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From the Director

Dan Jacobs, MD

Spring is always a gift. There is pleasure in knowing that the magnolias in front of BPSI will bloom again. This season is particularly sweet because of the unusual generosity shown to us by members and supporters. The gifts made in the past few months give assurance that our library and archive will continue to grow, develop and bloom well into the future. I personally want to thank all our donors,

not only for their gifts, but for the trust in and appreciation of our work that their donations imply. Please take the time to learn in the following pages just how fortunate we are. Please contact Steve Morandi, our excellent librarian, if you need help with any project. Check out our library web page and, most of all, check out some of our 8,000 books. It's all there for you to enjoy - like Spring.

Recent Donations to the Hanns Sachs Library

A Gift of \$210,000

As some of you will remember, the late David Pokross was one of our earliest benefactors. His relationship with the BPSI dates from 1932, when he became Hanns Sachs's lawyer. Sachs had written Merrill Moore, a candidate of ours, to ask if he could find a young attorney who

could rent a house and hire a couple for him, his sister and his nephew, to be ready when he arrived in Boston the next year. Sachs was to be our first permanent training-analyst. David Pokross (whose autobiography *Onward: Memoirs of David R. Pokross* is in our library) filled the bill. Besides becoming a close friend of Sachs, he was the lawyer for a succession of refugee analysts, and for many years the legal counsel for the BPSI.

Sachs was given a sum of money by Martin Freud, to be transferred from England to the US for safekeeping, because he feared the possible Nazi occupation of the British Isles. These funds became the Hanns Sachs Trust, administered by David Pokross as Executor "under indenture of trust by Martin Freud." Sanford Gifford, then Librarian, was appointed one of the trustees. Besides other small donations, Pokross established a regular pattern of annual donations from the Trust to the Library,



David Pokross, photo from *Onward: Memoirs of David R. Pokross*

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which was named the Hanns Sachs Library in honor of Sachs, with David Pokross as Benefactor. These annual gifts were used to support various Library activities, from buying a new copy machine to funding workshops and symposia, such as "Psychoanalysis Changing" in September 1989. In recent years, the Trust regularly has supported the salary of a part-time archivist.

A few years ago the Foundation made a larger than usual contribution that enabled us to publish the Edward Bibring photo albums jointly with German publisher (and analyst), Dr. Hans-Jürgen Wirth of the Psychosozial-Verlag, Giessen. The book will reproduce some 180 historic photos of the International Psychoanalytic Congresses from 1932 to 1938, and is scheduled to appear in late 2005.

When David Pokross died in 2003 at the age of 96, his son, David Pokross, Jr. became executor of the Trust, to be called the Martin Freud Trust. He then decided to donate the entire Trust (now over \$210,000) to the BPSI, for the support of the Hanns Sachs Library and Archives.

We are deeply grateful to the entire Pokross family - the late David Sr., his wife Muriel, and David Jr. - for this most generous gift and for their support that has spanned more than half a century.

Books from Max and Helen Schur's Library

Dr. Peter Schur, the son of Max and Helen Schur, has generously donated many books from his parents' library of psychoanalytic works. The collection includes primarily German texts. Highlights include:

- A nearly complete set of the journal *Psychoanalytische Bewegung* (Psychoanalytic Movement), published in Vienna from 1929 until 1933, the year of the Nazi invasion
- Marie Bonaparte's three volume study of Edgar Allen Poe

- A 1950 memorial volume for Max Eitingon with remembrances and papers in German, Hebrew, and English, published by the Israel Psycho-Analytical Society.

Many of the rare books contain inscriptions from their authors, including Marie Bonaparte, Heinz Hartmann, Ernest Jones, and Anna Freud. The Hanns Sachs Library plans to keep these books as a separate collection housed in the archive room.

Elizabeth and Robert Reid Donation

Dr. Elizabeth Reid and **Dr. Robert Reid** have kindly given over one hundred psychoanalytic books to the library. Such a donation provides some hard-to-find materials for library patrons and stands as an example of the continued generosity of the BPSI community.

Special thanks are also given to **Dr. Saro Palmeri**, **Muriel Pokross**, **Dr. Sebastiano Santostefano**, and **Dr. Cordelia Schmidt-Hellerau** for their book donations.

