2008 ANNUAL REPORT

## Austen Riggs Center

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Lisa A. Raskin, Ph.D. Chair, Board of Trustees





The focus of this year's annual report, our

unique Activities Program, reminds us all of the remarkable nature of this institution. We are a hospital unlike any other and we are proud of the many things that distinguish us. It has been another busy year for the Board as we continue to work with the staff to discuss priorities for the future and to help them chart the institution's course in the face of today's challenging economic climate. While these are tough times, we continue to move forward in exciting ways. As always, we are grateful to the staff for their hard work and to all of our generous friends and supporters who help to make our work possible. Thank you for being part of the Riggs community.

Lisa A. Raskin, Ph.D

A blank canvas to fill, if it doesn't provoke anxiety, can offer unlimited scope for the exercise of autonomy. It is all yours to do with as you will. So, too, does an empty flower bed and a seed catalogue. Some knowledge is useful, but the potential seems tremendous... — Joan Erikson

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Edward R. Shapiro, M.D. Medical Director/CEO



In 1951, at the annual 4th of July picnic for

Riggs patients and staff, a girl stood up and sang a ballad. One verse is remembered today as the impetus for the establishment of the Activities Program. She sang, "We sit all day long at a great big loom, making God knows what for God knows whom." Joan Erikson writes about this encounter in her book, Activity, Recovery, Growth. Senior medical staff members David Rapaport and Margaret Brenman heard the message from this young patient and approached Joan to work out a new activities program that would give patients more meaningful educational experiences. Over the next few years, Joan and a committee of staff and patients reorganized the shop into a basic art workshop and developed a theater group, a nursery school, and a greenhouse and garden program.

Fifty-eight years later, Joan Erikson's plan is still in operation. Whether it is direct application on the potter's wheel, or joining the play of a three year-old at the Montessori School, the Riggs Activities Program gives patients a space to step away from their intensive therapy, recognize their strengths and capacities, develop skills and discover new talents and interests.

Given the focus of Riggs' treatment, our patients are increasingly conscious of the ways their lives and behaviors play out their internal struggles; they are relentlessly in the patient role thinking about the meaning of what they do and their impact on others. This is true everywhere at Riggs except when they are in the Activities Program. There, they are students, not patients: it is an "interpretation-free zone". Members of the staff, other patients, and people from the Stockbridge community come to their art exhibits, attend their public performances, and admire their capacities. In the setting of the Activities Program, our patients are free from their otherwise intensive self-scrutiny. Maintained as completely separate from the clinical work, the program is unique for psychiatric hospitals, underlining the values of an open setting where 'patients' can become people taking charge of their lives.

Playwright William Gibson directed theater productions for many years;

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American artist Leo Garel remained at Riggs for 40 years; master craftsman and woodworker Tilo Kaufman taught at the Center in the '60s; and there are many others. In this report, you'll learn about this extraordinary program from current staff members and two former patients. We hope you will get a sense of the creative richness of the Activities Program, and the perspectives it can offer our patients for their intensive clinical work.

Riggs, like most other institutions, has been affected by the economic recession. While operating results produced a surplus of \$96,000 in 2008, the economy had a significant impact on the Center's endowment and pension plan. The latter will require additional financial resources in future years. Increasing numbers of patients and families have applied for financial assistance and we are beginning to see financial pressures pushing patients toward more rapid discharge. We have given more financial aid in order to allow our patients to extend their treatments.

Thankfully, Riggs continues to have many friends and families who support our work. This year, we introduced the 1919 Society to recognize those individuals who have included Riggs in their estate planning. This is an important way to secure the future of the institution. We are very grateful for the support of those who have joined, and for all of our donors and friends.

Edward R. Shapiro, M.D.

"Materials wordlessly speak for themselves and say the same to everybody. If you prove responsive to them, they will respond to you without argument, apology, or blame. They offer a range of cognitive discoveries and confirmations — from the simplest to the complex." - Erik Erikson

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#### M. Gerard Fromm, Ph.D. Evelyn Stefansson Nef Director of the Erikson Institute



This summer, the Erikson Institute will hold its sixth Creativity Seminar titled, *Miracle Workers: Transformation Through Creativity*, in honor of the late Bill Gibson. In past years, groups of between 25 and 50 vacationing professionals have attended these seminars, which explore the creative process through dialogues between artists and clinicians. Within that primary task, each seminar has a keynote theme. Previous themes include: *On (Not) Being Able to Paint; The Scarlet Letter: The Artist and Analyst as Outsiders; Mahler, Freud and the Symphony of a Thousand; The Play's The Thing: Creativity, Psychoanalysis and Play; and Creativity at the Extreme.* 

