
7 p.m.

7. **Saturday, May 20:**
Annual Harlan Crank Symposium
Erik Gann, M.D. (San Francisco)
"The Present Future of Psychoanalysis: Building and Maintaining an Analytic Practice Under the Current Difficult Conditions"
At Southern Methodist University
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FOUNDATION NEWS

DALLAS FOUNDATION FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS

Jerry M. Lewis, III, M.D., Chair

Why should this community support psychoanalysis?

By Jerry M. Lewis, III, M.D.

Chair, Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis

For more than 15 years now an entirely volunteer faculty has given its time and energy to provide the most comprehensive and in-depth training available in this country for psychotherapists. One of only 29 accredited (by the American Psychoanalytic Association) psychoanalytic training facilities in the United States, the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute has offered a postgraduate training program in psychoanalysis that requires five years of course work, a personal psychoanalysis, and hundreds of hours of supervised clinical experience of its candidates. To date more than thirty graduate psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers have pursued this rigorous training. Such training enables these clinicians to conduct formal psychoanalysis. In the educational process they offer this intensive treatment at significantly reduced fees to many who could not otherwise afford it.

Yet the benefits of psychoanalytic training are not limited to those who need psychoanalytic treatment per se. The theory and technique of psychoanalysis informs and enriches many other psychotherapies for individuals, families, and groups. Even those whose illnesses have a heavy biological component fare better and take their essential medications with greater compliance when engaged in an effective therapeutic relationship. The psychoanalytic perspective provides an essential base of understanding for the construction and maintenance of such treatment relationships.

Over the past several years the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute has expanded its mission by providing a two year didactic program in psychotherapy to a broad range of mental health practitioners. As excitement about neurobiology has led to a relative neglect in psychotherapy training in our medical schools along with the managed care

driven reduction in interest in the understanding of personality development, the workings of the mind, and interpersonal dynamics in many graduate programs, more than forty mental health clinicians of many disciplines have turned to the DPI to round out their education.

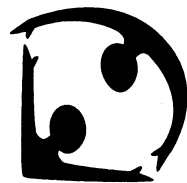
The value of the psychoanalytic perspective goes beyond the treatment of mental illnesses and family dysfunction. Over the past several decades developmental research has been a major thrust of contemporary psychoanalysis. These findings have refined our understanding of the ingredients of healthy emotional and intellectual development. Today the psychoanalytic perspective has much to offer regarding the rearing and education of our youth. Attachment, discipline, developmental anxieties, self-esteem, peer relations, school and extracurricular activities, and the adolescent journey are but a few of the topics on which psychoanalysis has much to say. The faculty and students of the DPI provide invaluable resources to our community by sharing these insights with parent groups, educators, religious institutions, community agencies, the media, and many others in a variety of formats. Such community service is assumed to be a basic responsibility of those of us possessing the psychoanalytic perspective.

Culture and society are enhanced by the availability of the psychoanalytic perspective. Art, music, film, and literature have long ap-

preciated the additional dimension of meaning provided by understanding the creative process and its links to the depths of human experience. These connections are an ongoing area of psychoanalytic investigation and exploration. Similarly, social phenomena – be they fads or atrocities – are areas where application of the evolving psychoanalytic perspective provides a deeper understanding. Last Spring's program on pathological hatred as manifest from the Holocaust to today's hate crimes is an example of such an application.

Whether your principle concern is with treatment for the disturbed, rearing healthy children, a deeper appreciation of our culture, or addressing societies infirmities – you need to recognize that the presence of the psychoanalytic perspective is essential. This presence is dependent upon the growth and vitality of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. Its growing base of faculty and students permits the expanding influence of this vital perspective. To the end of ensuring the long-term viability of this invaluable community resource and to permit the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute to remain focused on education, the Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis was established four years ago. The Foundation seeks to promote public awareness of the unique value of the psychoanalytic perspective, to further connect the resources of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute with our community, and to raise financial and community support for the Institute. Like virtually all other academic institutions, the cost of the education provided cannot be covered by tuition alone without pricing the cost of this training beyond the reach of most.

Help us help Dallas by giving what you can of your support, energies, talents, dollars and good will to the Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis. We are devoted to sustaining and expanding the benefits of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute to our community.