Authors' Donations

The following authors have graciously donated copies of their recently published books to the library:

Haydee Faimberg, *The Telescoping of Generations: Listening to the Narcissistic Links between Generations* (Brunner-Routledge).

Rose Frisch, *Female Fertility and the Body Fat Connection* (University of Chicago Press).

Gerrit Hohendorf, *Die Psychosomatische Theoriebildung bei Felix Deutsch (1884-1964)* [German]

Carol Nadelson (on behalf of Theodore Nadelson), *Trained to Kill: Soldiers at War* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Mary Kay O'Neil, *The Unsung Psychoanalyst: The Quiet Influence of Ruth Easser* (University of Toronto Press).

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In the Archives

Sanford Gifford, MD

Unexpected Find: A Ferenczi Letter

In opening a donation of books from Kathy and Louis Mogul, a handwritten note fell out, a letter in English from Sandor Ferenczi to his last patient, Mrs. Elizabeth Severn dated 1926. He was replying to her request for resuming her analysis, one that later evolved into the novel format of "dual analysis", in which the analyst and his patient took turns

Sandor Ferenczi, photo taken in Berlin 1922



lying on the couch and sitting in the analyst's chair. When Severn terminated her analysis in 1933, Ferenczi was developing the neurological complications of pernicious anemia, from which he died the following year. There was no clue to the source of this original document, except that Kathy's family was Hungarian and her mother had been a therapist in Budapest. By coincidence, Ferenczi's last analysis with Severn was the subject of Dr. Gifford and Dr. Valenstein's talk in New York last fall, at a meeting at Dr. Hannah Kaput's house. We wish to thank Kathy and Lou Mogul for allowing us to add this letter to our archival collection.

Elvin Semrad Workshop

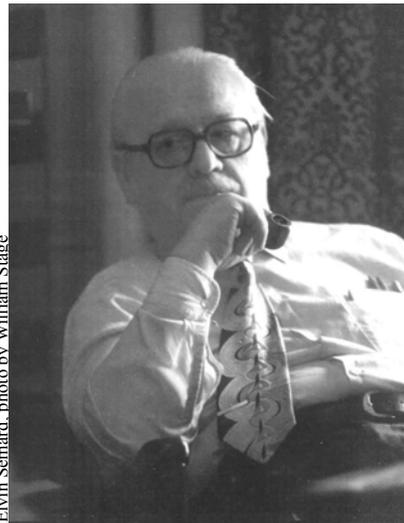
Our auditorium was filled to capacity for the workshop on Elvin Semrad that was held on Saturday, May 14, 9:00 to 12:30. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Max Day who began with an account of his relationship with Dr. Semrad. Sanford Gifford followed with some brief biographical notes. The presentation, by Dr. Dan Buie, focused on Sem-

rad's methods of interviewing and conducting therapy.

A major feature of the BPSI workshop was an audiovisual presentation, pieced together from our archives, from a video owned by Tom Gutheil, and reel-to-reel tapes of Dr. Semrad interviewing a patient on loan from the Countway Medical Library. David Mobley described how data were retrieved from ancient Tandberg recordings and transcribed into audible form. The audiovisual presentation was created with funds provided by an anonymous donor and will be made into a DVD available through our archives.

In planning our Semrad workshop, we were able to locate Dr. William Stage of Alexandria, Virginia, the photographer who took some excellent pictures of Semrad in 1976, the year of his death. One of these appeared on the dust jacket of the book about Semrad by Susan Rako and Harvey Mazer (*Semrad: The Heart of a Therapist*, Jason Aronson, 1980). A new paperback edition of this book with the photograph of Semrad on the cover is available for purchase. If interested, contact Steve Morandi.

Elvin Semrad, photo by William Stage



There will be a meeting on Semrad in June, chaired by J. Scott Rutan of the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, and in November, chaired by Ron Abramson of the Society for the Psychotherapy of Psychosexes. By coincidences, this becomes the Semrad Year.