These seminars are *working seminars*, which means that our presenters do not have the answers to the question of creativity, except perhaps for themselves. Rather, learning comes about through the active participation of members and faculty in the creative process as it is described and felt over the course of the seminar. The seminar is structured as a series of informal presentations or dialogues, alternating between artists opening up their own creative process and clinicians examining this process through the lens of their work with patients. Many well-known artists have taken part in these conversations, as have our own clinical and activities program staff. Indeed, some seminar events take place at the shop so that members can feel what it is like for our patients to join the creative process in our Activities Program.

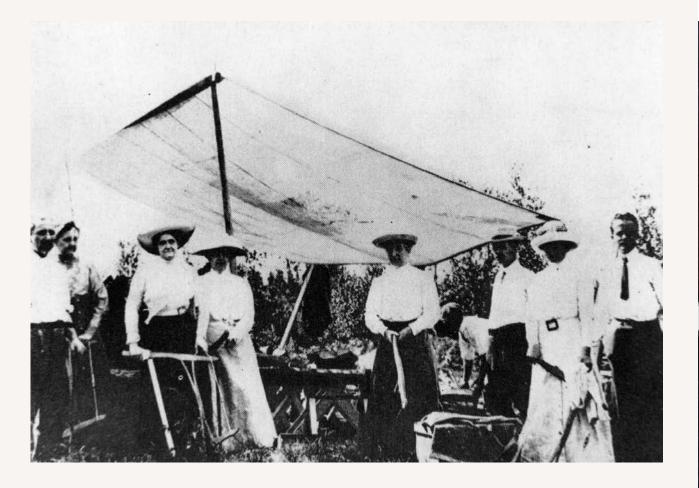
To our great surprise, the Creativity Seminar itself has become an experience of deep engagement with the raw material in each of us. The experience of these seminars has been astonishing. There is a cumulative impact from hearing artists - including the artists on our staff—describe and take the members into their creative process. It is invariably real, moving, and utterly fascinating. Simply through their genuine efforts at opening up their personal creative process, the artists *speak into* the listener, bypassing intellectualization and critical judgment, and setting up a resonance that members *must* contend with. So, they speak back: to the artists, to each other, to themselves, and to us in a closing plenary. I recall one person who stood up and said that she had been writing poetry for the last few days, and "I've never written a word of poetry before in my life, and I don't know what is happen-

ing to me." The seminar becomes an *experiential* event—for the artists too; one artist said that she had never opened up the connections between her art and her life in the way she had in her dialogue, and she was extremely grateful for what she had learned. This kind of interaction, resonating with the unconscious, generates an experience much more than the sum of its parts and shows us, in a living way, what it is that our Activities staff offers to our patients every day.

In 2008, in addition to our continuing our work with the Cambridge Hospital psychology interns, we offered a nine-week seminar to Fellows and other trainees at the Yale Child Study Center. We also organized a panel presentation at a Global Health Forum at the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C. on the problem of suicide as seen from clinical and institutional perspectives. We worked with the Berkshire District Attorney's office on the problem of violence in schools. Our Fall Conference brought together sociologists, political scientists, lawyers and psychoanalysts for an in-depth, interdisciplinary examination of citizenship. Finally, we completely re-organized our research effort this year, appointing Christopher Fowler, Ph.D., as Director of Research. Dr. Fowler has developed a set of research labs based on staff interest. In addition, the first Main Aims paper from the Follow-Along Study was accepted for publication, and we expanded our network of institutional affiliations.

