

**Pre-Conference**

***Understanding Homophobia in our Forefathers:  
Rethinking How Kohut Actually Worked***

**with Janna Sandmeyer, PhD  
and Discussant Mark J. Blechner, PhD**

**Fulfills LGBTQ/Diversity Credit Requirement**

Dr. Sandmeyer will present her Ralph Roughton award winning paper, “Understanding Homophobia in our Forefathers: Rethinking How Kohut Actually Worked.” In this presentation, we will explore the impact of Jule Miller’s (1985) account of his supervision with Heinz Kohut, depicted in Miller’s seminal paper, “How Kohut Actually Worked.”

Through the lens of contemporary self psychology, we will revisit the supervision with an eye toward leading edge interpretations that support the patient’s same-sex striving as a healthy expression of his sexuality. We will consider the context of the times in which the supervision occurred, as well as more personal and theoretical factors that may have influenced Kohut and Miller’s thinking. Dr. Blechner will bring his decades of experience as an analyst working with LGBTQ people to this discussion, in which attendees will be encouraged to participate.

At the conclusion of this pre-conference, attendees will be able to:

1. Describe the clinical principles that exemplified Kohut’s way of thinking toward the end of his life.
2. Identify the heterosexist and homophobic aspects of Jule Miller’s (1985) article, ‘How Kohut Actually Worked.’
3. Describe correctives for the heterosexist and homophobic aspects of Jule Miller’s (1985) article, ‘How Kohut Actually Worked.’

*This conference is appropriate for mental health professionals at all levels of experience and offers 2 LGBTQ/Diversity CEs.*



**Janna Sandmeyer, PhD** Dr. Janna Sandmeyer is the Chair of the Contemporary Approaches to Psychodynamic Psychotherapy program at the Institute of Contemporary Psychotherapy + Psychoanalysis (ICP+P), where is she also the Co-Chair of the Task Force for Sexual Diversity and Inclusion. She serves on the Editorial Boards of *Psychoanalytic Inquiry* and *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context*. She is faculty and supervisor at ICP+P and at the Washington School of Psychiatry and maintains a private practice in Washington, DC.



**Mark J. Blechner, PhD** is Training and Supervising Analyst at the William Alanson White Institute, and Adjunct Professor and Supervisor at New York University. His latest book is *The Mindbrain and Dreams: An Exploration of Dreaming, Thinking, and Artistic Creation* (2018). He has published three other books: *Sex Changes: Transformations in Society and Psychoanalysis* (2009), *The Dream Frontier* (2001), and *Hope and Mortality: Psychodynamic Approaches to AIDS and HIV* (1997). In 2017, he published “The Clitoris: Anatomical and Psychological Issues” in *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. He was the

founder and director of the HIV Clinical Service at the White Institute, the only program at a major psychoanalytic institute to treat people with AIDS and their caregivers. He led a three-year private seminar on “Psychoanalysis and Sexual Issues.” He is former Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Contemporary Psychoanalysis*.

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*Limited space is available.*

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