Meet the Editors

On Tuesday, May 14, BPSI hosted Don Lipsett MD and Carol Cooperman Nadelson, MD for a discussion of *Trained to Kill: Soldiers at War*, a book by Theodore Nadelson, MD. Dr. Nadelson was making final edits on the book when he died in October 2003. It was a labor of many years and the culmination of a substantial part of his professional lifetime.

The work is described in an excerpt from the Johns Hopkins University Press:

“In two decades of clinical work with Vietnam veterans, psychiatrist Theodore Nadelson sought to understand a seeming paradox about his patients: even veterans being treated for post traumatic stress disorder often still felt attracted to the danger and violence of combat and killing. How this could be possible became a central focus of Nadelson’s work and thought, as he looked to veterans’ stories and within himself for pieces of the human puzzle.

This compelling book is the result of that explora-

tion. In it, Nadelson confronts a dark side of human psychology with sensitivity and depth, revealing startling truths about the allure of violence. Among the topics he addresses are the ways in which the concept of war shapes boys’ lives from an early age, what happens when killing becomes a job, and how memories of the thrill of combat affect a soldier after the war is over. He probes the aftermath of September 11, including the historic implications of women’s experience in the military. A veteran himself, the author weaves together insights from his own clinical and military experience and from the moving narratives of former soldiers with his thoughtful analysis of readings from world literature to answer tough questions: What does our attraction to killing mean for the future of war and civilization? What implications does it have for the way we understand peacetime violence in our society?”

Theodore Nadelson (1930-2003) was a clinical professor of psychiatry and vice-chair for psychiatric education at Boston University School of Medicine, and chief of psychiatric services at Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center.



Meet the Author

Earlier in the year, our library hosted Howard Wishnie, a MIP member, who spoke about his new book *Working in the Countertransference: Necessary Entanglements* published by Jason Aronson.

Otto Kernberg reports that “Dr. Wishnie’s book is an excellent primer for the understanding and learning how to manage countertransference with a broad spectrum of patients, but it is also much more. It is a general introduction to the contemporary approach to the psychoanalytic psychotherapy of personality disorders” (from the cover). Should

you wish to order a copy, please contact Steve Morandi.

Next year among those authors invited to speak will be Sue Erikson Bloland, the daughter of Erik Erikson whose book *In the Shadow of Fame* (Viking Adult) has received wide acclaim.

Also invited is Elizabeth Danto of New York City who has just written a book called *Freud’s Free Clinics: Psychoanalysis and Social Justice, 1918-1938* (Columbia University Press).

Psychoanalytic Web Resources

Steve Morandi

Whether we like it or not, the internet has become the major source of information for many people. As a librarian at a psychoanalytic institute, I regularly use several web sites to aid in daily tasks, from locating an obscure reference to performing general bibliographic searches. I'd like to share with you some basic web resources that can help make your psychoanalytic information gathering more efficient. The only thing you need is a computer with access to the internet.

The first place to look is the BPSI website (www.bostonpsychoanalytic.org). Click on "Hanns Sachs Library" and then the "Catalogue" button, and you will be connected to our library database. You can then search by subject, title, or author to see if we have what you are looking for. The Hanns Sachs Library is fortunate enough to have a comprehensive collection of over 90 psychoanalytic journals, several thousand books, audio cassettes, VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, archival records and photographs, all accessible by our patrons. Our library database is updated several times a year to reflect not only newly purchased books, but also donated items and archival materials that continue to be catalogued.

With respect to journal articles, I will remind our members that several of our journal subscriptions come with a free web component that allows you to search for and print out articles from your own computer. Please contact me if you need instructions or other help with accessing these online journals. When at BPSI's Hanns Sachs library, you often can locate the articles you need on the PEP database (see page 6), and then print them out.

In the case that BPSI does not own the documents you are looking for, there are other options for obtaining them. One is to request an interlibrary loan, which I can do for you over the internet at no cost. Interlibrary loans may take anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of weeks to receive, so they should be requested well in advance of their needed date. Articles are sent in digital form, which can be forwarded to you via e-mail.