M. Gerard Fromm, Ph.D.

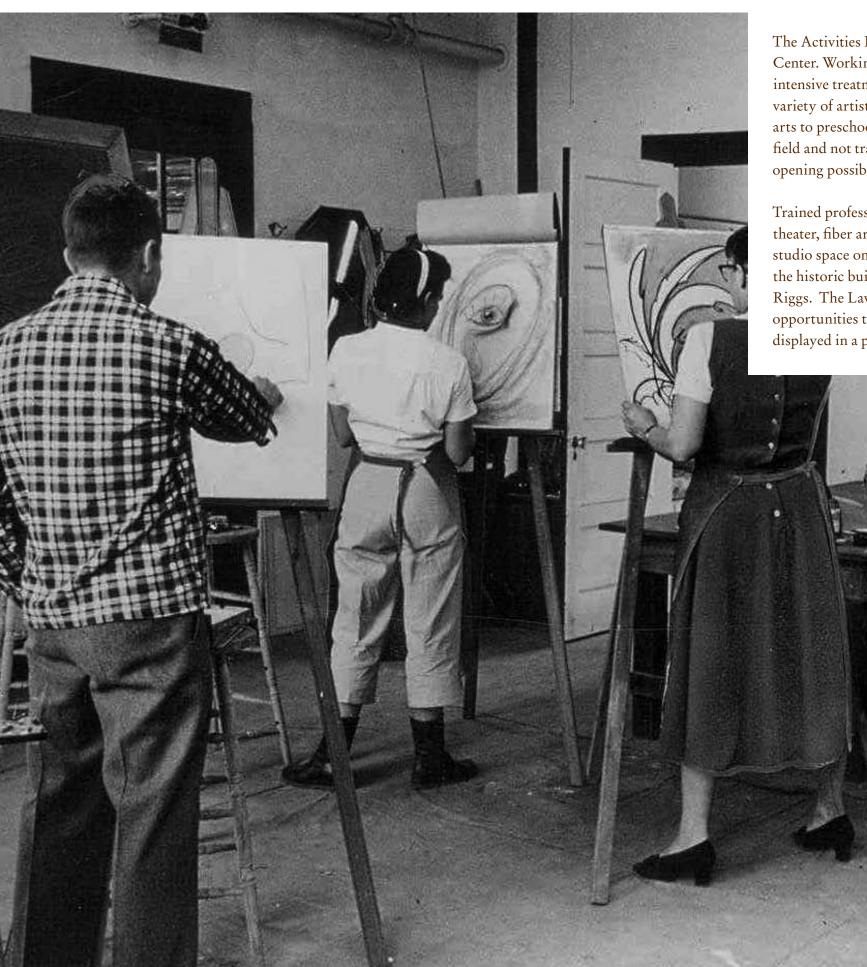
"...things that grow are without ambivalence, without triumph or complaint in their clear indication of what will help them unfold or what will make them wilt, and only demand that you apply to them the simplest wish to foster growth and prevent decay." — Erik Erikson



"We wanted to provide a situation, many situations, where people could try to let go, try something else, fail comfortably, succeed without being labeled or limited by success." — Joan Erikson

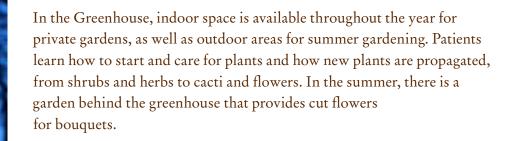
# The Freedom to Create





The Activities Program is one of the unique features of the Austen Riggs Center. Working in an environment deliberately separated from the intensive treatment atmosphere, patients participate as students in a variety of artistic and intellectual endeavors—from visual and performing arts to preschool education. Artisans and teachers, specialized in their field and not trained as clinicians, work with individuals and groups, opening possibilities for creative expression and the use of new skills.

Trained professionals offer individual instruction and workshops in theater, fiber arts, woodworking, ceramics and visual arts in a dedicated studio space on Main Street, Stockbridge. Called "The Lavender Door", the historic building is located at a distance from the main campus of Riggs. The Lavender Door Gallery and Riggs Theatre 37 give students opportunities to interact with the larger community, see their work displayed in a professional setting, and share their work with others.



The Riggs Montessori School fosters positive early learning experiences for local children, ages two and a half to six. The school's founder, Joan Erikson, described the motivation for establishing a nursery school within a psychiatric setting as a way for patients to experience childhood as observers and participants. Patient interns and teachers' aides work with the school's director in all aspects of the school.

