

NAAP's 46th Annual Conference

Saturday November 10, 2018

9:00 AM – 6:00pm

**Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
1 West 4th Street NY, NY 10012**

Keynote Speakers:

Bandy Lee, MD

The *More* Dangerous Case of Donald Trump

Elizabeth Howell, PhD

Outsiders to Love: The Psychopathic Character and Dilemma

Farrell Silverberg, PhD

Psychoanalysis and Fascism

Howard Covitz, PhD

Three Sides of Bullying: The Narcissistic Rings of Fire

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Pathological Narcissism and Sociopathy

NAAP welcomes everyone to join us on November 10, 2018, for our 46th Annual Conference, to explore how we can successfully navigate, in our clinical practices and the community, the current global political, cultural, and interpersonal crises we face. Distinguished speakers expand our view of the possible in a time of conflict, inspiring clinical and societal engagement in making positive change.

How is the culture of calamity impacting clinical practice? Struggling in the same political and world environment both patients, and the therapists who hear of their dread, are reported to have chronically elevated stress reactions that can negatively impinge on every aspect of life. It sometimes feels as though all the rules have been thrown out and a new set of indecipherable ones have been imposed. Things that were known to be socially and interpersonally unacceptable are now broadcast with impunity. In this sea of chaos it is hard to know friend from enemy, to feel free to talk, or to believe in a stable future.

NAAP's distinguished speakers will address these issues and demonstrate through clinical vignettes the ways in which therapeutic practice has been impacted, as well as approaches to mitigating stress responses and remaining centered. They will discuss the psychodynamics of narcissistic sociopathy, how groups led by these personality types have fared historically, and how we might react positively and manage to remain healthy and self-directing.

The prestigious Gradiva Awards, celebrating outstanding contributions to creativity and exploration of the human experience, will be presented at a delicious luncheon buffet.

New this year are the NAAP Analyst-in-Training Awards for Student Writing. The awards will be presented and papers briefly described. Conference attendees will be emailed a link to the papers which will be found on the NAAP website.

Patricia Harte Bratt, PhD
NAAP President

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

A.M. 9:00 – 12:00

**8:15 – 8:50 Registration, Coffee & Nibbles,
Orientation**

**9:00 – Opening Remarks + Introduction of
Morning Program & Speakers
*Patricia Harte Bratt, PhD - NAAP President***

Morning Moderator: *Jeffrey Werden, PhD*

Keynote Presenters

**9:10 – 10:10 *Elizabeth Howell, PhD*
Outsiders to Love: The Psychopathic
Character and Dilemma**

**10:10 – 11:10 *Howard Covitz, PhD*
Three Sides of Bullying: The
Narcissistic Rings of Fire**

11:10 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:15 Panel discussion and Q & A

12:15 – 1:30 Awards Luncheon

**NAAP Analyst-in-Training (A-I-T) Awards
for Student Writing**

Gradiva Awards

SCHEUDLE OF THE DAY

P.M. 1:45 – 5:00

**1:45 – Introduction of Afternoon Program
& Speakers
*Patricia Harte Bratt, PhD***

Afternoon Moderator: *Mary Massaro, Psyd*

Keynote Presenters

**2:00 – 3:00 *Farrell Silverberg, PhD*
Psychoanalysis and Fascism:
Strange Bedfellows**

**3:00 – 4:00 *Bandy Lee, MD*
The *More* Dangerous Case of Donald Trump**

4:00 – 5:00 Panel discussion and Q & A

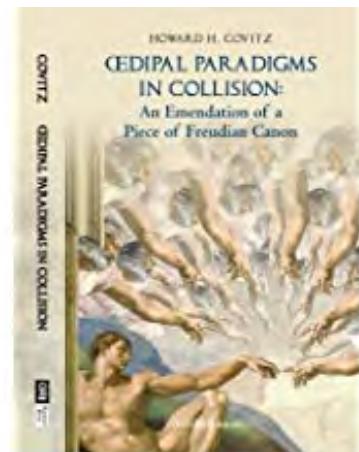
**5:00 – 6:00 Wine & cheese reception for All
& NAAP ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



HOWARD COVITZ, PHD

Three Sides of Bullying: The Narcissistic Rings of Fire

An examination of Pathological Narcissism in the Bullying Leader, in the Bullied and in those who choose to observe as the Bully plies his trade. The centrality of Narcissism in the study of pathology will be examined in an examination of the cascading stigmata of severe personality disorders and in the apparently irresistible hunger shown by those who form a Narcissistic Ring of Fire around him. In the background of the discussion will be the unwillingness of the US Houses of Congress to take a firm stand in modulating the offensive and potentially dangerous behaviors of an executive branch -- on matters with which these Legislators feel strongly.



Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of how they and their patients absorb and internalize the tensions of angry ferment and divisiveness in today's political climate.
- Learn to identify and describe a non-metapsychological notion of Narcissism in three types, and will re(de)fine their own.
- Re-evaluate their sense of a Duty to Warn of and Protect patients from dangers in the world outside their roles as therapists and analysts.
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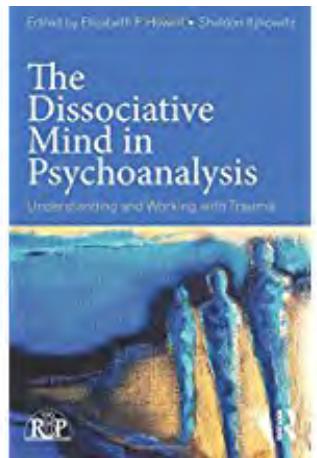
Howard H. Covitz, PhD, ABPP, NCPsyA is a late middle-aged psychologist-psychoanalyst. For many years he was Director and on the Training Faculty of The Psychoanalytic Studies Institute (PSI/IPP) in Philadelphia. His 1998/2016 *Oedipal Paradigms in Collision* was nominated for the Gradiva Psychoanalytic Book of the Year. He has written on the connections between Narcissism and Oedipal Development and on internecine conflict in the psychoanalytic community. He was a member of the Board of the NAAP for 10 years. He taught for some 50 years in baccalaureate, graduate and post-professional programs in the fields of Psychology, Psychoanalysis, Biblical Character Studies, Mathematics and Statistics. His political activism arises at a point equidistant from his roles as Father, Grandfather, Citizen and Therapist. He is a Contributor to Bandy Lee's *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump* (2017).

Elizabeth Howell, PhD



Outsiders to Love: The Psychopathic Character and Dilemma

This discussion describes key characteristics of psychopaths. Their dangerousness stems not only from the unexpected deceit in a world that generally runs on trust, but also from the psychopath's ability to tap into and intermesh with peoples' dissociated need, greed, fears, and sadism. The



character problem and dilemma originates in the experience of being an outsider to love, outside the fabric of the social order and emotional world shared by others. The envy of the emotional bonding that others have drives them to seek to destroy it in others. It is argued that although it is human to have some characteristics of evil, sadism, and psychopathy, psychopaths themselves fit into a taxon, a category. The dangerous possibility of psychopathy as an emerging social ego ideal, and its impact on the therapeutic relationship are discussed.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn:

- To identify key characteristics of psychopaths,
- To understand the relationship between dissociation of the innate attachment need and the development of psychopathy,
- To recognize the role that envy, feelings of marginalization, and a belief in being unlovable play in the capacity for this group to form relationships,
- To incorporate therapeutic responses that address the dilemma facing these individuals in the therapeutic encounter, interventions that can help soften the relational wall of the psychopathic character.

Elizabeth F. Howell, Ph.D. is a psychoanalyst and traumatologist who specializes in the treatment of dissociative disorders. She is on the editorial board of the Journal of Trauma and Dissociation, an adjunct clinical associate professor in psychology for the NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, and faculty and supervisor for the Trauma Treatment Center of the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis. She has written extensively and lectured nationally and internationally on various aspects of trauma and dissociation, as well as on gender and trauma/dissociation. Her books include Understanding and Treating Dissociative Identity Disorder: A Relational Approach; The Dissociative Mind; The Dissociative Mind in Psychoanalysis, co-edited with Sheldon Itzkowitz, Ph.D.; and Women in Mental Health, (co-edited with Marjorie Bayes). The first three won the Media Award-Written by the International Society for the Study of Trauma & Dissociation (ISSTD), and The Dissociative Mind in Psychoanalysis won the Author Recognition Award from NIP, but has also been nominated for the 2017 Gradiva Award.) Dr. Howell is the recipient, from ISSTD, of the Cornelia Wilber Award for outstanding clinical contributions in the field of dissociative disorders and the Lifetime Achievement Award. She runs study and consultation groups, and is in private practice in New York City.