Another option that recently has become available is the "Google Scholar" search tool on the internet, which can be thought of as Google with an academic angle. First, go to the Google web page (www.google.com). Click the "more >>" icon and select "Scholar" from the list of services. Now you can search using keywords as you would on the regular Google site, but the results will consist solely of published papers and books. This is a quick way to find reference information—particularly when you can only remember the author's name and a word or two in the title of some article he or she wrote years ago! Full-text versions of some items found in a search are readily available on-line at no charge. If not, simply click "Library Search" below the reference you want, enter your zip code, and you will get a list of the nearest academic libraries that have the journal or book you need. For those in the Boston area, there are usually many local colleges and universities where you can copy or borrow what you need.

A few other websites are worth mentioning at this point. The American Psychoanalytic Association site (www.apsa.org) provides a useful search engine for psychoanalytic literature. It combines the power of "Jourlit" and "Bookserv", two wide-ranging databases. The Carter-Jenkins Center (www.thecjc.org) has many interesting psychoanalytic video and sound recordings available, including lectures, interviews, and early historical footage.

Finally, I'd like to point out a couple of interesting web sites for hearing interviews and other audio presentations on psychoanalytic topics--National Public Radio (www.npr.org) and BBC Radio Four (www.bbc.co.uk/radio4). Recently, the BBC Radio Four broadcast a series of 15-minute programs for the centenary of Sigmund Freud's ideas about sexual aberrations, infantile sexuality, transformation at puberty, an analysis of a case of hysteria, and wit and its relation to the unconscious (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/freudianslips.shtml>). Periodically, NPR also has programs on psychoanalytic topics, such as last year's "Analyzing Freud", an hour-long look at the relevance of Freud's ideas in today's world. All of these broadcasts can be called up by keyword searches and re-broadcast for you through your computer at your convenience.

In the Library: Other News

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Paul Roazen, *Edoardo Weiss: The House that Freud Built* (Transaction Publishers)

Elsa Ronningstam, *Identifying and Understanding the Narcissistic Personality* (Oxford University Press)

Sebastiano Santostefano, *Child Therapy in the Great Outdoors* (Analytic Press)

Cordelia Schmidt-Hellerau, *Life Drive & Death Drive: Libido & Lethe* (Other Press)

Shari Thurer, *The End of Gender: A Psychological Autopsy* (Routledge)

Howard Wishnie, *Working in the Countertransference: Necessary Entanglements* (Jason Aronson).

Hans-Jürgen Wirth, *9/11 as a Collective Trauma and other Essays on Psychoanalysis and Society* (Psychsozial-Verlag).

PEP Update

As many of you know, the Hanns Sachs library owns the Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) CD, a searchable, printable, full-text database of major psychoanalytic journals. The latest version, available around July 1, updates the existing 11 journals through the year 2002. Additionally, the full run of seven new journals will be available:

- Canadian Journal of Psychoanalysis (1993-2002)
- Gender and Psychoanalysis (1996-2002)
- International Forum of Psychoanalysis (1992-2002)
- Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis (1973-2002)
- Neuro-Psychoanalysis (1999-2002)
- Progress in Self Psychology (1983-2002)
- Studies in Gender and Sexuality (2000-2002)

Also included in the latest version of the PEP CD is the complete correspondence of Freud with

Abraham, Ferenczi, Fleiss, Jones, and Jung.

Please feel free to use the PEP database for your research needs while visiting the library, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you are not yet familiar with the PEP—after a few minutes, you will be an old pro at performing searches and printing out the papers you need.

Book Sale

Many new items are being added to the book sale at BPSI. Included among the sale items are first editions and extra copies of books weeded from our stacks to make space. In addition, we are including for your reading pleasure a small collection of fiction and non-fiction paperbacks not related to psychoanalysis. Please make sure to occasionally check the book sale shelves on the basement level and in the third floor library for new additions. Each book is only \$5 for hardbacks, \$2 for paperbacks.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

For those who are not BPSI members or students, you may join the library for an annual fee of \$50. As a library member, you are entitled to borrow books and to the services of Steve Morandi for searches and xeroxing of materials. Additionally, you may use the PEP (Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing) archive in the library, which allows for quick searches and printing of many full text articles from major psychoanalytic journals. For more information please call Steve at 617-266-0953 or e-mail him at library@bostonpsychoanalytic.org.

