

The VPSG Inreach Scientific Committee is very pleased to announce

An Evening with Dr. Maureen Murphy

presenting reflections on theories of trauma and clinical implications working during COVID.

Wednesday March 16, 7:30-9pm

Program Chair: Johanna Boyce

Zoom Host: Betsy Sprague

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9625583344>

Dr. Murphy will be referencing aspects from her edited book: Trauma and the Destructive-Transformative Struggle, including her chapter "When Life Intrudes- Experience of Trauma in the Body."

In Dr. Murphy's introduction to her book, she describes trauma as "a wound that alters development, disrupts time, obstructs symbolization." Quoting Tarantelli, she posits: "A traumatic event in an experiential sense is a paradox,- an experience that cannot be experienced."

Dr. Murphy will draw on clinical and personal experience to lead us in a discussion on how trauma impacts our psychic and bodily selves and how it presents itself in the consulting room. She will also speak to how psychoanalytic theories of trauma can help to clinically guide us through crisis such as the pandemic.

In addition to the VPSG Full Members, the advanced and former candidates of the CPS-QE branch; Lisa Myers, Irene Sharp and Britta Klein, have been invited to attend.

[Copies of the first three pages of Dr. Murphy's introduction to the book are attached and to enhance the evening's discussion, we suggest that participants read these in advance of the discussion.](#)

Dr. Maureen Murphy is a Personal and Supervising Analyst and Faculty member at PINC (Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California) and on the Clinical Faculty at California Pacific Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and at Access Institute. She is the Co-Coordinator of PINC's Distance Learning Program. She teaches courses on contemporary psychosomatic concepts particularly the impact of burgeoning biotechnology on core psychoanalytic concepts and on adult development and aging. She maintains a private practice in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy in San Francisco.

Dr. Murphy served on the IPA Board of Directors as the North American Representative from 2011-2015 and from 2019-21, and was the Founding President, Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California; Past President, Division 39 (Psychoanalysis), American Psychological Association; Past President, Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology; Chair of NAPsaC from 2013- 2017 and a continuing NAPsaC Board Member since 2011.