"Working in the Activities Program, patients can get absorbed in doing something that takes them out of their heads," says James Sacksteder, M.D., Associate Medical Director. "If obsessional people can get absorbed in something, it can give them an extraordinary respite. Then, if patients can find something that gives them genuine pleasure—whether it is in the school or working with materials—it opens up a whole new world." Over the years, there has been lots of behind-the-scenes work with our accreditors to preserve the work of the Activities Program. It's my job to make this process as seamless as possible. For example, from time to time, we have to justify why our patients should be allowed to operate heavy machinery in the woodshop, or why a patient who has a history of cutting is given sharp instruments to work with in fiber arts. Despite our patients' struggle, they work with us to treat the Activities Program spaces as protected space, managing their own safety so that clinical concerns do not intrude. — Jane Bloom, Ph.D. R.N., CS, Director of Patient Services



Some patients shuffle along the sidewalk to rehearsal, and slump into a chair. By the end of the night, I have to almost throw them out. They bounce around the room, dance down the stairs. They are really tired but their bodies are awake and alive so much more than they were when they walked in. They come alive. They start burning bright. — Kevin Coleman, Theater Director



If you go to the shop you can make something with your hands. If you come to the greenhouse, you can start a plant from a seed or a cutting. It takes time to see progress, it requires patience, but the reward is great when the plants start growing! Students are responsible for the plants. They can see how just a minimal effort makes things move forward and grow. Each student comes in with a different attitude and purpose. Some want to work outside; others come to the greenhouse because it's an escape from everything that's going on in their treatment. It is quiet and peaceful here. — Sandy Dawson, Greenhouse Instructor Sandy Dawson

Paula Meade



Patients who work at the school find a part of themselves that perhaps they never had, or that they are rediscovering. Recently, a young man wanted to come to the school but wasn't able to at first. He was big. My first concern was whether he would find a chair he would find comfortable. But towards the end, he didn't need a specific chair; he always had kids around him. He was kind of a big, gruff guy, but not at the school. There was one little girl who stole his heart. When he was discharging, all the children wanted to know where he was going. He told them he was going back to school. He's been gone a week and we all miss him. It's those small interactions. You can just see what the school does for patients and how it changes them. —Paula Meade, Montessori School Director





## Amy

When I worked at the school, I had a job, a purpose. If things weren't going well in my treatment I knew at least that things were okay at the school. The school's Director Paula Meade was so easy-going, so wonderful. She allowed me to just be. It was a wonderful experience.

I bave fond memories of a boy I worked with at the school during the three years I was there. He was so creative, imaginative. His favorite thing to do was to build with Legos. I would sit on the floor and play with him. He was so talented. Most of the time I was watching him. It didn't matter that I couldn't do it. It was just fun to be with him. Not so long ago, a young man came to the shop so guarded it was painful. He wanted to be there, yet I couldn't reach him. It was difficult. Woodworking requires a great deal of personal contact. Months later, one day this guy cracked a smile. Then we became very tight. We worked together every day. I would show him one aspect of the work and he would go with it. He came many hours a week and built a quilting table for his mother. It was a huge project. He had a whole approach to the design; he called it a "language." It was fascinating to watch him work, blossom and learn.

- Edouard Vaval, Woodworking Instructor

Some students come to me with knowledge or memory of working with clay and they want to brush up on their skills. And then there are others who have a hard time letting anything come out of themselves. That's a very different kind of teaching. It's not about mechanics; it's about allowing yourself to trust and not analyze what you're making as you're making it. It is a very different way of thinking, to see what you can bring to the clay and what an object has to offer.

- Michael McCarthy, ceramics instructor



Michael McCarthy

Paula Erker



Some people have a difficult time leaving behind whatever is going on in their therapy or at the Inn. To walk down the street; to ask for help to learn something new; to experience something they haven't tried before; to delve into something unknown—all these things take courage. It's my job to get students over that wall so they can see that they can make a mistake and learn from it. I tell everybody, if you don't enjoy it you don't have to do it. There are no rules. Just sit here and knit, paint, whatever it is you are interested in doing. I think that's what people appreciate the most. I think of the Activities Program and the shop as an oasis—a place where patients can come and just be present.

- Paula Erker, Fiber Arts Instructor

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### Maria

When I came to Riggs, I was an unrealized artist. I was in deep need of psychiatric treatment, and Riggs offered a unique opportunity through its Activities Program to heal and nurture my creative self in a way that no other place could. The paper, the paints, it was all there for me as well as Mark Mulherrin's unwavering support. It was a dream come true. Sometimes I would go over to the shop and just sit and look at the yarn—all the luscious colors, textures and possibilities. Sitting at the table with Rabia and Paula, I had a sense of unity and peace. When I was in that building, I felt free. I could accomplish something. This was unheard of for me.



