

New York State Society for Clinical Social Work with the
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**51st Annual Education
Conference in a three part series through live-ZOOM webinars**

**October 24, October 31, November 7, 2020
10-12:30 pm**

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Emerging Voices

*7.5 Contact hours will be awarded for the entire series
2.5 contact hours for each webinar*

Saturday, October 24, 2020 Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

***Gender Relations Today*
By Graciela Abelin-Sas Rose MD**

This presentation considers the conditions of women in today's world. It reflects on the changes in the concepts of feminine and masculine in the western world in the last decades and their impact on the relationship between genders. It underlines the problem of using superficial stereotypes about gender issues which often lead to false assumptions.

***What Women Want and What is Wanted by Women?*
By Arlene Kramer-Richards, Ed.D.**

This presentation describes changes in the psychoanalytic theory of female development, sexuality and desire. By exploring contrasting ideas of about feminism, the complexity, contradiction and progress in formulating new feminist agendas is highlighted. Most importantly, it describes a change in gender roles influenced by the social and economic changes. Dr Kramer-Richards discusses the challenge to change long-accepted male gender roles and its impact on female gender roles, female self-esteem and male self-image. It adds a psychoanalytic understanding of how development interacts with environment in the selection of which gender roles are more tightly held and which are more available for adaptive change.

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What Should a Wife Want?

By Janice S. Lieberman. Ph.D

Dr. Lieberman explores the problematic role of “wife”, even in 2020.

“ I was inspired by Glen Close’s role as wife to a Nobel Prize winner in the film “The Wife” (also a novel by Meg Wolitzer), in which she was overlooked, patronized, having to play second fiddle to her most difficult husband. In her acceptance speech at the Golden Globes, Close spoke of the denigrated position her own mother took and that the film probably took so long to make because of the title!”

“Even today, the wife who does not play second fiddle to her husband is still regarded by some as castrating. The wife, even if the successful breadwinner, is still often the caretaker of children, both sets of aging parents, of the home, and especially, the husband. If not, she is not a “good wife”. I am still seeing in therapy several young women who are about to enter marriages knowing that they will be forever financially dependent on their husbands and already have abdicated any power in decision making.”

Single Mothers by Choice; Challenging Psychoanalysts' Prejudices

By Margarita Cerejido, Ph.D.

“In the 1980s, I was concerned that single motherhood represented a narcissistic project, and that the resulting children would have difficulties separating. I conducted a study exploring those mothers’ fantasies of what the children and their relationship with their single mothers would be like. Today, I no longer think that becoming a single mother is a narcissistic project. Furthermore, I recently interviewed some of those children. They are individuals living life the way Freud described it: loving and working. I discuss my work with these women in the 1980s and compare it to my current work with single women who are considering motherhood today. The evolution of my theoretical understanding and prejudices are, therefore, part of my study.”

Saturday, November 7, 2020 Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Fixed or Fluid: Gender and Sexuality in Same Sex Partners

By Michael M. Crocker, DSW, LCSW

Gender and sexuality are being explored as constructs rather than genetic or biological determinism. Clinicians need to listen closely to the development of these constructs. Same sex partners often feel perplexed when homophobia, sexism, misogyny, and social values get intertwined leaving it difficult to develop nourishing relationship roles due to socially constructed narratives. These narratives can then result in therapist counter-transferential interference if left unknown, unobserved and unformulated.

This talk will weave in theories of gender, sexual identity and the stages of self-acceptance as well as false versus true self-identification. We as clinicians need to overturn limited and limiting models of gender and sexuality, no matter where our patients fall on these spectrums. We need to help them discover where they are stand and how to tolerate accompanying ambiguity and fluidity when present.

Temperament: Clinical and Cultural Implications

By Brian Quinn, Ph.D., LCSW

Dr. Brian Quinn begins his presentation by posing the question “Are there temperamental roots to patriarchy?” He then focuses on temperaments and examines those men with a hyperthymic temperament that are energetic, driven, self-assured and risk-takers who frequently rise to positions of power and authority. He claims that they can also be irritable, meddlesome, over-bearing, and coercively controlling. Furthermore, he closely looks at the contributions of this predominantly male temperament to the oppression, exploitation, and abuse of women. Dr. Quinn concludes with a unique discusses, circling back to his question. regarding the roots to patriarchy.