

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### DECONSTRUCTING THE ICEBERG: Contemporary Theories of the Unconscious and Clinical Application

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, August 25, 2017

**Tuition:** \$1,900 General Public  
\$1,700 NCSPP Member Discount  
\$1,350 NCSPP CMH Member Discount

**Scholarship:** One scholarship in each location may be granted based on space available. Scholarship applications must be received by Friday, August 25, 2017. For more information and to request a scholarship application please contact Michele McGuinness.

**For General Public:** \$500 deposit with registration;  
\$1,400 remainder due by Friday, August 25, 2017.

**For NCSPP Members:** \$300 deposit with registration;  
\$1,400 remainder due by Friday, August 25, 2017.

**For NCSPP CMH Members:** \$300 deposit with registration;  
\$1,050 remainder due by Friday, August 25, 2017.

**NOTE: Tuition does not include the cost of reading material.**

**CE Credit:** 16 CE credits earned each eight-week segment.

Participants must attend 80% of any given segment. Upon completion of a conference evaluation form, a CE certificate will be issued. This serves as documentation of attendance for all participants.

**LCSWs/LPCCs/LEPs/MFTs:** — These courses meet the qualifications for CE credit as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. CAMFT Provider #57020.

**Psychologists** — Psychologists receive credit through Division 39 upon completion of this course. Division 39 is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Division 39 maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Refunds:** Students not admitted due to space limitation will receive a full refund of their deposit. Cancellations prior to Friday, August 18, 2017: Full refund of deposit minus \$100 administration charge. Cancellations after Friday, August 18, 2017: No refund provided.

**Administration | Registration questions:**  
Michele McGuinness: info@ncspp.org or (415) 496-9949.

**ISG Program questions:**  
Brenda Bloomfield, LCSW, brendabloomfieldlcsw@gmail.com or (510) 316-5312.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Membership:**  
To join NCSPP, please use the attached registration card or visit the NCSPP website: [www.ncspp.org](http://www.ncspp.org).

**Disabilities:** NCSPP, CAMFT, and Division 39 are committed to accessibility and non-discrimination in its continuing education activities. If participants have special needs, we will attempt to accommodate them. If you have concerns about handicapped accessibility please contact Michele McGuinness.

**Confidentiality:**  
NCSPP, CAMFT and Division 39 are committed to conducting all activities in strict conformity with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles for Psychologists. If you believe that a violation of ethics has occurred during any of our presentations, or distress with regard to program content, or other complaints, please contact Michele McGuinness.

**Enrollment:**  
The Intensive Study Groups are designed for mid- to advanced-level clinicians. If you have questions regarding the appropriateness of the study group for you, please call Brenda Bloomfield for further information. Class size in each study group is limited to the first 15 students.

**Commercial Support:**  
There is no commercial support for this program nor are there any relationships between the CE Sponsor, presenting organization, presenter, program content, research, grants, or other funding that could reasonably be construed as conflicts of interest.

**ISG participants are eligible for 12 sessions of consultation with a PINC analyst at \$60 per session to help with the integration of the material into clinical practice.**

**A \$25 bank charge plus \$15 administrative charge will be issued on all returned checks.**

**The Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP)** is the local chapter of Division 39, American Psychological Association. NCSPP is committed to the study of psychoanalytic psychology and the encouragement of its interests in the professional and general communities. It is a multidisciplinary, nonprofit educational membership organization open to all mental health professionals. For information visit our website at [www.ncspp.org](http://www.ncspp.org).