When you have a blank canvas or page, you are faced with a void. It is your responsibility to create a drawing or painting. Anyone who takes that trip may find aspects of the experience that are therapeutic. What I've learned in my work at Riggs is that I cannot take for granted my students' experiences. It may be really hard for someone to come to the studio; they might be uncomfortable while they are here, and they don't necessarily come back. For a long time it seemed to me that this was a small commitment. But what I've learned is that from their frame of reference, our students are making a huge commitment just to walk in the door.

- Mark Mulherrin, Visual Arts Instructor



Left to right: Paula Erker, Edouard Vaval, Michael McCarthy, Kevin Coleman, Mark Mulherrin, Sandy Dawson, Paula Meade



#### Condensed Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Operating Fund Assets		
Operating cash and investments	\$2,580,000	\$2,304,000
Accounts receivable (net)	1,202,000	994,000
Other assets	715,000	718,000
Property, plant & equipment	14,816,000	13,515,000
Restricted Cash	3,514,000	C
Endowment and Similar Funds Assets		
Patient Aid	228,000	394,000
Capital Campaign	79,000	1,168,000
Erikson Institute	8,184,000	11,505,000
Total Assets	\$31,318,000	\$30,598,000
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,361,000	\$ 2,109,000
Pension Benefits Liability	5,063,000	2,409,000
Long term debt	7,268,000	3,533,000
Net Assets		
Operating	2,313,000	2,017,000
Pension plan	(5,063,000)	(2,409,000
Property & equipment	10,885,000	9,872,000
Unrestricted endowment	4,406,000	7,801,000
Temporarily restricted endowment	426,000	1,959,000
Permanently restricted endowment	3,659,000	3,307,000
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$31,318,000	\$30,598,000

#### Condensed Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets December 31, 2008 and 2007

Total operating revenues	\$15,859,000	\$14,953,000
Total operating expenses	15,763,000	14,434,000
Change in net assets from operations	96,000	519,000
Non-operating revenue (expenses)	(3,363,720)	733,000
Pension related changes	(2,654,000)	(2,133,000)
Change in net assets	(\$5,921,720)	(\$881,000)

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#### Recognitions

John Muller was the recipient of Distinguished Educator award, International Federation for Psychoanalytic Education.

#### Presentations

Adrian Bailey co-presented Therapeutic Community and Course of Treatment Among Treatment Resistant Inpatients: How does community involvement relate to outcome? at the Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Psychotherapy Research, New Haven, CT. She also co-presented Cognitive and Affective Constructions of Treatment Resistant Patients: What can Westen 's SCORS method tell us about our patients? at the Society for Personality Assessment, New Orleans, LA.

Christina Biedermann, Psy.D., co-presented *Cognitive and Affective Constructions of Treatment Resistant Patients: What can Westen 's SCORS method tell us about our patients?* Society for Personality Assessment, New Orleans, LA; and *Blindspots: Learning from Social Class Transitions*, 18th Annual Diversity Conference, University of Albany, SUNY.

Spencer Biel, Psy.D., co-presented Cognitive and Affective Constructions of Treatment Resistant Patients: What can Westen 's SCORS method tell us about our patients? Society for Personality Assessment, New Orleans, LA.

Marilyn Charles, Ph.D., presented When Cultures Collide at Williams College, Williamstown, MA; Playing with Two Hands: Point and Counterpoint in Culture, Theory, and Application at the Southeastern Florida Association for Psychoanalytic Psychology, Boca Raton, FL; Ethics, Authority, and 'Standards of Care ': Meetings at the Edge at the ISPS-US Ninth Annual Meeting, New York, NY. At the APA Division 39, New York, NY, she presented Beyond Despair: Acceptance, Redemption, and Reparation on the panel Meetings at the Edge of Knowing: Two Perspectives on the Desire to "Turn a Blind Eye"; Chair and Moderator at the Graduate Student Committee Invited Panel Sitting With Uncertainty: Becoming a Psychodynamic Clinician, and moderator of the Early Career Committee Invited Panel Time, Process, and Complexity: Building a Psychoanalytic Community. She was a panelist: Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Peer Supervision: Quandaries in Clinical Practice II, at the Annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry, Washington, DC. At the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA, she presented Voices from the Margins: Moving Bevond Dichotomy Towards Integration in Group Process and at Section VII Panel, Limits to Potential Space in Groups: Marginalization and Scapegoating. At the APCS 2008 Annual Conference, Rutgers, NJ, Charles presented What 's the Difference III? Engaging With Our Patients Through Kleinian, Winnicottian, Lacanian, and Relational Theories; The Terrorist Within; Ethics and Difference in the Presidential Campaign: Five Psychoanalytic Perspectives; Remembering, Repeating, and Working Through: Piecing Together the Fragments of

