From the Director

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Thanks to the hard work of our librarian Olga Umansky and her assistants Terra Bianchi and Kate Boutin and our intern Meghan Hardison, the Hanns Sachs library is moving into the 21st century. In the last few months we have increased services by: providing PEP access to our members (see below), enhancing our online catalogue and online exhibits and purchasing state of the art equipment (thanks, in part, to a grant from the American Psychoanalytic Association). In addition, we have created clear library policies and are making more books available for purchase at very reasonable prices.

Sanford Gifford continues to oversee our archives. The documents he has collected over the years and the donations he has encouraged (including a recent gift from Carol Margolin, see page 3) deepens our appreciation of our own remarkable history.

In the future, we plan to mount new exhibits, meet with new authors, purchase new books and make the library more physically comfortable. Ours is one of the best psychoanalytic libraries in the country. With your help and your suggestions, it will remain so.

PEP Web Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the subscription to the Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing database (PEP Web) is now available for all full dues or tuition paying Active Members, Psychotherapy Members, Candidates, students in the Advanced Training Program (ATP), and Fellowship Program, and students in good standing. We have been able to arrange to make PEP-Web available to BPSI members for a small fraction of the cost of an individual subscription. All individuals that have subscribed to PEP Web can search and print articles and texts from home or any computer. All library visitors can also enjoy PEP Web access from all computers and laptops inside our building. If you have not received your access information from PEP, and/or have any questions about PEP Web access and searches, please contact our Librarian and group organizer, Olga Umansky, or Terra Bianchi, Library Assistant, at 617-266-0953. We understand the initial confusion, which a new electronic resource may cause, and are looking forward to helping you!

PEP is a digital archive of many of the major works of psychoanalysis and is now the standard database for psychoanalytic scholarship and teaching. The latest version 8 (1871-2006), released in 2009, contains the complete FULL TEXT of 34 premiere psychoanalytic journals, complete versions of 56 classical texts, and all twenty-four volumes of the Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud. Being a great research tool, PEP Web is bound to improve our academic process and bring vital resources to classes, seminars, programs and reading groups.
New Library Services and Policies

There have been many improvements to our library operation over the last few months. We have replaced our old Library Xerox machine with a faster modern combined scanner-printer-copier model, which supports color printing and simultaneous copying and scanning. The Wireless Internet connection is now available throughout the building. Bring your laptop and have a quiet working hour at our beautiful reading rooms!

Over the summer, we upgraded our online catalog to the latest, fully web-based, platform. We encourage all library users to search our catalog online, check availability, reserve books, and renew their loans. The catalog can be accessed through the Hanns Sachs Library web site. Our library staff, Olga Umansky and Terra Bianchi, have re-established a live circulation system, which now shows the status and location of all books, and will soon send overdue reminders to our readers. With a new system in place, we hope to keep a better record of loans, trace and replace missing books on time, efficiently respond to requests, and make the best use of our library. We count on your support, so please take some time to read our policies and help us by observing them.

Loans and Book Requests

Books may be borrowed for up to 4 weeks and may be renewed in person or over the telephone or online for another four-week period unless a book is requested by someone else. Please let us know if you cannot find the book you need. The Hanns Sachs Library shares resources with the Boston Regional Library System and can order books through an interlibrary loan. New books are purchased every month, and, if budget allows, we will honor wishes of our members for a specific purchase.

Overdue and Lost Books

If a book is not returned when it is due and we do not hear from you, we will send an email or attempt to notify you by phone to remind you that the book is overdue. After a grace period of 1 week, patrons will be fined 10 cents per day for each overdue item. If we do not hear from you within 4 weeks after we have contacted you, we will assume the book is lost. You will receive an invoice of $25.00, or the actual cost of the book if it is more, to replace the book.

Journals and Reference Books

We are subscribing to thirty-eight current periodicals and have over 90 titles in the journal archives. Bound journals are shelved alphabetically on the shelves; new issues are against the wall on the journal rack. Journals and reference books do not circulate.

Online Journals and Electronic Resources

The Hanns Sachs Library and Archives have access to many online resources, including psychoanalytic journals in electronic format. Here is the list of journals with current issues available both in print and electronically:

- American Journal of Psychiatry
- British Journal of Psychotherapy
- Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic
- Contemporary Psychoanalysis (online from 2010)
- Infant Mental Health Journal
- International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self
- Lacanian Ink
- Neuropsychoanalysis (online from 2010)
- Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry
- Journal of Child Psychotherapy
- Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health
- Journal of Infant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy
- Psychoanalytic Dialogues
- Psychoanalytic Inquiry
- Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy
- Psychoanalytic Review
- Psychoanalytic Social Work
- Studies in Gender and Sexuality

Due to this year budget constraints, we have decided to terminate subscriptions to the following 3 journals: Group Analysis, International Journal of Psychotherapy and Medicine, and International Journal of Applied
Psychoanalytic Studies. However, current articles from these journals may still be purchased from the publisher’s site, as needed, or ordered via interlibrary loan.

Everyone can access PEB Web and online journals in the library. Non-member library guests are welcome to use PEP in the library, but will be charged an access fee of $10. Any journal article beyond the scope of our subscriptions may be requested through the interlibrary loan and usually gets delivered to our library in an electronic format within a week.

