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The Storm Has Arrived: Psychoanalysis Faces a Human Emergency *Can the Social Dreaming Matrix Provide a Generative, Creative Path Forward?*

As global crises of dehumanization and meta-dehumanization—political, ecological, and moral—intensify, psychoanalysis faces an ethical reckoning and a paradigmatic opportunity. While traditional training continues to emphasize the individual psyche and the clinical dyad, these are no longer sufficient containers for the social toxins and complexities of contemporary life: the denial of our climate crisis, the resurgence of misogyny, authoritarianism, assaults on democracy, and the re-emergence of racism and white supremacy. How might we creatively explore and discover new forms of psychoanalytic inquiry, theory, and practice? This workshop will explore the Social Dreaming Matrix, influenced by Bion's view that dreaming is an essential human ability for generating knowledge derived from experience, as an approach to accessing the "social unconscious" (Hopper, 1996) to facilitate "transformative thinking" and its application to resolving problematic experience in our social systems (organizational, community, society, global community).

2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts,
Psychologists, and Social Workers

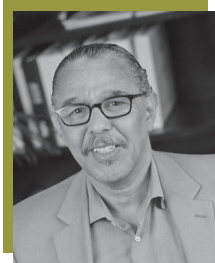
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STUDENTS: Free



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institutes into laboratories of rehumanization that interrupt socio-political cycles of dehumanization.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) compare and contrast the conventional approach to working with dreams and the social dreaming (SDM) paradigm, and (2) define social dreaming concepts such as group self or social state dream, the forward edge of a social dream, the self-object function of a communal home, and the moral witnessing function.

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