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## REGISTRATION CARD

### INTENSIVE STUDY GROUP

#### DECONSTRUCTING THE ICEBERG: CONTEMPORARY THEORIES OF THE UNCONSCIOUS AND CLINICAL APPLICATION

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

**ONLINE:** [www.ncspp.org](http://www.ncspp.org)

**FAX:** (415) 457-6276

**MAIL:** NCSPP, 12 Hampton Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

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I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN NCSPP AND REGISTER AT THE DISCOUNTED NCSPP MEMBER RATE:

\$120 FULL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(All licensed mental health professionals)

\$90 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mental health workers who conduct at least 50% of their professional duties at a CMH agency)

\$60 ASSOCIATE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pre-licensed mental health professionals)

\$30 STUDENT MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student, non-licensed professionals, must include copy of current student ID)

I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE ISG:

\$500 Deposit - General Public \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$300 Deposit - NCSPP Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

CHECK payable to NCSPP  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMEX

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## Intensive Study Group

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brenda Bloomfield, LCSW, Co-Chair

Johanna Murphy, Ph.D., Co-Chair

Eric P. Essman, M.A.

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## DECONSTRUCTING THE ICEBERG: Contemporary Theories of the Unconscious and Clinical Application

Freud famously compared our mental life to an iceberg: 10% observable and 90% submerged. While it is generally agreed that the unconscious is the foundational concept of psychoanalytic theory, what continues to be debated is whether the concept pertains to an *entity* or to *processes*. Is the unconscious a storehouse of what is forgotten and rejected by consciousness? Is it an enigmatic register of what is unsymbolizable and unrepresentable? Is the unconscious a source of creative intuition that can generate moments of inexplicable insight — *aha!* — while simultaneously providing inspiration for the free play of mind and body? Is it purely intrapsychic, intersubjectively co-generated, or both?

The 2017-18 Intensive Study Groups will explore these and other theoretical questions, examining their implications for therapeutic action. How do our theories of the unconscious shape our styles of interpretation and intervention? Might this affect the way we listen?

Can we determine the clinical significance and relevance of our countertransferences and reveries as possible measures of unconscious-to-unconscious communication? How might different theories of the unconscious apply to different patient populations?

Like real icebergs, theories of the unconscious can be deceiving, reductionistic, or dangerous. Yet, they are also essential in helping us navigate tumultuous emotional domains. We, therefore, invite clinicians of all levels of experience to participate in this yearlong investigation, guided by clinically adept, insightful, and creative instructors. The didactics will be integrated with clinical material in order to facilitate a deeper understanding and use of theory.

For full course information and course objectives visit our website: [www.ncspp.org](http://www.ncspp.org)

## OPENING EVENT – SAVE THE DATE!

### DECONSTRUCTING THE UNCONSCIOUS: A Summer Conversation Saturday, July 15, 2017 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: St. John’s Presbyterian Church  
2727 College Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705

An informal conversation about the unconscious between two of our experienced, insightful instructors, Dawn Farber, Psy.D., MFT (East Bay) and Israel Katz, M.D. (San Francisco), followed by Q&A with the audience.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### EAST BAY

**32 WEEKS | September 7, 2017 — May 17, 2018**  
**Thursdays | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Location: St. Clement’s Episcopal Church**  
**2837 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley, CA 94705**

#### “Unconscious”: Evolutions of a Concept

Dawn Farber, Psy.D., MFT

September 7, 14, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2

Freud’s “unconscious” is the seminal signifier of the vast psychic territory of relatively inaccessible thinking/feeling that motivates us. From dreams, jokes, parapraxes, and “catching the drift,” through intuition/reverie and waking-dreaming, the century-long re-visioning of concepts and practice reflects changes in our scientific understanding of the universe, including our current iteration of quantum unconscious-to-unconscious psychic functioning. One common thread posits the unconscious as interpersonal, with clinical attention being focused on the transference-countertransference as the process whereby formerly unknown – dissociated, repressed, implicit – experience is rendered knowable, livable. All concepts remain viable. We will study representative papers: mother-infant work; Ogden’s transformations of “waking dreaming”; Donnel Stern’s “unformulated experience”; Bion’s Transformations O>K>O; and the mathematical theory of Matte-Blanco.

#### The Relational Unconscious: From Repression to Dissociation

Ilene Philipson, Ph.D.