Traumatic Memory, was Chair and

Participant, Speaking in One's Own

Voice Without Losing One's Mind;

Moderator: Living Color, Ethnicity,

and Roundtable Co-Chair and

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Jill A. Clemence, Ph.D., co-presented Therapeutic Community and Course of Treatment Among Treatment Resistant Inpatients: How does Community Involvement Relate to Outcome? at the Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Psychotherapy Research, New Haven, CT, and Cognitive and Affective Constructions of Treatment Resistant Patients: What can Westen 's SCORS method tell us about our patients? at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, New Orleans, LA.

E. Virginia Demos, Ed.D., presented Early Childhood Precursors of Creativity, Child Seminar Series, San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute, San Francisco. CA.

David Flynn, M.D., co-presented workshop, *On Including Psychotherapy in the Medical Student Curriculum,* Annual meeting of the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP), Galveston, TX.

J. Christopher Fowler, Ph.D., co-presented, *Suicide: its prediction, treatment of high-risk patients, and the impact of suicide on clinicians,* Yale University Department of Child Psychiatry, New Haven, CT; Panel presentation: *Picking up the pieces: What happens to survivors of suicide,* Global Health Forum, sponsored by the Italian Embassy, Washington, DC; All-Day Workshop: *Complex Treatment Resistance: Assessment, Staging and Treatment Implications,* Tennessee Psychological Association, Nashville, TN. Associate Director for Leading Organizational Change from the Inside Out, Group Relations Conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of Groups and Social Systems. Boston: was a Staff Member for Transformation 2008, Annual Working Conference of the International Forum for Social Innovation, Paris, France, He presented Potential Space and Maternal Authority, at the A.K. Rice Forum, Chicago, IL, and was a member of the Second Psychopolitical Conference on Western-Islamic Relatedness in Istanbul, Turkey, He presented on The Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma at the Yale Child Psychiatry Seminar in New Haven, CT, and was a discussant at the Academy for Critical Incident Analysis Conference, John Jav College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY. He chaired and presented in a panel on The Problem of Suicide: Global, Clinical and Institutional Considerations at the Global Health Forum, Italian Embassy, Washington, D.C. He offered the Annual Education Program for Williams College Psychology Class, presented a Role Analysis Workshop at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA, and gave a presentation and workshop, Multiple Roles, Multiple Conversations and Ivory Towers of Babel, The New England College Health Association Annual Meeting, Mystic, CT. He also presented at the Western Massachusetts and Albany Association for Psychoanalytic Psychology on Loving and Working: A Psychoanalytic Perspective on Organizational Life, Stockbridge, MA.

M. Gerard Fromm, Ph.D., served as

Jesse A. Goodman, M.D., co-presented *Suicide: Its prediction, treatment of high-risk patients, and the impact of suicide on clinicians,* Yale University Department of Child Psychiatry, New Haven, CT.

Michael Groat, Ph.D., presented *The impact of supervisory fees on treatment and supervision*, American Psychoanalytic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, and co-presented *Blindspots: Learning from Social Class Transitions*, 18th Annual Diversity Conference, University of Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY. M. Sagman Kayatekin, M.D., presented *Treatment of Severe Borderline Personality Disorders: Riggs Experience*, Department of Psychiatry, Melbourne University Medical School, Melbourne, Australia.

David Mintz, M.D., co-presented the seminar: Psychodynamics and Psychopharmacology, Institute of Living, Hartford, CT, and *Blindspots:* Learning from Social Class Transitions. 18th Annual Diversity Conference, University of Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY, and presented a three day Seminar: Pharmacologic Treatment Resistance, The Difficult to Treat Patient, & Psychiatric Grand Rounds: Meaning and Medication, Tripler Army Center, Honolulu, HI, He presented The Role of Psychodynamics in Psychopharmacology, Resident's Luncheon Session, AAPDP Annual Meeting, Washington, DC; was Group Leader: Psychiatry Student Interest Group, Breakout Session, MS4s, PsychSIGN (Psychiatry Student Interest Group) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Co-presented a workshop, On Including Psychotherapy in the Medical Student Curriculum, Annual meeting of the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP), Galveston, TX, He co-presented *Teaching Psychotherapy* and Psychodynamics to Medical Students at the Association for Academic Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM.

