



Grieving Existential Trauma in Development and Psychoanalysis

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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

A Virtual Zoom Conference Event

About The Day



Morning Session

We'll start with a rather scary story about the troubling bedtime fears that emerged in the complicated relationship of a mother and her child. As they address those fears and navigate the developmental tensions in their relationship we see what I believe Winnicott implicitly recognized as the larger, universally human, existential and relational issues that underlie the capacity for connection, aloneness and the vital use of the other in development as well as in the therapeutic process.

Afternoon Session

We will go on to consider the way that many of our patients probe us in order to come to know our capacity to bear our own, as well as their anxieties around what is finite, mortal, and rife with issues around otherness in human relating. We will consider how an open engagement in the reciprocity of that process may foster the creation of a complex, relationally achieved, form of empathy.

References:

Slavin, M. O. (2016). Relational psychoanalysis and the tragic and existential dimension of the human condition, *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, vol. 26:537-548.

Slavin, M. O. (2010). On Recognizing The Psychoanalytic Perspective of the Other: Discussion of "Recognition as: Intersubjective Vulnerability in the Psychoanalytic Dialogue" by Donna Orange, *International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology* 5:273-292.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn:

- a) How mixing both existential humanist and evolutionary thinking can get us closer to the lived, shared, subjective experience of the therapeutic relationship.
- b) How the experience of the inevitability of loss begins in childhood and intertwines with the child's intuitive sense of how human sense of separateness and connection go together.
- c) How Art became an integral part of how, through a creative grieving process, we humans, adapted to the evolutionary loss of an innate, instinctual embeddedness in the larger world of nature.

Schedule of the Day

10:00 a.m.	Introduction
10:05 a.m.	<i>Morning Session</i> <i>Dr. Slavin</i>
11:00 a.m.	Audience Discussion
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.:	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<i>Afternoon Session</i> <i>Dr. Slavin</i>
2:00 p.m.	Audience Discussion
3:00 p.m.	Closing remarks

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Malcolm Owen Slavin, Ph.D., was a founder of MIP, The Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis, where he teaches, supervises and served several terms as President. He is on the faculty of several other psychoanalytic institutes worldwide as well as a director of IARPP, The International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, and on the International Council for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP). Mal is a consulting and associate editor of the journals, Psychoanalytic Dialogues, Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Self and Context. His first book (with Daniel Kriegman) was "The Adaptive Design of the Human Psyche: Psychoanalysis, Evolutionary Biology and the Therapeutic Process." His forthcoming book, "Original Loss: Grieving Existential Trauma in the Arts and the Art of Psychoanalysis," explores the major human evolutionary loss of an innate, instinctual embeddedness in nature and how it necessitated the vital survival function of the arts as well as the art within psychoanalysis and religion. He is also assembling a volume of his collected papers entitled, "Why the Analyst Needs to Change," a name drawn from his earlier work with that same title.

Judi B. Kobrick, Ph.D. is President, supervising analyst, faculty and founding member of the Toronto Institute for Contemporary Psychoanalysis (TICP), faculty at Toronto Psychoanalytic Institute & Society (TPS&I) and is in private practice.

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