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THE INSTITUTE FOR  
THE PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY  
OF SUBJECTIVITY, PRESENTS:

## THE BODY AS NARRATOR

### Experiences of Embodiment in the Analytic Encounter

Life begins with body to body communication. Whether mothers and infants, therapists and patients, lovers or antagonists, emotions, intentions and meanings are conveyed through the body. This conference focuses on the therapeutic implications of attending to the cultural, sexual, and racial dimensions of narrations of the body. The papers presented draw on gender studies, feminist theory, non-verbal registers of relating and communicating, in addition to self psychology, intersubjectivity, and the relational psychoanalytic literature. Bodies are viewed as both objects and subjects and as centers of perspective, insight, reflection, desire, and agency. The morning panelists will illustrate their work through clinical illustrations. To amplify the theme: The Body as Narrator, a detailed clinical case will be presented in the afternoon with a panel discussion. Audience participation is encouraged.



#### Program

9:00am - Registration and Refreshments

9:30am - Introduction - Mary Sonntag, L.C.S.W., Moderator

9:45am - **Malcom Owen Slavin, Ph.D.**

*Erotic Transferences and the Mutual Search for Realness and Reciprocity.*

10:15am - **Sandra Kiersky, Ph.D.**

*The Body Politic: Desire and Deviance in Psychoanalytic Discourse.*

10:45am - **Steven Knoblauch, Ph.D.**, Discussant

*Self Experience and the Body: Reflections on Emerging Perspectives.*

11:15am - Panel Response. Audience Participation.

12:00pm - 1:30pm - Lunch on your own.

1:30pm - **Ruth Burtman, Ph.D.**, Clinical Case Presentation

*Construction of the Body: Gender, Intersubjectivity and the Clinical Process.*

2:00pm - Panel Discussion of Case.

2:45pm - 3:30pm - Audience Participation.

**Mary Sonntag, L.C.S.W.**, Conference Chairperson

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About IPSS:

The Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity (IPSS) offers numerous programs to train psychoanalysts as both clinicians and scholars. IPSS has particular expertise and interest in self psychology, intersubjectivity theory, systems theory, infant research, and relational psychoanalysis in addition to a thorough grounding in psychoanalytic history, classical Freudian theory, and object relations theories.

IPSS provides clinical training and educational seminars in psychoanalysis for clinicians at all levels of professional development through various courses of study ranging from formal training programs, to ten week courses, to evening and weekend seminars.

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