DALLAS FOUNDATION
FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS

Foundation welcomes five new board members

By Elizabeth Buchanan

Executive Director, Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis

The Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis is pleased to welcome five new members to the Board of Directors.

Shelle Bagot is the Manager of the downtown Neiman Marcus store. She brings years of marketing expertise to the Foundation as well as her experiences in the area of community service.

Manuel Balbona, Ph.D., is in private

practice as a bilingual bicultural clinical psychologist. He is also a clinical associate professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical center.

Valorie Burton is founder of The Burton Agency, a marketing and public relations group. Twice featured as one of Dallas' "up and coming people under 30," Burton is active on a number of community and professional boards as well.

Roscoe C. Lewis Jr. is a key adminis-

trator with the Dallas Independent School District. His experience in childhood education is a wonderful addition to the Foundation Board.

Marc Litle, M.D., is a candidate in the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. Additionally, this Dallas native is employed at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The addition of these outstanding individuals to the Board is part of the continuing effort of the Foundation to reflect the character of our community.

Event-planning for 1999-2000 is well underway

By Elizabeth Buchanan

Executive Director, Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis

Events planned for 1999-2000 include an October 20, 1999, presentation by Gary L. Malone, M.D., and his sister, Susan Mary Malone, authors of "Five Keys for Understanding Men." Dr. Malone is a graduate and member of the faculty of the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. This book and the related presentation represent the continuing efforts of the Foundation to make the psychoanalytic perspective more accessible to the pub-

lic and to demonstrate the relevance of this perspective to everyone's life.

On February 9, 2000, we will welcome Ricardo Ainslie, Ph.D., psychoanalyst, author, and documentary film maker. He will present his new film, "Crossover: A Story of Desegregation." Following the film, Dr. Ainslie will discuss the film in relation to the concepts of cultural/collective trauma and how such experiences reverberate down through subsequent generations. Dr. Ainslie, a native of Mexico City, resides in Austin where he is a professor in the Department

of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas. He is the author of "No Dancin' in Anson." This program will provide an example of the utility of the psychoanalytic perspective in understanding and addressing social and cultural phenomena.

More details on these events will be provided soon to member donors of the Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis. If you are interested in attending these programs, or becoming part of the Foundation, contact Elizabeth Buchanan at (214) 691-6054.

Nemiroff guides understanding of pathological hatred

On March 18, 1999, noted University of California, San Diego, psychoanalyst Robert Nemiroff, M.D., was the keynote speaker in the program "Pathological Hate: From the Holocaust to Contemporary Hate Groups." Dr. Nemiroff's thought provoking presentation was followed by a panel discussion moderated by our own Gerald Melchiode, M.D. Panelists included Chief Ben Click of the Dallas Police Department; Mark Briskman, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League; Tanya Pierce, an Assistant U.S. Attorney; and Frieda Soble, Executive Director of the Dallas Memorial Center for Holocaust Studies. The program was held in the Dechard Auditorium of the St. Marks School of Texas.

Dr. Nemiroff began by reviewing and updating the psychoanalytic theories of aggression. He then distinguished normal

from pathological hatred. Using visual imagery he illustrated how the pathological hatred of anti-Semitism led to the horror of the holocaust. He went on to depict contemporary pathological hate as manifested in the white supremacist movement, the neo-Nazi skinheads of Europe, and various dangerous militia groups. He then discussed the personality types that comprise these movements which then led to a consideration of the psychoanalytic understanding of such behavior. The prevalence of irrational belief systems, the "narcissism of small differences," Dr. Nemiroff's concept of false victimization, the projection of devalued aspects of the self, and "pseudospeciation" – the dehumanization of the other, were all cited as psychological factors contributing to such destructive attitudes and behaviors.

The panelists provided a variety of

perspectives on hate crimes. Their comments drew out more of Dr. Nemiroff's thinking and addressed practical applications of the psychoanalytic understanding of hatred. As the discussion evolved, lively participation by many of the audience of over 350 ensued.

The Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis was extremely pleased to offer this event to the community. The Foundation wants to acknowledge the sponsor support of the Dallas Memorial Center for Holocaust Studies, Jewish Family services, Stern's Delicatessen, Dr. Joan Berger, Dr. Mark Berger, The Anti-Defamation League, and several other generous anonymous sponsors. Programs such as this demonstrate the utility of the psychoanalytic perspective, not just in the treatment of individuals and families, but in addressing social infirmities as well.

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