



## 2023 Online/ZOOM Seminars

### March Sunday 26th: Valeria Céspedes Musso

#### ***Marian Apparitions in times of war and conflict: a depth-psychological approach to understanding the emergence of the numinosum during periods of darkness.***

One hour ZOOM, not recorded. Beginning 5 pm CET (Frankfurt am Main), 4 pm PST (London), 8 am PST (LA)

Moderated by Sonia Sheely

Carl Jung is known for introducing concepts such as the collective unconscious and archetypes, but his legacy is one which also includes an openness to observing and understanding phenomena such as collective visions and the uncanny, an interest which can be traced back to his 1902 doctoral dissertation, “On the Psychology and Pathology of the So-called Occult Phenomena”. This openness allows us to explore and examine phenomena such as Marian apparitions. In my analysis of the Marian apparitions of Zeitoun that took place from 1968 to 1970, I offer an interdisciplinary methodological approach to investigate visions of the Virgin Mary stemming widely from the works of Jung and relies on theories of the psyche proposed by Jung and post-Jungians. Specifically, I draw on Jung’s theoretical model in *Flying Saucers* which offers a structure to analyze numinous objects as constellated material which emerges out of the collective unconscious. Studies of Marian phenomenology show that the appearances are usually accompanied by a concatenation of events such as social upheaval, economic crisis, and war. In this lecture, I present the findings of the application of this depth-psychological approach to the Zeitoun case including the existential crisis leading up to the appearances (i.e. 1967 Arab-Israeli War), the significance of the apparitions, and the integration of the numinous symbol by Egyptian society.

**Valeria Céspedes Musso, Ph.D.** is an independent researcher and is in private practice in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. She received her doctorate in Psychoanalytic Studies in 2017 from the University of Essex, UK. Valeria is currently a Diploma candidate at the CGJI Zürich and a student member of the English Research Commission at CGJI Zürich, Switzerland. She has a Master’s degree in Political Science from Northeastern University in Boston, USA, and worked as a labor union organizer in Los Angeles helping workers form unions from the ground up. Valeria has published in the *International Journal of Jungian Studies* and is the author of *Marian Apparitions in Cultural Contexts*, Routledge, 2018; and *The Mexican-American cultural complex: Accessing the depth-psychological problems due to challenges of assimilation in*

*American Society in Jungian Perspectives on Indeterminate States: Betwixt and Between Borders*, Routledge, 2020. She is currently undertaking research on the topic of *Dia de los Muertos* and the mourning rites of Americans of Mexican descent in Los Angeles.

**April: Jon Mills & Daniel Burston** details forthcoming.

**May 7th: Susan Schwartz**

2 hour ZOOM, beginning 8 am PST (LA), 4 pm GMT (London)

Moderated by Bennie Harris

### ***The Absent Father Effect on Daughters: Father Desire, Father Wounds***

The absent father effect is a love story, but an unrequited one. Harm is done due to the presence of his absence, affecting a daughter—and the father—in body, mind, and soul. For many reasons, the father is an essential aspect of the psyche and significant for the daughter’s psychological and physical life expressed personally and culturally. Topics of the psyche affected by the absent father include the negative father complex, puella archetype and examining the dated concept of the animus. Paradoxically, the focus on the bleaker side of daughters and fathers’ relationship in order to shed light on the lack, symptoms and problems, as well as the repair and hope. Absence is a presence to be filled.

Objectives:

1. Understand the effects of the absent father from the perspective of Jungian analytical psychology
2. Discover how to recognize the negative father complex
3. Describe the absent father transgenerational issues and effects personally and culturally

Books:

1. Samuels, A. (1985). *The Father*
2. Zojia, L. (2018). *The Father: Historical, Psychological and Cultural Perspectives*
3. Jung, C.G. *Collected Works* 4. 'The Father in the Destiny of the Individual'

Statement on clinical practice: The presentation brings awareness of the father figure as influential from the beginning of life as well as how he appears or is absent in the transference and countertransference.

**Susan E. Schwartz, Ph.D.**, Jungian analyst and clinical psychologist is a member the International Association of Analytical Psychology. She has taught in numerous Jungian programs and presented at conferences, workshops and lectures in the USA and numerous other

countries. Susan has articles in several journals and chapters in books on Jungian analytical psychology. She has a current book published by Routledge in 2020 entitled, *The Absent Father Effect on Daughters, Father Desire, Father Wounds*. Her next book also published by Routledge in 2023 is: *The Fragility of Self in the 'As-If' Personality: Imposter Syndrome and Illusions in the Mirror*. Her analytical private practice is in Paradise Valley, Arizona, USA and her website is [www.susanschwarzphd.com](http://www.susanschwarzphd.com)

**June: Carolina Guíñez** details forthcoming.

Moderated by Valeria Kierbel

**August 19th: Leslie Stein**

2 hour ZOOM

Moderated by Ris Swank

***The Self and Political Action***

**Professor Leslie Stein** trained as a Jungian Analyst at the C.G. Jung Institute in New York and is in private practice in Sydney, Australia. His books include *Becoming Whole: Jung's Equation for Realizing God* (Helios); *Working with Mystical Experiences in Psychoanalysis: Opening to the Numinous* (Routledge); *The Self in Jungian Psychology: Theory and Practice* (Chiron); Editor, *Eastern Practices and Individuation: Essays by Jungian Analysts* (Chiron); *The Journey of Adam Kadmon: A Novel* (Arcade New York). He is also on the Board of Directors of the Philemon Foundation. Professor Stein has had a life-long involvement in protecting mental health through urban planning and has advised governments and the UN as to how urban planning affects mental states. He has written four books on that subject matter.

