

PSYCHOANALYSIS: A VIEW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CUTTING EDGE

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What's happening on the international frontiers of psychoanalysis? Freud's writings have emerged from hiding in the former USSR. American and European analysts supervise their Chinese trainees by phone. Eastern European teams of analysts teach in India, Japan and Korea.

Right in the thick of this worldwide buzz, excitedly participating in workgroups and case studies abroad, Dr. K. Lynn Moritz, elected in January 2005 to the Board of the International Psychoanalytical Association, brings home new points of view, new treatment techniques for her own practice and for her St. Louis colleagues.

It's one more step—the last step, she vows—along Lynne's 15-year path of involvement in professional organizations. Starting with the Board of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, and eventually its president, Lynne found the fruits of her persuasive activity with the Missouri legislature to be very satisfying.

Moving to the national scene, she served as secretary and now president-elect of the American Psychoanalytic Association, and will become its president in June. "There is so much work to do," she sighs, listing licensing, accrediting, training, internet prominence, privacy protection, and, proudly, the recent success of RICO lawsuits against major health care providers for illegally denying payment for medical and talking treatment covered in patients' contracts.

This wasn't the path Lynne set out to follow.

After college, on the verge of enrolling in graduate school to become a Shakespearean scholar, Lynne had a change of heart. What about her desire, cherished since childhood, of going to medical school? Following her dream, she enrolled instead in St. Louis University's School of Medicine. Upon graduation and the simultane-

ous birth of her first child, she rejected medical residencies that required her to be on call every other night and chose instead a residency in psychiatry, requiring duty only every 17th night.

Three years later, in search of a field that would hold her interest for a lifetime, Lynne enrolled in the first class at St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute. She emerged 10 years later with advanced training in child treatment, embarked on an active practice, taught at the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, and is its past Director.

In the words of Eric Nuetzel, current Institute Director, "Lynne does it all with equanimity, thoughtfulness, creativity, intelligence, and dedication to the highest ideals. She's a marvelous person."

"My love of Shakespeare, literature and theater fell in line with my career, and gave depth to my psychoanalytic training," Lynne feels. "This profession has been good to me, and I have wanted to pay it back."



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Join K. Lynn Moritz, M.D., for a discussion about her work with the International Psychoanalytical Association. Discuss how these important international trends impact psychoanalysis in St. Louis:

- *The World Wide Appeal of Psychoanalysis*
- *Distance Learning and Treatment; New Tools for a New Age*
- *The European Movement to Examine Analysts' Implicit Technique*

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm Dessert & Coffee
7:30 pm Discussion

Place: Hope and Julian Edison's home
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