“A man will turn over half a library to make one book.”
—Samuel Johnson

There’s good news that, thankfully, follows the bad. While we lost our librarian Vivien Goldman last fall, we have found in Steve Morandi an excellent replacement. Steve, a graduate student in archaeology, has been working hard to keep our library up to date. He is available every day but Friday to help candidates and members who want to write a book or read one.

The heavy snows this winter caused another flood in the library, drenching our newly installed carpet. We’ve been assured, however, that the leak in the roof is now fully repaired, thanks to the persistent efforts of Diana Nugent and Bill Ackerly.

Other library events of interest

The receipt of papers from the Putnam Clinic (see Sanford Gifford’s article in this issue) is an unexpected and wonderful gift to our archives. They do present the challenge of organizing them in a way that protects confidentiality; but they also grant us a wonderful opportunity for future research.

The photographic exhibition “The Face of Experience: Portraits of Senior Analysts” is being sponsored by your library and archives. The photographs by Dr. Allen Palmer will become part of our archival collection. The exhibit will be accompanied by a catalogue identifying and giving biographical information about the analysts photographed. I hope you all will come to the opening reception on Friday, March 26 from 6-8 P.M. The event not only honors our senior colleagues, but Dr. Palmer who gave so generously of his time and talent to make this event possible.

We have set a target date, spring 2005, for the publication of a book of photographs of Edward Bibring that are part of our archives. The book was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Foundation of the American Psychoanalytic Association and by contributions from friends and members of BPSI. It is not too late to make a contribution and add your name to the list of sponsors that will be acknowledged in print.

Our “Meet the Author” series continues on May 10 with a discussion by Dr. Lewis Kirshner of his book Having a Life: Self Pathology After Lacan. (see page 4)

Drs. Anna Wolff and Morton Newman have been reviewing our collection of books on child analysis and neuroscience and will be making recommendations for additional purchases. Should you have any suggestions as to what we should own in these areas, please contact them.

After a long, cold winter, it’s almost spring. We can open the library windows soon and welcome you with a warm breeze, a smile, and new books for your reading pleasure.
Greetings

Steve Morandi

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all library visitors. As the new librarian, I can be found in BPSI's third floor Hanns Sachs Library at my desk or digging out references in the stacks or archives, and I am eager to meet all of you. Don’t be afraid to ask for help or simply to introduce yourself — I am slowly putting the many new faces and names together, and sooner or later I will have them sorted out!

I am, in fact, an archaeologist finishing up a Ph.D. at Boston University. I have done research and several excavations in Mexico and Belize, studying the ancient Maya civilization that thrived in much of the region for thousands of years. Technically, I am not new to the staff of BPSI, as I assisted Ann Menashi in the library a few years ago.

Does an archaeologist feel out of place here? The answer is a resounding no. As most of you are aware, Freud drew many parallels between archaeology and psychoanalysis. Several quotes from his work, such as the one highlighted here, indicate not only his fondness for the field of archaeology, but his recognition of the similarities in approach to the subject matter in each field of study.

Finally, I want to say that while I am here to help all of you in your research, I hope to learn from you as well. Based on the kindness and generosity shown by those I have met already, I am sure my stay here will be a happy and fruitful one.

Photographic Exhibit: The Face of Experience

The Hanns Sachs Library and Archives is proud to announce the opening of the photographic exhibit “The Face of Experience: Portraits of Senior Analysts” on Friday, March 26. The photographs were taken by Dr. Allen Palmer, and represent a truly dedicated group of individuals to which many owe a great debt of gratitude.

In this exhibit, Dr. Palmer, himself an analyst, has brought a long-time interest in photography into the psychoanalytic realm. In his own words, he states the idea behind the project — that through photographs he could “capture some essence of a person from the outside instead of exploring his or her inner world”.

The exhibit consists of 33 individual black-and-white framed portraits of BPSI’s senior analysts, displayed in the second and third floor seminar rooms of the building.

An opening reception will be held at BPSI on Friday, March 26 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Subsequent viewing hours will be by appointment during the week, Monday through Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. The exhibit is sponsored by the Hanns Sachs Library and Archives. Thanks also to Dr. Dan Jacobs and Dr. Renée Gelman, who personally contributed toward this exhibition. Please come and join us on March 26 in celebrating BPSI’s senior analysts.
In the Archives

James Jackson Putnam
Children’s Center Records

The transfer of the Putnam Children’s Center records from Dr. Janet Brown's garage to our archives has been completed. They are installed in our attic, occupying the same four filing-cabinets vacated by the Ives Hendrick Archives, and we already have a follow-up note from Dr. Brown on one of the children in the longitudinal study. A small exhibit on the history of the Putnam Children’s Center is now on display in the third floor case outside the library.

The James Jackson Putnam Children’s Center was founded in 1943 by Marian Cabot Putnam, MD, and named in honor of her father, Boston’s first psychoanalyst. Marian Putnam was trained as a pediatrician, and she had postponed her psychoanalytic education until her mother’s death, out of consideration for her mother’s objections to analysis.

The Children’s Center was an innovation in a city with more than its share of traditional institutions for care of children. Returning from her analysis in Vienna, Dr. Putnam chose Mrs. Beata Rank as her co-director. Plans for a residential center for emotionally disturbed children were abandoned for various reasons, including wartime shortages of personnel. Its aims were primarily the treatment of preschool and very young children, as well as long-term observations of healthy children. A well-baby clinic was directed by T. Berry Brazleton. A house in Roxbury, at 244 Townsend Street, was chosen in a working-class, racially mixed neighborhood in order to include a daycare program for the local community.

