

# IDENTITY

**The Psychological Concept of  
a Largely Unconscious Process  
of Self in Relation to Others**



**Saturday, May 10, 2008**

## Conference Information

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THE NYSSCSW Conference will be held at:

The Nightingale-Bamford School Auditorium  
20 East 92nd Street  
New York, NY 10128

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## **IDENTITY: The Psychological Concept of a Largely Unconscious Process of Self in Relation to Others**

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Our identity begins in the womb, is nourished or depleted by the early parent/child dyad whereby attachment styles form a blueprint for all relationships. Neuroscience provides proof of the brain's plasticity, supporting Erikson's theory that our sense of identity is continuously shaped throughout life stages by various relationships and/or situations. This conference will explore the concept of identity and will help the clinician understand and work effectively with issues ranging from identity crisis through identity diffusion.

**8:00 AM**                      **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**9:00 AM**                      **WELCOME**

Jonathan Morgenstern, LCSW, President, New York State Society for Clinical Social Work

### **Clinical Conference**

**9:15 AM**                      **OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Susan A. Klett, LCSW-R, Chairperson, Education Committee,  
New York State Society for Clinical Social Work

### **Keynote Presentations**

#### **THE FATE OF VULNERABILITY IN THE SELF DURING MIDLIFE: CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES**

Eda G. Goldstein, DSW, Director of the Post Master's Certificate Program in Advanced Clinical Practice at the New York University Silver School of Social Work, where she is professor emerita and adjunct professor. Author: EGO PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE (Second edition), The Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, 1995; BORDERLINE DISORDERS: CLINICAL MODELS AND TECHNIQUES, Guilford Press, 1990; OBJECT RELATIONS THEORY AND SELF PSYCHOLOGY IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. The Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, 2001; and WHEN THE BUBBLE BURSTS: CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MIDLIFE ISSUES, Analytic Press, 2005.

#### **WORKING WITH IDENTITY CONFLICTS IN COUPLE TREATMENT**

Paul Geltner, DSW, Director of Training at the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center in New York City. Faculty at the Northern Rockies Institute for Psychoanalysis. Published papers: "The Concept of Objective Countertransference and its Role in a Two-Person Psychology," *The American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, March 2006, Vol. 66, No. 1 pp. 25-42; "The Evolutionary and Developmental Origins of Patient-Induced Countertransference," *Psychiatry*, 2000, Vol. 63, No.3, pp. 253-263.

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM**    **LUNCH**

**1:45 PM to 3:45 PM**      **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**



## Workshops 1:45pm to 3:45pm

- 1 Children No More: How The Death Of A Parent Impacts Adult Child Identity**  
Arlene D. Litwack, LCSW, Faculty and supervisor Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center
- 2 The Clinical Writer, A Professional Identity in Progress**  
Roberta Ann Shechter, DSW, Certified Psychoanalyst, Associate Editor,  
PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIAL WORK, Haworth Press
- 3 Boredom at School: A Mask for Identity Issues**  
Ronnie Moskowitz, LCSW, MS, MAT, Director of Washington Market School and Kate Gorman, DSW, Faculty  
New York School for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis
- 4 Changing Faces: Extratherapeutic Contact, Self-Disclosure and Professional Identity**  
Gildo Consolini, PhD, LCSW, Family Center Director of Behavioral Health and Gail Grace, LCSW-R,  
Faculty The Psychoanalytic Institute of the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health
- 5 Money and Identity**  
Richard Trachtman, PhD, LCSW, Director of More Services for MOney and RElationships
- 6 Negotiating The Challenges and Opportunities of Mid-life: A Group Therapy Approach**  
Michael DeSimone, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer, New York University School of Social Work
- 7 The Underbelly of Motherhood: Realizing the Obscured Identities of Childlessness**  
Terry Ann Klee, LMSW, Clinician at The Westchester Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy
- 8 Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Adolescents**  
Ivan G. Diller, LMSW, Group leader at the Center Lane division of Westchester Jewish Community Services

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### 39th Annual Conference May 10, 2008, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Advance Registration and Workshop Preferences due By May 3, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>Advance Registration</b>	<b>Registration at the door</b>	<b>Workshop Preferences</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>1st</b> _____
<b>Non-Member*</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>2nd</b> _____
<b>MSW Students**</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>3rd</b> _____

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