November 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14; January 4, 11, 18

Within the field of psychoanalysis, our understanding of what constitutes unconscious mental activity has shifted over the past few decades. Rather than viewing the self as unitary and the unconscious as the repository of conflict and fantasy, much of contemporary theorizing posits multiple self-states that work to preserve an individual’s stability in the face of disconfirming and/or unbearable relational experience. Interpretations that serve to uncover repressed, unconscious material are increasingly replaced by patient and therapist working together to understand enactments; that is, shared dissociative events that inevitably occur in the course of treatment. Is it possible to see the current focus on trauma, multiple self-states, and dissociation as a recuperation of the 19th-century thinking of Breuer and Freud, thinking that was lost in Freud’s abandonment of his seduction theory? How do we evaluate this shift? And how do we view the unconscious from a contemporary, analytic perspective?

#### Working with Projective Identification

Robert Bartner, Ph.D., MFT

January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15

Since its inception 71 years ago, projective identification has become one of the most important concepts in psychoanalysis. But while its clinical and theoretical value cannot be overstated, it remains a challenging and confusing concept for clinicians to understand and put to productive clinical use. In this course, we will consider several important aspects of projective identification to clarify some of the essential qualities of this invaluable concept so that it becomes more accessible to the clinician. With this goal in mind, we will explore the clinical experience of projective identification, from its deeply unconscious roots in both the patient and the analyst.

#### Contemporary Views of the Unconscious

Andrea Walt, Ph.D.

March 22, 29; April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17

In this section, we will extend beyond the classical view of the unconscious laid out by Freud as primarily a repository for unacceptable instinctual wishes deemed unacceptable to the ego, superego, and the external environment. Leaving behind the mechanistic physics of Freud’s time, we consider the unconscious in the context of contemporary scientific thinking. Quantum theory, field theory, and intersubjective/relational theories allow us to challenge the notion of unitary and intrapersonal unconscious, and to consider the individual unconscious as connected within a web of human and non-human fields of information. We will focus on the phenomena of unconscious communication, unconscious knowing, and the so-called “uncanny.”

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### SAN FRANCISCO

**32 Weeks | September 8, 2017 — May 18, 2018**  
**Fridays | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Location: Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California (PINC)**  
**530 Bush Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108**

#### The Unconscious as Conversational Gambit

Neil Talkoff, Ph.D.

September 8, 15, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3

The unconscious is the defining element of Psychoanalysis, but how do we conceptualize — and recognize it — clinically? While there are myriad theoretical conceptualizations, in this class, I will focus on the clinical utility of the unconscious: how it manifests in our work, how it shapes the work, and how it informs the ways we listen. We will start with Freud and Bion and then concentrate on Relational and Intersubjective concepts such as a co-creation of meaning, Thirdness, relational unconscious, and relational impasse. Readings from the Relational school will include papers by Spezzano, Renik, Aron, and Harris. We will examine the way different models of the unconscious inform not just how we listen but “where” we listen and, consequently, how meaning is made in psychoanalysis.

#### The Navel of the Dream of the Unconscious

Israel Katz, M.D.

November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; January 5, 12

We will take a journey on the unrepresentable and yet-to-be represented in their relations with the unconscious and our clinical work. We begin by exploring the Freudian invention of the dynamic repressed unconscious and its interweaving with the navel of the dream, “the spot where it reaches down into the unknown” (Freud, 1900). We will discuss certain portions of Freud’s work where he grapples with this dimension of the non-repressed unconscious. We then move on to study some post-Freudian elaborations, such as bi-logic and the unconscious as infinite sets (Matte Blanco), the work of the negative (Green), and the Real dimensions of the unconscious (Lacan) through readings and clinical discussions.

