

Dreaming the Session:

Field Theory Perspectives on Hallucinosis, Dreaming, and Reverie in Daily Clinical Work



The theory of dreams has changed fundamentally since Freud's time, when their primary function was seen as protecting sleep by distorting and hiding repressed material from consciousness. Many contemporary psychoanalysts emphasize the transformative function of dreams, to create sense and meaning for lived experience. Consequently, the way we use dreams in our daily clinical work has changed radically. The dream is no longer viewed as belonging exclusively to the analysand: We listen to virtually any verbal and nonverbal communication as a joint dream of the analytic couple, dreamed in the here and now. This paradigm shift

will be discussed in light of analytic field theory and the phenomena of hallucinosis, dreaming, and reverie, both visual and somatic. Rich clinical examples will illustrate the theory and the application of this approach.

5 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts and Social Workers

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Papers on related topics will be presented by featured speakers Lawrence J. Brown and Barbara D'Amato.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the similarities and differences between Freud's original concept of the dream and the Bionian concept of the waking dream, (2) describe the therapeutic function of waking dreams in the analytic dyad, (3) describe the functions of hallucinosis and reverie in the clinical setting, (4) describe the modern psychoanalytic understanding of preoedipal longing in dreams, and (5) explain the similarities and differences among reverie, countertransference dreams, and the structure of jokes.

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