A Significant Gift

Carol Margolin of Denver, Colorado, Edward Hitschmann’s grand-daughter, has donated a substantial body of material that fills a gap in our historical collections. Hitschmann was the oldest of our refugee analysts. He had joined Freud’s early Wednesday study group in 1905 and, later, became a training-analyst at BPSI in 1940. He wrote many papers, including an early Primer of Psychoanalysis for the lay reader and "Great Men," a collection of psycho-biographies, as they came to be called, of eminent writers and musicians. He died in 1957. His wife Hedwig, who was much younger than he, was an energetic woman and a famous cook, who was influential in familiarizing our candidates with Viennese cuisine. She moved to Denver with the Hitschmann papers, where her daughter Gretl was an analyst. Gretl married a New York analyst, Sydney Margolin, known for his psychosomatic research and his studies of the Ute Indians. The archive we have received contains reprints dating back to 1910, correspondence (untranslated) with Sigmund Freud, and many lively photographs, both studio-portraits and informal snapshots.

A major item is a group photograph of the Weimar IPA Congress of 1911, in which 41 famous analysts of that era are easily recognizable. They include: Freud, Jung, Abraham, Rank, Ernest Jones, Brill, Hitschmann and our own J.J. Putnam, at the only IPA meeting he attended. The photo shown below is also reproduced in Ernst Jones’s biography of Freud, vol. 2 p. 86
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Recent Research:

Daniel Currie, historian and curator of the new exhibit on Edgar Allan Poe, visited our library and archives in October. An exhibition "Raven in the Frog Pond: Edgar Allan Poe and the City of Boston" is opening at 6:00 pm on December 17 of 2009 at the Boston Public Library, McKim Building, Third Floor, Cheverus Room. Among materials used for the exhibit are psychoanalytic studies of Poe’s biography written by Hanns Sachs, Marie Bonaparte, Robert Mollinger and other researchers.

Image below is created by Kerry Burke, Media Technology Services, Boston College.

Simmons College Internship Project

Our archives are fortunate to host another Simmons College intern, Meghan Hardison, this fall. Meghan is working on an upcoming online exhibit about Grete Bibring. She will use Bibring’s meticulous menu books to explore some of the challenges and celebrations in Dr. Bibring’s life. The contents of Grete Bibring’s menu books reflect everything from the pressure of planning for the Anschluss to the fun of first tasting a Cherry Coke. Information from the menu books will be supplemented by photographs, guest lists, recipes, and descriptions of relevant historical and cultural events.

Online Exhibits

The BPSI Archives web site has been expanded to include a new Exhibit Section. Archival materials showcased in various exhibits in our building will now have their second life online. Check our web site for photographs and stories about our buildings, library, books we helped publish, and highlights from various archival collections.

100 Years of Psychoanalysis

We would like to let you know about a brilliant little photo-history, The Vienna Psychoanalytic Society: the first 100 years (2008), edited by Andrea Bronner. We take a certain pride in the fact that the editor has used many photos from our archives, but also had added many more of eminent figures we have only read about and never seen. The book contains 300 illustrations: everyone who trained in Vienna at any time, including Americans who sought analysis abroad and most of the émigrés familiar to us. The mini-biographies include data that are new to most of us. No American bookseller carries this book, but it can now be ordered from the New York Psychoanalytic Society, which has a limited supply at $28.00 (postage included). Send your book requests to Nellie Thompson at NellieT100@aol.com or A. A. Brill Library, 247 E 82nd, New York NY 10028-2701 and make checks payable to NYPSI, memo “Adopt-a-Book”

Oral History Workshops

Dr. Sanford Gifford has been working on the organization of transcripts of the Oral History Workshops conducted throughout the years by the American Psychoanalytic Association. The typescripts of the workshops are being scanned, revised, and added to our growing digital archives. Among the revisited treasures are the 2006 workshop on the history of psychoanalysis in Boston (1996-2003) and the 1991 workshop in Montreal, which includes Cecil Mushatt’s reminiscences on the early history of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society.
Meet the Author Series

In October we had Holly Levenkron, LICSW, presenting her article "Engaging the Implicit: Meeting Points between the Boston Change Process Study Group and Relational Psychoanalysis" at the Meet the Author event. Holly Levenkron is a Faculty Member at MIP and BIP where she will be teaching a course on Contemporary Theories of Affect. She has written on clinical technique in the relational tradition with a focus on dissociative process and enactment. The article stirred a lively discussion and is available for everyone in the library. It was recently published in Contemporary Psychoanalysis (2009), 45:179-21.

Please save these dates of our future meetings:


If you would like to present your recently published book at one of our Meet the Author events, please contact Olga Umansky at the library.

In the Library

The following is a list of books recently acquired by, or donated to, the Hanns Sachs Library:


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Book Returns

We have just ordered several books to replace titles that have been requested by patrons, but appeared missing from the shelves. Please look around for any books, CDs, tapes, or other materials that you have borrowed from the Hanns Sachs Library over the past few months. Thanks!

Ongoing Book Sale

Our library assistant, Kate Boutin, continues her work with the donated books to expand our library and Book Sale shelves on the 3rd floor and in the seminar rooms on the lower level. Check for new titles and updates every week. The list of books is also available online free for psychoanalytic institutes. Please check regularly for updates at the Book Sale section of the library webpage. Contact us at library@bostonpsychoanalytic.org or 617-266-0953 to let us know what books you would like, and we will send them to you. We will pay mailing costs of books to Institutes while our funds for this purpose last. For others, the cost of hardcovers is $5 and $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 the library staff for searches. Additionally, you may use the PEP Web (Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing) archive and current online journals in the library, which allows for quick searches and access to many full text articles from major psychoanalytic journals. For more information please call Olga at 617-266-0953 or e-mail her at library@bostonpsychoanalytic.org.