Cathleen Morey, LICSW, co-presented, *Hooked Again: Enactments in Family Therapy*, Massachusetts NASW Symposium, Newton, MA.

**Cynthia Mulder, LICSW,** co-presented, *Hooked Again: Enactments in Family Therapy*, Massachusetts NASW Symposium, Newton, MA. John P. Muller, Ph.D., presented a paper on sublimation in Mahler's Symphony Number Eight at the Lacanian Clinical Forum, Val David, Quebec; taught a class in Psychoanalysis and Philosophy, Addressivity and Time in Freud's Case of Katherina, Boston College, Boston, MA, and presented Teaching Freud in Translation: The Case of Katherina, at the International Federation for Psychoanalytic Education, Boston, MA and to the Williams College Study Group. He chaired meetings of the Lacanian Clinical Forum in Stockbridge and Quebec.

Julie Neudeck, Ph.D., presented Evaluating shame in persons with severe mental illness at the 2008 APA Annual Convention - Division 12, Boston, MA.

Margaret Parish, Ph.D., presented Administration in Conferences and Beyond: Depending on Structure, AK Rice Symposium, Chicago, IL.

J. Christopher Perry, Ph.D., presented Studying psychotherapy process in a pilot RCT of three forms of psychotherapy for recurrent major *depression* at the Psychotherapy Process Research Group, Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Boston, MA. He co-presented Recovery in personality disorders – To every change there is a season at Psychotherapy Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, ICFP - JGH, Montreal, Canada. At the Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS, he co-presented An examination of the reliability and short-term stability of transference patterns in the early phase of long-term dynamic psychotherapy of depressed adults, and Coping Action Patterns in a treated psychoanalytic case. He was moderator of panels entitled *The* natural history psychotherapy and time to recovery over long-term psychotherapy and follow-up, and Some novel uses of psychodynamic assessments in psychopathology, process and outcome research, and authored or co-authored presentations on these panels at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research, Barcelona, Spain,

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Eric M. Plakun, M.D., co-presented a workshop at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and conducted Grand Rounds at the Tripler Army Medical Center in Pearl Harbor, HI on *Responding to the* impact of suicide by servicemen on military psychiatrists; Presented Teaching the working alliance as a core process across psychotherapies at the annual meeting of the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training meeting in New Orleans, LA. At the American **Psychiatric Association Annual** Meeting in Washington, DC; presented a workshop from Committee on Psychotherapy by Psychiatrists on Psychotherapy Update: Panic Focused Psychodynamic Psychotherapy; a paper, The Y Model: Integrated evidence based teaching of psychotherapy competencies; and a workshop from APA Assembly Allied Organization Liaisons group entitled, One psychiatrist's boundary violation may be another's area of work. He also co-presented a workshop on Responding to the Impact of Suicide on Clinicians. led a workshop on Principles in the Psychotherapy of Self-Destructive Borderline Patients and co-taught a full-day CME course entitled, A Psychodynamic Approach to Treatment Refractory Mood Disorders with other Riggs clinicians. Plakun presented the Joseph Lamberti Psychotherapy Award lecture at University of Missouri, Columbia, Department of Psychiatry on Psychotherapy With Suicidal Borderlines. Presented at New York State Capital District Branch of the APA; A Psychodynamic Approach to Treatment Refractory Mood Disorders, and taught a session at Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT on Adolescence, Erikson, Identity and Identity Crisis.

Edward R. Shapiro M.D., was a guest lecturer at Istanbul University Cerrahpasa School of Medicine. Psychiatry Department, Istanbul, Turkey. He co-presented a workshop, Responding to the Impact of Suicide on Clinicians, Department of Defense, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, DC. At the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, he co-taught an all-day CME course with other Riggs clinicians titled, A Psychodynamic Approach to Treatment Refractory Mood Disorders. He also co-presented at two APA workshops, Treatment-Resistant Patients and The Effect of Suicide on Clinicians. He presented on Family Dynamics at Grand Rounds, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY and gave a paper at the Boston Center, AKRI conference on Citizenship, Boston, MA. He gave two lectures on child development and family treatment at the Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT. He also gave a panel presentation, Institutional defenses against despair at the Global Health Forum, Italian Embassy, Washington D.C.

