

Calendar of Events

January 23, 2026
- February 1, 2026

Member Event: Online Education Event: Paper Discussion via Email / Discussion Board

08:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

The Education Committee invites you to join us for an online Journal Club discussion focused on:

Heather MacIntosh's PhD paper: Empathy, Humility, Vulnerability: Donna Orange, a Model for Intersubjective Self-Psychological Supervision.

Moderated by:

Amy Eldridge, PhD & Joye Weisel-Barth, PhD, Psy.D.

This event will take place via the IAPSP General Membership Discussion Board from January 23 - February 1, 2026.

There is no need to register. All IAPSP Members will be included.

The paper is attached

We look forward to your participation!

February 20, 2026
- February 23, 2026

Canberra and Region Self Psychology Community Conference

Check flyer and link for details

*Beneath the Surface: Configurations and Treatment of Narcissism, A Somatic
Intersubjective Self Psychological Approach*

*A weekend conference (in person or live-streamed) for those who work with survivors of developmental trauma (often diagnosed with a personality disorder).
Integrating a psychodynamic approach with somatic, affective and developmental-relationship yearning.*

Clients presenting with archaic narcissistic needs are often experienced as “difficult”, and branded as BPD, personality disorder or some other DSM label. They are the ones who drain us, bore us, humiliate us, idolise us, infuriate us, regularly disappear, and eventually make us feel useless.

A nuanced understanding of their healthy developmental strivings and hopes for relational repair can help us sidestep the otherwise inevitable relational re-traumatisation.

The 2026 CRSPC conference will present an understanding of difficult, narcissistic presentations, offering six innovative configurations of narcissistic dynamics emerging from analysis of childhood developmental trauma. Combining self-psychological perspectives with somatic, affective and developmental understanding of relational dynamics, these ‘difficult’ clients are treatable.

Presentations will explore clinical case material to illustrate the challenges of treatment, as well as the complex interplay between developmental history, selfobject functions, affective expression, bodily experience, and relational contexts to offer new pathways for clinical intervention.

A tribute to Dr. Ron Lee one of Australia’s key practitioners and teachers of Self Psychology will also be held during the conference.

*Conference Keynote Speaker: Daniel Perlit MD, Psychoanalyst, Canada
Board of directors and faculty of IASP, IAPSP
Adjunct Lecturer Uni Toronto Supervisor, Psychiatry Dept, St Joseph’s Hospital*

*Conference Organiser: Sandra Lauffenburger MSc. Psychotherapist, Australia
Council Member IAPSP Co-director, SISP, Canberra Clinical Supervisor PACFA*

*To register, please go
to: www.canberraselfpsychology.org and www.selfnmotion.com.au*

February 22, 2026

Member Event: Social Justice Committee: "From Where I Sit --3"

11:30 AM - 01:30 PM EST

admin@iaps.org

From Where I Sit #3:

With presentations by:

Michael Perlman, NYC

Florence Faizi, Northern California

Vardit Rudolfson, Israel

Cornelia Köndgen, Vienna

Danny Rochefort, Montreal

11:30am -1:30pm Eastern time / 10:30am-12:30pm Central time / 8:30am-10:30am Pacific time / 5:30pm -7:30pm Western Europe / 6:30pm - 8:30pm Tel Aviv & Cape Town / 7:30pm - 9:30pm Turkey

February 28, 2026

Teaching Interest Group Meeting

via zoom

01:30 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Elizabeth Carr,

Mark your calendars for this meeting.

Details will be out closer to the date.

March 7, 2026

Child and Adolescent Zoom on Saturday March 7th at 12pm - 1pm

via zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

The Child and Adolescent Interest Group will have their first event of 2026:

A panel discussion on the topic of when to consult with parents when treating their children.

Details to follow soon.

March 14, 2026

Member Event: Complexities of Identity Interest Group

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM MEA

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Save the dates!

There are 3 upcoming events. Save the date for all three:

March 14, 2026

May 23, 2026

September 12, 2026

The overarching theme for the year is race and its intersecting variables. We will share the specific topics for each session on the community board closer to the time.

Time:

3:00pm South Africa time

(9:00am New York / 8:00am Chicago / 6:00am Los Angeles / 2:00pm Western Europe / 3:00pm Tel Aviv / 4:00pm Ankara / 9:00pm Shanghai / 10:00pm Tokyo / 12:00am+1 Sydney)

March 15, 2026
- March 22, 2026

Couples Therapy Interest Group Email / Discussion Board Event

online via listserv

Management vs. Collaborative Dialogue:

Helping Adult Partners from "Airless Worlds" Navigate Relations with Their Traumatizing Parents and/or Their Adult Children

The Couples Therapy Interest Group is pleased to announce an upcoming online discussion with Steven Stern entitled Management Vs. Collaborative Dialogue: Helping Adult Partners From "Airless Worlds" Navigate Relations with Their Traumatizing Parents and/or Their Adult Children. Conflicts between adult children and their parents can pose difficult problems for couples to face. These problems are especially challenging when one or both partners grew up in what Stern calls an "Airless World"; a family environment in which their very thoughts and feelings were ignored or negated. Helping couples negotiate these parent-child conflicts, especially with disturbed (and disturbing) family members, is an area of our work that is largely under-theorized. Here is an opportunity to think together about these issues as we join with Steve to look at his application of Airless World Theory to struggles with adult parents.

Presenter: Steven Stern, Psy.D.

Discussants: Mohammad Dehganpour, M.A, C. Psych & Mark Winitsky, Psy.D., LMFT

Moderator: David Shaddock, Ph.D.

This will be our first planned event of the year, beyond our informal dialogue and regular check-ins, and we hope you will be able to join us. Additional details will be shared as we move closer to March, and a copy of Steve's chapter will be circulated in advance to invite reflection and dialogue.

Warmly,

David Shaddock and Jamie Loveland

May 9, 2026

IAPSP Mid-year Online International Conference

details coming soon

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Sydney)

September 24, 2026

Member Event: Couples Therapy Interest Group

08:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

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October 22, 2026

- October 25, 2026

IAPSP's 47th Annual International Conference

DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal

1255 Jeanne-Mance St.

Montreal, Qu H5B 1E5

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

47th Annual IAPSP International Conference

Montréal, Quebec Canada

October 22-25, 2026

A Meeting of Solitudes: The Longing to Be Known

Coming Soon

The Child and Adolescent Initiative Presents: A Different Kind of Invisible Power

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM EST