

2025 Annual Colloquium
(This is a WBCP Members Only Event)

Please join us as

Mekdes Asha Hope, PsyD
presents

***“The Faces of Power: The Role of Language, Fairness, Choice, and Responsibility
During the Course of Training and in the Clinical Consulting Room”***

and

Tarpley Long, MSW
presents
“I Put a Spell on You”

Saturday, January 11, 2025
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

In-Person Only
**George Washington University
Mt. Vernon Campus – Post Hall**

(3 CME/CE)

Who should attend?

The Colloquium is a Member's Only event.

Format of the Program:

Two papers will be presented, with the opportunity for discussion and dialogue following each paper

Presentation Descriptions:

The Faces of Power:

This program explores the concept of power, developed over years of reflection on its true depth. Power is considered in the context of key relationships, such as supervisor-trainee and therapist-patient, and how it influences interactions and behavior. It encompasses what humans are capable of—beyond the roles they take on or are assigned.

The program delves into how those in positions of authority engage with others, whether through their roles or their mere presence in a shared space. It emphasizes that when power is exercised with the heart and mind aligned, it has the potential to create fairness for others. This fairness allows for freedom of choice, a capacity that is both innate and influenced by the presence or absence of power dynamics.

At its core, the program defines power as the ability to exercise choice—whether in words or actions—without it becoming contingent on whether those in authority allow or restrict it. Through this exploration, participants will gain insight into how power shapes relationships and decision-making in profound ways.

I Put a Spell on You:

During and post Covid, internet scams have proliferated. This paper will 1) investigate the dynamics of need and greed that bind the isolated dyad in a scam 2) elaborate how two senses need to be activated to make the scam possible 3) review decades of literature on scammers that confirm the requisite personal qualities of a successful scammer and 4) raise awareness about how under certain circumstances, we humans can be exploited.

Presenters:

Tarpley Long received her MSW from Catholic University in 1977 and graduated from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute in 1995. She was certified by the American Psychoanalytic Association in Adult Psychoanalysis in 1996 and maintained a practice of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis until 2015, when she retired from full time practice to spend extended periods of time living in other cultures. She continues to teach and supervise in the PSP program. As well, she has served as Editor of Psychbytes and on the Recruitment and Membership committees. She has presented 50 conference papers, published 10 articles in journals and has had numerous Letters to the Editor published in the Washington Post and The New Yorker magazine. She is also a 2005 graduate of Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory, Washington, DC, and continues to be involved in the theater community.

Mekdes Asha Hope, PsyD, is an Ethiopian American clinical child and adolescent psychologist. She is currently a psychoanalysis training candidate at WBCP. She completed her school and clinical training at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, followed by an internship at Dallas Independent School District. She completed her postdoctoral training at Kennedy Krieger Institute, a Johns Hopkins University affiliate teaching hospital, in the Child and Family Therapy clinic. She has been working in private practice since 2022.

Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the dynamics of need and greed that bind the isolated dyad in a scam.
2. Elaborate how two senses need to be activated to make the scam possible.
3. Discuss how under certain circumstances, we humans can be exploited.
4. Discuss the role of language, power, responsibility, and fairness during the course of therapy.

References:

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Registration Link: https://wbcp.memberclicks.net/reg_2025_colloquium

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Registration Deadline: January 8, 2025, at 4:30 pm ET

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\$80 (3 CME/CE)

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Candidates**

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Sarah Hedlund, PhD, Program Coordinator

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