**October 15th: Hallie B. Durchslag**

***"The Brain as Transformer Station:" Tuning into the Objective Psyche with a Psychotic Mind***

3 hour ZOOM Beginning 8 am PST (LA), 4 GMT (London)

Moderated by Gustavo Beck

**Hallie Beth Durchslag, PhD, LISW-S** lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, USA where she teaches, writes, and maintains a private practice as a Jungian-based, psychodynamic psychotherapist. She began her career as a social worker in the arena of Community Development after earning a Master of Science in Social Administration (M.S.S.A) at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University (1999). Shifting toward a clinical practice in 2009, she earned her doctorate (PhD) in Clinical Psychology with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute (2015). Dr. Durchslag has an abiding interest in the complexity of what makes us both human and transcendent beings. Her research over the past 10 years has looked at this subject through the lens of severe mental illnesses and their physiological connection to Jungian theory. She has presented nationally and internationally on the subject, most recently with the CG Jung Foundation of Analytical Psychology in New York and the CG Jung Institute of Los Angeles. Her book, *The Collective Unconscious in the Age of Neuroscience: Severe Mental Illness and Jung in the 21st Century* (Routledge) was recognized as a finalist in the 2022 International Association of Jungian Studies (IAJS) Book Awards (clinical category). Hallie maintains her commitment to the macro side of social work as the curator of The Anima Mundi Project, which looks at soul-based approaches to holistic personal development and community-building. She is a Past-President and current Honorary Board member of the Jung Educational Center of Cleveland.

## **October 29: Elizabeth Brodersen**

### ***Jungian dimensions of the mourning process, burial rituals and access to the land of the dead: Intimations of Immortality.***

Moderated by Ipek S. Burnett

This Zoom presentation celebrates the unique collection of comparative cross-cultural studies on the mourning process, burial rituals, access to the land of the dead, and intimations of immortality commissioned by Routledge due to be published in Summer 2023. The collection offers diverse Jungian cross cultural, interdisciplinary, depth psychological perspectives that have particular pertinence today with the unprecedented, unexpected loss of lives due to Covid-19, Aids and other environmental and political acts of terror, including the present War in Ukraine. The mourning process and proper burial rituals to symbolically accompany the dead through their journey to become ancestors cannot be performed due to social distancing, and the collective fear of contamination. Unmarked mass graves means that the bodies of the dead become isolated, abandoned and excluded, with their souls unaccompanied through a ritual mourning process that gives meaning and identity to their social value as ancestors.

This collection of chapters attempts to accompany those who have died and offer comfort and signposts to the mourners and to the mourned. Covid-19, as one arbiter of death, also spotlights deeper partially unseen and untouched socio-economic inequalities imbued within poverty, war-

zones, migration, racism and political dissidence that reflect cultural complexes attached to the mourning process and burial rituals bringing them out of the shadows.

Contributed predominantly by Jungian analysts and candidates trained at the C G Jung Institute Zürich, and includes seven members of IAJS, each chapter explores the multi-faceted, cross-cultural, psycho-social dimensions connected to death as the final rite of passage in life where the dead with the help of the living become ancestors in the land of the dead. The poet, William Wordsworth, in his 1807 publication 'Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood' uses the phrase to explore the theme of the immortality of the child as father. The concept that humans have a soul or a double who lives on after death finds expression in indigenous beliefs and in religions worldwide. All give guidance on how the souls of the recent dead must be carefully guarded and accompanied during tripartite mourning rituals so that they arrive safely in the land of the ancestors.

This Zoom presentation offers space to the seven IAJS contributors listed here alphabetically to present their work if they choose: Paul Attinello, Liz Brodersen, Robin McCoy Brooks, Erik Goodwyn, Jon Mills, Valeria Cespedes Musso and Susan Schwartz.

Abstracts and bios of the contributors above who wish to present will be sent nearer the time.

**Elizabeth Brodersen, PhD** is an accredited Training Analyst, Supervisor and lecturer at the CGJI Zürich. In 2008, she received her diploma in analytical psychology from CGJIZ and in 2014, a doctorate in Psychoanalytic Studies from Essex University, UK. Elizabeth presently works as a Jungian Analyst and Supervisor in private practice in Germany and Switzerland. She is currently a member of the English Research Commission at the CGJI Zürich and a member of the programme committee for the CGJIZ 2023 conference in Küsnacht on the multifaceted theme of emotions: 'I feel, therefore I am.' Elizabeth is a member of the International Journal of Jungian Studies (IJJS) editorial board and an editorial board member of Brill's Contemporary Psychoanalytic Studies series. Her latest publications include the monograph *Taboo Personal and Collective Representations, Origin and Positioning within Cultural Complexes*, published by Routledge, 2019 and an edited book *Jungian Perspectives on Indeterminate States, Betwixt and Between Borders*, Routledge, 2020 with Pilar Amezaga.