

## IAPSP Members' Ongoing Research Activities

Name	Research Activities	Area of Study	Type of Research
Beebe, Beatrice PhD	Communication Sciences	Our focus is the study of the social transmission of maternal psychopathology and the origins of infant insecure attachment, examining nonverbal communication as the mode of transmission. This work defines precise individual and dyadic social patterns of behavior organizing early relatedness, with direct implications for early intervention.	<p>Our basic research program involves 3 cohorts:            Cohort I: Vocal Rhythm Coordination in Infancy and the Prediction of Attachment Outcomes at 1 and 4 years (community sample) (NIMH R01).</p> <p>Cohort II: Mother-Infant Self- and Interactive Regulation of Attention, Affect, Spatial Orientation, and Touch: Depression and Attachment (community sample) (NIMH R01).</p> <p>Cohort III: 9-11 Mothers and Young Children Project, a primary prevention program with a research component for mothers who were both pregnant and widowed on 9-11 (Project Liberty; The Robin Hood Foundation).</p>
Blackstone, Judith PhD	Realization Process	We are engaged in a second pilot study testing the effectiveness of Realization Process (a body-centered relational meditation technique designed by Judith Blackstone) for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder in adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The first eight-week pilot study, completed in Spring, 2007, showed decrease in symptoms of post-traumatic stress in eighty percent of the women. We are doing a second pilot study in Fall, 2007, in order to increase the number of subjects in the study. We hope to go on to a full-scale study in 2008.	
Karterud, Sigmund MD PhD	Personality Disorders	I'm heading a research group that is doing research on various aspects of personality disorders. The main project is a RCT on day program treatment and subsequent combined group and individual psychotherapy compared to eclectic individual psychotherapy. Essential substudies are attachment patterns and change in attachment patterns, reflective functioning and affect consciousness among the borderline and avoidant PD subsamples.	

Carusi PsyD, Anna	In-Depth Case Study	The aim of my research is to revisit the clinical configuration of the false self in the light of self psychology and test its usefulness as a clinical tool, to better understand the patient, the interaction patient/analyst, and the success of the treatment.	In order to do so, I have collected several clinical data out of more than ten years of clinical work, deepening my knowledge of vertical and horizontal splitting, as originally formulated by Heinz Kohut, and subsequently debated in post-Kohutian self psychology.
Rodin MD, Gary	Advanced Disease/End of Life Bereavement	I am involved in qualitative and quantitative empirical research on the psychological aspects of advanced disease, end of life and bereavement.	We have been funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (approximately \$3 million) to conduct this research which touches on themes of trauma, attachment, and the preservation of self in the face of physical deterioration and loss.
Plane PhD, Ann Marie	Dreams, Trances, and Visions in Both Euro-American and Native American Cultural Traditions in Colonial New England		Uses a original historical texts (ie, sermons, travel narratives, diaries, criminal trial records, etc)
Plane PhD, Ann Marie	Worlds of Experience	I am writing an essay using clinical case material and a variety of historical, anthropological, and psychoanalytic literature on dreams as a point of access to the unique "worlds of experience" of our patients.	Clinical Cases
Tolpin MD, Marian	Forward Edge Transferences	I am working on a casebook on transferences of health (forward edge transferences). I am still open for cases to be submitted	
Lewis LCSW, Jane	Hair-Pulling: Dialogues of The Body	My book is based on interviews with 50 research participants. The meanings of hair-pulling which emerged are codetermined by the the differently organized subjectivities of researcher and research partners.	Therefore, I use what I have named an intersubjective research methodology, to find meaning(s).
Brooks PhD, Larry	Professional Identity Development in the Therapist/Analyst	I've been interested in exploring professional identity development in the therapist/analyst looking at the tension between personal and professional expressions of self. In particular I've been interested in how the process of professionalization and the development of a professional identity reinforce splitting within the individual where the idealized parts of self are identified with the professional role/self and the unwanted shameful personal parts of self are exiled dissociated.	Presently I am working with concepts of non-linear dynamic systems to look at the constraints on change embedded in the psychoanalytic frame. There is an interesting tension between the evocative language of change that characterizes non-linear dynamic systems thinking and the sluggishness of change that occurs in psychoanalytic treatment. The notion of perturbation raises questions on what and who should be perturbed: the patient, the analyst's theories, the analyst's behaviors?

Metzl PhD, Marilyn	Attention Deficit Disorder	The current research of Dr. Metzl involves in-depth case analysis of adults with Attention Deficit Disorder and learning disabilities with specific focus on the results of using psychoanalysis in conjunction with cognitive therapy in order to facilitate growth improvement in work and interpersonal relationships.	
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