Bandy Lee, MD

The *More* Dangerous Case of Donald Trump

Is the President's mental state is unraveling?

In this talk I will discuss why it is crucial for us to address this question, and to understand how our responses may influence the way we maintain clinical efficacy working with patients who may either agree or disagree with our concerns.

The task of mental health

professionals is to point out when psychological abnormalities become dangerous enough to threaten the public's health. We therefore must be clear: Donald Trump's observable emotional instability could cause him to take unpredictable and potentially extreme measures to distract from the growing challenges of his presidency.

Violent acts are usually the end product of a long process that follows well-recognized patterns and a consistent history. We make predictions based on unacceptable levels of probability, not on certain outcome.

While a psychiatric interview can contribute to the assessment of dangerousness, a more reliable predictor of violence is past history, that might include cruelty to animals, poor impulse control, self-preoccupation, access to weapons, broken relationships, seeing oneself as victim, lack of compassion, and disregard of the consequences of harmful actions, for instance..

That the president has met not just some but most of these criteria should be alarming.

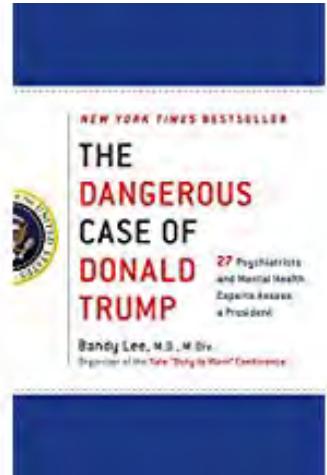
Due to the advancing special counsel's investigations, as well as growing criticisms, we are entering a period when the stresses on President Trump will accelerate and challenge his instability.

There is enough evidence to be concerned that Mr. Trump is a danger to the public, specifically, his attraction to violence and war, incitement of violence in his followers, susceptibility to manipulation by hostile powers, detachment from reality when the truth becomes intolerable, seemingly paranoid responses, possible signs of cognitive deficits, and past escalations of irrational behavior in times of duress.

Learning Objectives

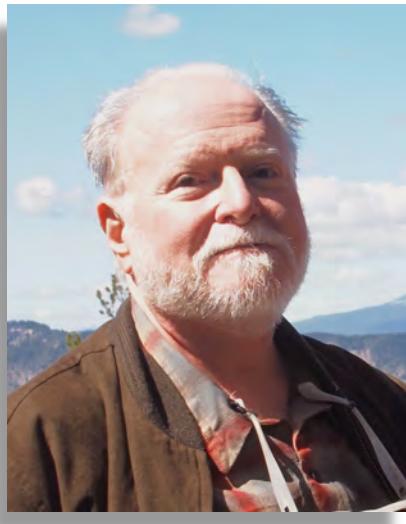
Participants will learn:

- About the professional duty to warn issue,
- To Identify characteristics patterns of potentially dangerous individuals,



- **To differentiate personal opinion from clinical perspective in working with individuals whose life choices differ from their own.**
- **How to assess when differences in philosophy may insurmountably interfere with good clinical practice, and how to recognize and deal with those instances.**

Bandy Lee, MD is an internationally recognized expert on violence. Trained in medicine and psychiatry at Yale and Harvard Universities, and in medical anthropology as a fellow of the National Institute of Mental Health, she is currently on the faculty of Yale School of Medicine's Law and Psychiatry Division. She served as Director of Research for the Center for the Study of Violence (Harvard, U. Penn., N.Y.U., and Yale), co-founded Yale's Violence and Health Study Group (MacMillan Center for International Studies), and leads a project group for the World Health Organization's Violence Prevention Alliance. She has consulted with the governments of Ireland and France, as well as California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York on violence prevention programming in prisons and in the community. She played a key role in initiating reforms at Rikers Island, New York City's correctional facility known for extreme levels of violence. She has been teaching students studying to be public defenders and to become asylum attorneys at Yale Law School since 2003, and a Global Health Studies course of her design, "Violence: Causes and Cures," since 2013. She has served as consultant to the World Health Organization Violence and Injury Prevention department, UNESCO, and other United Nations bodies, and as speaker to the World Economic Forum. Her interests are in global health approaches to violence prevention and multisectoral collaboration, and she currently leads a newly formed group called the World Coalition of Concerned Mental Health Experts that strives to identify, educate about, and ameliorate dangerousness in the world.