#### The Rashomon of the Unconscious

Patricia Marra, MFT

January 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16

What is “the unconscious”? Where or who is it? In the beholder’s mind, the unconscious is wherever the patient’s emotional problem takes us. It may shape the holding environment that traumatically isn’t there (Ferenczi, Gurevich); be wedged in a body-mind disconnection (Lombardi, Goldberg); be woven into the symbiotic trajectory toward becoming a person (Winnicott, Searles); or be sequestered in a world away from the world (Fairbairn). Besides exploring various ways the unconscious emanates, we will read essays by Pontalis and selections by Bion, Ogden, and Civitarese describing ways to be receptive to the unconscious in the consulting room.

#### Communications of the Unconscious in Psyche/Soma, Link, and Culture

Paul U. Alexander, Ph.D.

March 23, 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

In this course, we will consider the clinical setting as a potential space in which unconscious-to-unconscious communication can take place. Particular attention will be paid to the spectrum of “madness,” as constituted by our culture and by our discipline, and the challenges posed to clinicians working with catastrophic patient states. We will examine artistic expressions in our culture (poetry, music, photography), exploring their usefulness for tuning our minds to the unconscious. A final layer of inquiry will be the potent manifestations of the unconscious in small and large groups in our society. Readings: Winnicott, Bion, Searles, Williams, Matte Blanco, and Rey.

## FACULTY

### EAST BAY

**Robert Bartner, Ph.D., MFT**, is a faculty member and personal and supervising psychoanalyst at PINC and adjunct faculty member at SFCP. Dr. Bartner has a private practice in Oakland where he practices psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy with individuals and couples. Dr. Bartner teaches widely, provides clinical consultation, and leads private study groups.

**Dawn Farber, Psy.D., MFT**, practices psychoanalysis and psychotherapy in Oakland with individuals and couples. She is a personal and supervising analyst and faculty for PINC. Dr. Farber teaches widely in the community and is especially interested in clinical consultation and in ongoing case consultation groups. She enjoys analytically informed writing and has published poetry, autobiography, and book and film reviews.

**Ilene Philipson, Ph.D.**, holds doctorates in sociology, clinical psychology, and psychoanalysis and has taught at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, and NYU. She is a training and supervising analyst at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. In addition to *On The Shoulders of Women: The Feminization of Psychotherapy*, her books include *Married to The Job*; *Ethel Rosenberg: Beyond the Myths*; and *Women, Class*, and the *Feminist Imagination* (Ed.). Dr. Philipson is in the private practice of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in Oakland.

**Andrea Walt, Ph.D.**, is a faculty member, and personal and supervisory analyst at PINC. She teaches theory and clinical practice in a variety of training settings. Dr. Walt has a private practice in Oakland, offering psychoanalysis and psychotherapy for adults, adolescents, and couples.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Paul U. Alexander, Ph.D.**, practices psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, and consultation with individuals, couples, and small groups. He teaches at the Access Institute and at CPMC and consults on group processes in private practice and institutional settings. Dr. Alexander’s work includes study of the intersection of poetry, music, and psychoanalysis.

**Israel Katz, M.D.**, is a member and faculty at SFCP. He is an Editorial Associate for JAPA and was Editor-in-Chief of IPSO, the IPA organization for psychoanalysts-in-formation. Dr. Katz has taught at SFCP, NCSPP, and Access Institute on Freud and also taught psychoanalysis in France, Spain, and Latin America. He has a private practice in psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, and psychiatry in San Francisco.

**Patricia Marra, MFT**, is a member and faculty at SFCP; Chair, SFCP Visiting Professor program. She is also the Book & Film Review Editor, *fort da*, in which she has published several reviews and interviews. She teaches a variety of courses for SFCP and NCSPP. She maintains a private practice in San Francisco.

**Neil Talkoff, Ph.D.**, is a faculty member at SFCP, has taught American Relational Psychoanalysis and currently is teaching a case conference. He’s instructed at CPMC, where he was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year three times, and has presented at NCSPP and the IPA’s 2016 convention. Dr. Talkoff’s psychoanalytic private practice includes couples therapy and peer consultation.