Dr. Anni Bergman of New York, an eminent child analyst who has collaborated with Margaret Mahler and Manny Furer on autistic children, has made several visits to Boston and shown a film on two severely regressed children, who were treated from age 4-5 to their mid-thirties, as successful professional women and mothers of normal children. This documentary film was edited from decades of films, and illustrates the kind of observations that can be obtained from our Childrens’ Center records. Dr. Bergman will donate a copy of this film for our film library.

Elvin Semrad Project

We have been continuing our Elvin Semrad project, with the collaboration of Dr. Max Day and David Mowbley, LICSW. Besides the interviews with colleagues Dr. Day and I have already obtained, Mr. Mowbley has been working his way through the 50-odd reel-to-reel tapes of clinical conferences that Dr. Semrad conducted during the 1960s and early 1970s, borrowing 4-5 tapes at a time, listening with ancient equipment and selecting interesting sessions to be transcribed for ordinary cassettes. His current find is the memorial for Dr. Semrad on November 13, 1976, which will soon be available in our film library.

Edward Bibring Book Project

The Edward Bibring Book Project continues to move along. We have spoken with the German publisher Hans Jurgen Wirth of Psychosozial Verlag who assured us that the production of the book is on schedule. Our purchase of a new psychoanalytic biographical dictionary will help to provide information that will accompany the photos in the book.
Meet the Author: Lewis A. Kirshner, MD

The following abstract of the book is excerpted from The Analytic Press

What is it about “having a life” - which is to say, about having a sense of separate existence as a subject or self—that is usually taken for granted but is so fragility maintained in certain patients and, indeed, in most of us especially at difficult times? In Having a Life: Self Pathology After Lacan, Lewis Kirshner takes this Lacanian question as the point of departure for a thoughtful meditation on the conceptual problems and clinical manifestations of self pathology.

Beginning with the case of Margaret Little, analyzed by D. W. Winnicott, and proceeding to extended case presentations from his own practice, Kirshner weaves together his avowedly American reading of Lacan with the understanding of self pathology offered by an influential coterie of theorists—D. W. Winnicott, Heinz Kohut, Arnold Modell, and André Green.

Lewis A. Kirshner, MD is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and has taught as Affiliate Professor at the Centre de Recherche en Psychologie at the Université de Lyon. A Training and Supervising Analyst at Boston Psycholoanalytic Institute and Society and a faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Psychoanalysis, Dr. Kirshner has twice received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Harvard South Shore Medical Training Program.

Come join the discussion of Lewis Kirshner’s new book Having a Life: Self Pathology After Lacan on May 10 at BPSI, and take the opportunity to meet the author. A reception at 7:45 P.M. will be followed by a discussion of the book at 8:15 P.M. and a book signing at 9:30 P.M.

In the Library: Newman Fund Books

The Hanns Sachs Library is actively looking to purchase books on child psychoanalysis and neuroscience. We are able to keep our collection of books in these areas of study up to date through funds generously donated by Dr. Morton and Raisa Newman. Books on child psychoanalysis can be found in our Suzanne Taets van Amerongen Memorial Library of Child Psychoanalysis on BPSI’s second floor.

The following books are currently being considered for purchase:


If any of you have other child psychoanalysis or neuroscience books in mind for the library to purchase, please contact Dr Newman, Dr. Anna Wolff, or me.
The PEP Archive

The latest version of the Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) Archive arrived and has been installed on the patron computer in the library. The PEP Archive is a searchable database containing the complete text of several major psychoanalytic journals and books. For those who have not used the PEP archive before, this technology is a powerful research tool that can save hours of time in library searches. Full-text articles or book sections can be quickly found and printed from this database. If you are unfamiliar with the PEP Archive and would like to learn how to use it (or if you need a quick refresher course) please ask and I would be happy to show you.

PEP Archive Journals

The latest PEP Archive contains the full text of the following 8 journals from inception through 2000:

Contemporary Psychoanalysis
The International Journal of Psychoanalysis
The International Review of Psychoanalysis
The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association
Psychoanalytic Dialogues
Psychoanalytic Inquiry
Psychoanalytic Quarterly
The Psychoanalytic Study of the Child

Also, the full text of 3 new journals has been added, from inception through 2000:

Annual of Psychoanalysis
Psychoanalytic Psychology
Scandinavian Psychoanalytic Review

Paper versions of these journals from 2001 to the present are available in the library stacks.

PEP Archive Books

The electronic full text of the following books is available:

Winnicott, D.W. Playing and Reality.
In the Library: Other News

Steve Morandi

Book Sale

Over 200 cloth and paperback books, covering a wide range of topics within psychoanalysis, are available for purchase at BPSI. All books are being sold at a flat rate of $5 each, so come by and take a look before they are gone! Among the books are first editions and classics already owned by the library, as well as others weeded from our collection to make space. Bookshelves containing these books are located on the basement floor outside the kitchen area, and in the library on the third floor. Be sure to take a peek at these shelves every now and then, as they will be updated periodically with new arrivals.

Gifts & Donations

Sanford Gifford has donated two important books to the archive:

Prince, Morton. (1909). *My Life as a Dissociated Personality.*


Dan Jacobs has donated several books for the Fiction and Psychoanalysis section of the library:


The library would like to give a special thanks for the generosity of Dr. Alan Pollock, who donated many books, adding greatly to our collection of psychoanalytic texts.

New Books


Steiner, R. ((2000). “It is a New Kind of Diaspora”: Explorations of the Sociopolitical and Cultural Context of Psychoanalysis.