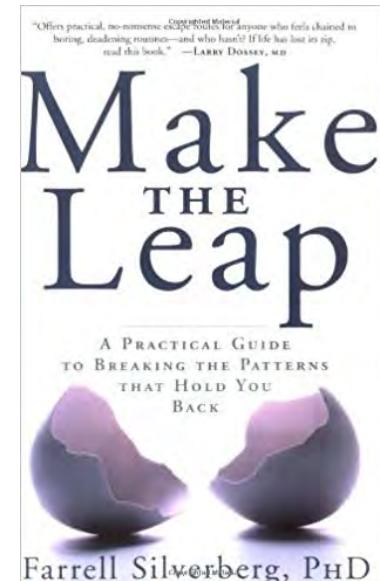


Farrell Silverberg, PhD

Psychoanalysis and Fascism

The historic, and troubling, love-hate relationship between psychoanalysis and fascism has existed since the time of Freud and Jung. Psychoanalytic history contains collaboration (passive and active) with, as well as resistance to tyranny. Fascism can happen anywhere in light of mass psychology and socially empowering responses to hate-mongering and sociopathic narcissists. Once portrayed as the

“Jewish Science,” psychoanalysis is, ideally, the personal freedom and dignity science. Even so, institutional psychoanalysis has a nasty habit of making “deals with the devil.” It happened in Nazi Germany where the German Psychoanalytical Society became the notorious “Göring Institute” and in many other countries during times of dictatorship. Other factions resisted, dating to the time of Wilhelm Reich, and as recently as the social responsibility efforts against collaborating with torture. At the present time, when world trends show precarious pro-fascistic dangers, it is important to ensure that psychoanalysis resolves to make no more deals.



Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of the good, the bad, and the ugly in the history of the relationship, between psychoanalysis and fascism.
- Learn to examine and understand the “*Big Little Man*” appeal of hate-mongering and lying narcissistic leaders in light of individual psychodynamics and mass psychology.
- Better understand the difference between the position of psychoanalytic activist, psychoanalytic passive bystander and psychoanalytic collaborator roles during dangerous times.

Farrell Silverberg, PhD, NCPsyA, is a psychologist, training analyst, supervisor, and psychoanalytic activist in Philadelphia, who has published in the United States, Europe and Asia. The first Westerner trained in Taopsychotherapy, his writings include *The Tao of self psychology* and *Make the Leap* (a lay person’s guide to psychoanalysis). Silverberg has co-authored psychoanalytic outcome research in Sweden. He serves on NAAP’s Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education (IFPE), the Steering Committee of the World Mental Health Coalition (WMHC) led by Dr. Bandy Lee to address dangerousness, is a past-president of IFPE, the Executive Editor of IFPE’s “Other/Wise” online journal, past chair of NAAP’s Social Responsibility Committee, and currently co-chair (with Ruth Lijtmaer) of IFPE’s Social Responsibility Committee.

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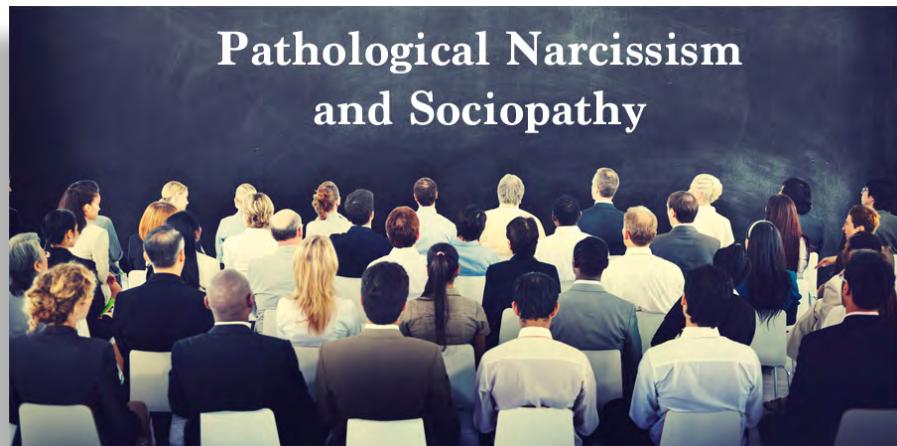
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