

EDUCATION. TREATMENT. COMMUNITY.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

The mission of the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute is to promote mental health through psychoanalytic education, treatment, and building community.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Phoebe A. Cirio President

In this year of SARS-CoV-2, we are facing an extraordinary time. 2020 has reminded us of our fragility as human beings. We have been afflicted with a plague, which as I write this has infected over 5.5 million Americans--and killed over 173,000. This is a completely new experience, and we are having to invent a way of carrying on. Fortunately for psychoanalysis, we have the advantage of looking forward, with the understanding that the past

is always with us. William Faulkner aptly captured the psychoanalytic sense of time when he said, "The past is never dead. It is not even past."

In 1920, the founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, lost his beloved daughter Sophie, only 26, to the Spanish flu. She succumbed after only 4 or 5 days. Freud said in a letter at the time, "The undisguised brutality of our time is weighing heavily upon us. ... I work as much as I can, and am thankful for the diversion. The loss of a child seems to be a serious,

narcissistic injury; what is known as mourning will probably follow only later." The Freuds were unable to travel to attend the funeral for their daughter. She was cremated without a final visit from her parents or family. So many families today have been unable to mourn the loss of loved ones to Covid because of restrictions on the size of gatherings. Mourning for these families will also be deferred.

From psychoanalysis, we learn that the capacity to mourn strengthens us. We are unable to control the world. We can barely

determine our own lives. Psychoanalysis enables us to endure through adversity by tolerating the unpredictable.

When we live a psychoanalytically-informed life, we come to understand that we do not require the objects of satisfaction we previously thought were essential. Indeed, life in 2020 is filled with frustration, deprivation, and loss. Finding a way of living, without what we thought we had to have, is our challenge. The Psychoanalytic Institute is committed to helping the St. Louis community discover how to live that life.

OUR WATERDROP



The Institute is the reservoir of psychoanalytic knowledge for St. Louis. The Institute has conserved, enhanced, and shared this knowledge since the late 1960s. In that time, psychoanalysis has become more diverse, and it is thriving. This water drop is our knowledge imparted through formal training, community courses, lectures, internships at our clinic, clinical services such as psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, and mental health

professionals within the St. Louis community. The ripples are the many, many people who have received education through our programs, who go out and take jobs at social service agencies, schools, and clinics, and who open their own practices to serve the mental health needs of the citizens of St. Louis. Clients and patients get the benefit of a carefully nurtured, unique body of knowledge about how the mind works, and with psychodynamic psychotherapy, the effectiveness of the treatment for relieving symptoms of mental illness continues to increase even after treatment has ended. This is really remarkable. It is something which people who have experienced these treatments have known, but now it is information that can be allowed to ripple out widely.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Institute provides fundamental, thorough, and advanced psychoanalytically informed professional education. In addition to our in-depth multi-year training programs, we offer shorter continuing education courses, lectures by national figures who are experts in their disciplines, as well as sophisticated library services. We also offer educational programs to the community in an effort to illuminate the complexities of human interaction and enrich community life.

STUDENT VOICES

I came to the STLPI because it was the only place in the St. Louis area where I would have an opportunity to have exposure to a variety of both adult and child and adolescent psychoanalysts. The STLPI training offered me the opportunity to evolve at my own professional style and pace over the years."

Tina Marie Dale, MSW, LCSW APP Graduate, Child Analytic Training Graduate, APP Director

"The program at STLPI is a well-rounded opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the human psyche. In addition to the program itself, the friendships, relationships and connections I have developed with established professionals as well as up and coming professionals has proved to be an invaluable aspect of STLPI. My connection with STLPI is a lifelong connection that I am privileged to have had the opportunity to develop."

Amanda Carr, M.Ed, NCC, CSC, PLPC APP Alumni, Schiele Clinic Graduate

"STLPI is the only gig in town that offers in depth post-graduate clinical and theoretical training. Coming out of a master's (or PhD or MD) program, you are not prepared to be a psychotherapist - really good, consistent post-grad training is needed. STLPI fills that gap and offers solid foundation for the young professional - grounding them in human development, clinical theory, and clinical technique."

John Sell, MA, LPC APP Graduate

ADVANCED PSYCHODYNAMIC PSYCHOTHERAPY PROGRAM

The Advanced Psychodynamic Psychotherapy program is a two-year clinical training program for mental health professionals that provides theoretical and clinical training in psychoanalytically oriented psychotherapy. Classes meet from 6 – 9 p.m. on Monday evenings virtually during the academic year. Students also meet twice weekly in small group supervision of their own clinical cases.

ANALYTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The Analytic Training Program is an intensive program for established professionals working toward a career in either Child or Adult psychoanalysis.

OPEN THEORY CLASSES

Each year, the Institute opens several classes in the training program to non-candidates. Graduates of an advanced Psychotherapy program, individuals in psychiatric training programs, academics with a research interest in the area, along with Advanced Analytic Candidates and Faculty of the Institute may apply to take these open classes.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

As part of the Institute's Lectures and Seminars program, continuing education is offered through classes. The St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute is approved to provide advanced education by the following national and state entities: the American Psychoanalytic Association, Accreditation Council for Continuing Mental Education (ACCME), American Psychological Association (APA), National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and the Department of Health and Senior Services, Section for Child Care Regulation (DHSS SCCR).



The Schiele Clinic of the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute is a community resource that provides high quality, in-depth assessment and treatment for fees based on the client's ability to pay. The Clinic has served over **191** patients and continues to help individuals assess the nature of their problems and provide appropriate treatment. The Clinic is staffed by advanced clinical trainees who are supervised by expert psychotherapists and psychoanalysts, and partners with Casa de Salud's Mental Health Collaborative and KIPP St. Louis Public Schools to provide mental health services to the communities these organizations serve. Since March 16, 2020, all services have been provided via teletherapy due to COVID-19 and will remain this way until further notice.

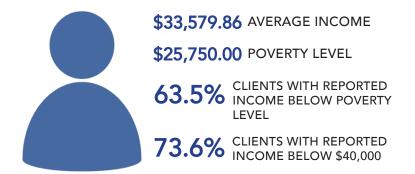
KIPP ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS

The Knowledge Is Power Program is a network of 255 public charter schools educating early childhood, elementary, middle, and high school students while focusing on college preparation and character building. The Institute has provided mental health care to 27 KIPP St. Louis students onsite at no cost to the schools or student families.

CASA DE SALUD

At its Mental Health Collaborative (MHC), Casa de Salud works with a variety of partners to improve access to mental health care for its clients, primarily Spanish-speaking, uninsured immigrants and refugees. The Institute has served 25 people at Casa de Salud, is one of the founding partners of the MHC, and recruits bilingual advanced clinical trainees to provide care in the native language of their clients. The average cost of treatment per hour at Casa De Salud is \$9.17.

AVERAGE PATIENT BY THE NUMBERS



OUTCOMES

70% OF ALL CLIENTS REPORT A
DECREASE IN ANXIETY WITHIN FIRST
THREE MONTHS OF TREATMENT

56% OF ALL CLIENTS REPORT A DECREASE IN **DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS** WITHIN FIRST THREE MONTHS OF TREATMENT

58% OF ALL CLIENTS REPORT A
DECREASE IN TRAUMA WITHIN FIRST
THREE MONTHS OF TREATMENT

96% OF CLIENTS FEEL SATISFIED WITH THEIR SERVICES

90% OF CLIENTS CAN POSITIVELY IDENTIFY EMOTIONAL TRIGGERS IN THEIR EVERY DAY LIVES

OF CLIENTS CAN BETTER
COPE WITH EMOTIONAL
TRIGGERS IN THEIR EVERY
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STAYING CONNECTED.

Our Faculty, Graduates, and Alumni are highly active in the St. Louis community: they occupy positions in social agencies, school systems, universities, child centers, private practices, and more. Our footprint is global. They give presentations, lectures and participate in symposia around the country and the world, representing the Institute and its core values. We also have an APP Alumni Facebook group to encourage Alumni to stay connected to other Mental Health professionals.

CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES

ADVANCED PSYCHODYNAMIC PSYCHOTHERAPY PROGRAM

AMANDA CARR MED, PLPC, NCC, CSC SHAWNESSEY CUSTER, MDIV, MA RAE ENGLISH, MA, MSW, LMSW LEIGH GERARD, MA, PLPC ABY MALLEY, MSW SR. ADAKU HELEN OGBUJI, MDIV, MA JOHN SELL, MA, LPC

ANALYTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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"I feel so privileged and grateful to have been a small part of Schiele Clinic and STLPI. The level of professional integrity and commitment to understanding and healing those who struggle with mental health and relationships is one of those quiet gifts to the community that make our St. Louis metro region a more whole and just place to live."

Shawnessey Custer, M.Div., M.A. APP Alumni, Schiele Clinic Graduate

AWARDS & HONORS

Ilene Edison APP Teacher of the Year 2020

The prestigious Ilene Edison Award is voted on annually by the students of the Advanced Psychodynamic Psychotherapy (APP) Program, and bestowed at each year's graduation ceremony.

