

Stacia I. Super Memorial Ethics Conference

Please join us for a panel discussion on

Analyst Losses: Illness and Lifechanging Events And Their Effects on Treatment

Presented by: Paula L. Ellman, PhD, Marc S. Levine, MD, and Harvey J. Schwartz, MD
Moderated by: Sandra S. Lashley, PsyD

Sunday, December 7, 2025
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Presentation and Discussion Via Zoom
(3 CME/CE)

Presentation:

This conference will address illness in the analyst and unexpected life changing events that impact treatment are not widely covered in literature. This is changing. More recent writings have brought this topic to the forefront, with greater appreciation of the complex factors that impede on the analyst and make thinking about these unexpected events difficult. Ethical issues in regard to this area abound and include issues surrounding denial, disclosure, abstinence, competence, transference and impact on the treatment.

This conference will be presented by three seasoned analysts, all of whom experienced serious illness while in clinical practice. Integrating theoretical, ethical and deeply personal experiences combined with their own writings, issues surrounding disclosure, defenses, abstinence and the transference/countertransference matrix will be explored.

Presenters:

Paula L. Ellman, PhD, ABPP, is a training and supervising analyst, and faculty in the Contemporary Freudian Society, Washington DC and the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis. She recently completed her second term serving on the IPA Board as North America Representative, and founded and serves as the Editorial Chair of the Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis Book Series Editorial Board. She is past Overall Chair of the IPA Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis and past chair of the IPA Intercommittee Work Group on Prejudice and Race. She is on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis and is a Visiting Professor at the Sino-American Continuing Training Project for Wuhan Hospital for Psychotherapy, Wuhan China. She has written and presented on the areas of unconscious fantasy, women, gender & culture, illness in the analyst, sadomasochism, enactment and terror. She is the author of several books. She has a private practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in North Bethesda, Maryland.

Marc S. Levine, MD, is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Washington, D.C. He is a Supervising and Training Analyst, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the George Washington

University School of Medicine, and senior faculty in the WBCP Institute and Psychoanalytic Studies Program. He has held multiple elected positions in the Center and the former Washington Psychoanalytic Society, served on the Center's Board of Directors for fifteen years, and was Director of the Washington Baltimore Psychoanalytic Institute from 2019 to 2022. Dr. Levine has long been interested in the impact of technology on our lives, our identities, and our relationships. He currently serves on the American Psychoanalytic Association's *President's Council on Artificial Intelligence*.

Early in his analytic training, Dr. Levine was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. A decade later, in 2000, he reflected on that experience in his paper "*Self-Disclosure, the Analyst's Life Events, and the Intransigence of Transference*." In this presentation, he will share his current thinking on the clinical, theoretical, and ethical questions that arise when an analyst confronts serious illness.

Harvey J. Schwartz, MD, is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Psychoanalytic Association of New York and the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. He is a current member of the Education and Oversight Committee and Election Committee at IPA. He is the host of the IPA podcast *Psychoanalysis On and Off the Couch*. He is the author of several books and articles on topics related to analyst illness and implications for treatment. In this presentation, will be sharing his current thinking on his published work, "*Illness in the Analyst-Thirty Years Later*." Dr. Schwartz has been the recipient of the Extraordinarily Meritorious Service to the IPA award in 2023 and Teacher of the Year Award, given by the graduating psychoanalytic candidates at the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, 2013.

Moderator:

Sandra S. Lashley, PsyD, is a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst. She is the 2025 Chair of the Stacia I Super Ethics committee. She is a faculty member at the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis and has served as an affiliate faculty member at Loyola University, Maryland. She maintains a private practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in Frederick, Maryland.

Format of the Program:

The workshop will take place on Zoom, in order to, provide maximum accessibility. The presenters will present theory and clinical material. They will moderate a conversation between them and the audience.

Who should attend?

The program is extended to members of the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis and we also welcome psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, licensed counselors, mental health students, and other mental health providers from the Washington Baltimore metropolitan area interested in psychoanalytic theory, practice and perspectives.

Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Examine and analyze, though stories and personal accounts of the presenters, the resistances, denial and other defenses that practitioners have in regard to thinking about one's illness and death and the effects this potentially has on clinical work.



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2. Discuss ethical, psychological, emotional and moral ramifications around technical issues related to analyst illness and analyst disclosure, transference and countertransference, self-assessment of capacities, collegial support, impairment and disruptions to the therapeutic frame as they impact the analysand.
3. Discuss these complex issues from the lived experience of all three presenters, each of whom were in practice in the midst of serious, life-threatening illness.

References:

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Sandra S. Lashley, PsyD, Program Chair

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