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Winter 2010 Program
Wednesday, March 3, 2010

7:30-9:30 P.M., doors open at 7:00

The Evocation of Lament in Clinical Practice: An Existential Imperative

Presented by: Susan Persson, Ph.D., M.A.

Meeting Location: at the home of Gary Grenell, PhD

We lack the cultural support of ritualized lament that in classical times served to structure, protect and support the natural process of mourning. Loss is a constant in human experience and life and death are the most primary and irreconcilable opposites in our lives. Ritual lamentation formed bridges between generations, sexes, social roles, and individuals. It linked physical and metaphysical, present and past, temporal and mythic. Clinical work can help to fill some of this cultural void.

This presentation will include a paper written by Susan, plus an opportunity for meditation on an evocative lament.

After attending this seminar, participants will be able to:

- 1) Understand clinical work as a form of lament over early loss
- 2) Witness an un-mourned life in Beckett's *Not I*
- 3) Consider the importance of grief-releasing pause in clinical work

Susan Persson, Ph.D., M.A. is a senior Jungian Analyst and Beckett scholar. Extensive neo-Reichean training supports her vital interest in the connection between psyche and soma. Psychoanalysis expands her understanding of our core schizoid sector. She has been in private practice since 1976.

CE credits: 2

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