Jennifer Swantkowski, LICSW, co-presented, *Hooked Again: Enactments in Family Therapy*, Massachusetts NASW Symposium. Newton, MA.

Paul Tiger, M.D., co-presented the seminar: *Psychodynamics and Psychopharmacology*, Institute of Living, Hartford, CT.

Jane G. Tillman, Ph.D., co-presented at a workshop, Responding to the Impact of Suicide on Clinicians. Department of Defense, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, DC and also at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Washington, DC. She presented *Suicide: its* prediction, treatment of high-risk patients, and the impact of suicide on clinicians, at Yale University Child Psychiatry Department, New Haven, CT and *Picking up the pieces: What* happens to survivors of suicide, at the Global Health Forum, Italian Embassy, Washington, DC

Vamik Volkan, M.D. presented Psychoanalysis and International Relationships at Cornell Medical School, New York, NY; The Holocaust and Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma, PAKH, Düsseldorf, Germany; Psychoanalytic Formulation: What am I Analyzing?and Large Group Identity: Sharing Pride and Vengeance at the Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society, Atlanta, GA, and at the Seattle WA Psychoanalytic Society, Seattle, WA. The Intertwining of the Internal and External Wars, The Michigan Psychoanalytic Society, Novi, MI; Psychotherapy of Depression, Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, Turkey; Large-group Trauma and its Consequences (key note speech), The American College of Psychoanalysts. San Diego, CA; Globalization and psychology panel. Deutche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft, Munich, Germany; Large-group Identity, International Relations and Psychoanalysis, Deutche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft, Munich, Germany; Extreme Religious Fundamentalism, the World Scientists gathering on terrorism, Eriche, Sicily; What does Working with Borderline Patients Teach us About International Diplomatic Negotiations? Royal College of Psychiatrists. Belfast, Northern Ireland; A series of lectures on Political Psychology, Sigmund Freud University, Vienna, Austria; Massive Trauma at the Hand of "Others" and its Psychopolitical Consequences, Global Health Event, The Embassy of Italy, Washington, DC.

#### Erikson Institute Seminars and Events

Yasmin Roberts Memorial Lecture: *My Gender is Tender*, Adrienne Harris, Ph.D.

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*Citizenship, Consumerism and Psyche: Identity Politics in an Age of Global Markets,* Benjamin R. Barber, Ph.D.

A Biological Theory of Brain Function and its Relevance to Psychoanalysis, Walter J. Freeman, M.D.

The Development of Mentalization in Parents and Children: A Report from a 20-Year Longitudinal Study of Attachment Relationships, Miriam Steele, Ph.D.

Changing Minds: Attachment Representations and Adoption Outcome in a Maltreated Sample, Miriam Steele, Ph.D.

Special Erikson Institute Interdisciplinary Forum: *The Anatomy of Denial: What Terrorism and Trauma in New England Might Tell Us about the Larger World*, Jessica Stern, Ph.D. and James Gilligan, M.D., Discussant

*Being in Berlin,* Shmuel Erlich, Ph.D. and Mira Erlich-Ginor with Edward R. Shapiro, M.D.

Memories of Combat: Primal Objects and Persecutory Guilt, Sue Grand, Ph.D.

*Patient Violence and Therapist Anxiety,* Sue Grand, Ph.D.

Seventh Working Conference for College Counseling Services: *Counseling, Advising, Coaching and Mentoring on a College Campus: Roles, Responsibilities and the Complexities of Collaboration.* 

Fall Working Conference: *Loving, Working and Voting: The Dynamics of Citizenship,* M. Gerard Fromm, Ph.D. and Jane G. Tillman, Ph.D., Conference Directors, Edward R. Shapiro, M.D., Presenter

Understanding Racial Hatred: A New Psychosocial Approach, Tony Jefferson, M.D.

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Interdisciplinary Forum: *In a Child's Room: Reflections on Space and Childhood,* Ellen Handler Spitz, Ph.D. and Gareth Matthews, Ph.D.

A Community Forum on Parenting, Anne Carter, M.D., Marilyn Charles, Ph.D., E. Virginia Demos, Ed.D., M. Gerard Fromm, Ph.D., Paula Meade, Ellen Handler Spitz, Ph.D.

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