First Year Winner: Phoebe Cirio, MSW, LCSW.

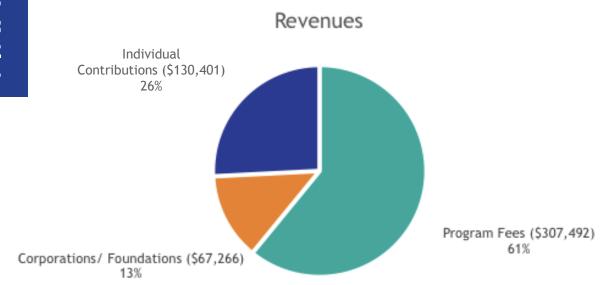
Second Year Winner: Michael Deal, MA and Gary Hirshberg, MSW, LCSW

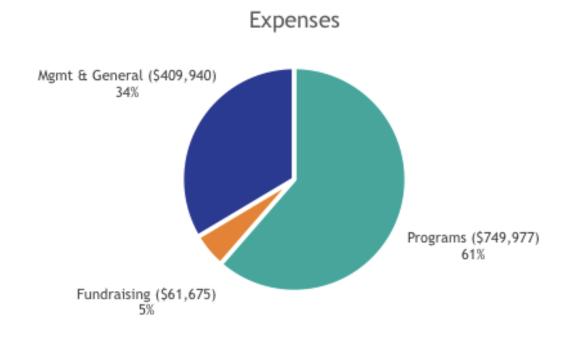
K. Lynne Moritz Leadership Award 2020

This award recognizes emerging faculty who show exceptional leadership, highlighting their activities and talents. This includes service to others, an honor as well as a responsibility. Strong leaders put the good of the group, program or Institute before their own needs or benefits. A leader trusts and empowers others to achieve common values, beliefs or goals.

Winner: Tina Marie Dale MSW, LCSW APP Graduate, Child Analytic Training Graduate APP Director

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OUR NEW SPACE

After months of planning, the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute unveiled a new office and Clinic space made up of over 6,437 sq. ft in March 2020. The office holds seven offices, two meeting rooms for Board meetings, Committee meetings and for classes and an open gathering space with the Betty Golde Smith library.

While the office has remained closed due to concerns about COVID-19 since the Spring, leadership is optimistic for the day the Institute can fully open its doors.

President Phoebe Cirio believes the new location gives the Institute an advantage.

"There is more natural light in the interior space of the suite than at 8820, and the open feel

of the floor plan is quite pleasant," Cirio said. "...I think we will be able to use the open floor plan for socializing, after the pandemic threat has been minimized, and the flow of the space from Classroom A, to the open library, to Classroom B, to the kitchen would work very well for open house events."

Herbert S. Schiele Clinic Director Stuart Ozar is excited for the open space as well.

"We all hope that the very inviting, open space surrounded by our library volumes will soon be where we gather to talk and share our experience and accumulated wisdom. I would personally want to have times during the week when I would be available for informal chats with students," Ozar

said.

Ozar said the new clinic space is simple, but professional, which makes it a very appropriate space to provide therapy in a dignified manner to all those in the community in need of emotional help.

During this time, Ozar said the clinic is benefiting from the large number of analysts and advanced candidates who provided expert supervision for our clinic therapists. "They enhance the credibility of our clinic efforts and thus increase the respect for the Clinic shown by referring agencies and the general public," Ozar said.

Ozar would like others to know that he is proud of the carefully chosen student therapists and their ability to offer significant emotional relief to so many who otherwise would not have access to quality care.

"We take good care of our therapists so that in turn they are prepared to take good care of their clients," he said.

Cirio said the
Institute remains deeply
committed to bringing
psychoanalyticallyinformed therapy,
education, and
consultation to our
community - one way this
happens is through the
clinic.

"Now there is increasing high-quality research... indicates that not only is psychoanalytic psychotherapy effective for treating mental health problems, the benefits of our treatment method continues to increase for the patient--even after they have terminated their treatment. In fact, the benefits increase after the treatment has ended,"

Cirio said. "We have something very useful to bring to St. Louis."









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"For me, what the Institute offers is beyond the Psychodynamic program. Thinking in a "positive transfer" to this group, the Institute can become a family or "good enough" parents who can nurture and validate all the students that belong to the Institute. The instructors facilitate the learning process and reflection in the students and their capacity to express themselves. This is what makes the Psychoanalytic Institute very unique; they teach a new way of thinking that can impact the students not just intellectually but also emotionally. For me, this is what the Institute represents, a space for growing, so I can become the best of me."

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