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The Symbolic Life: Is It a Gift? Uncertainty: Is It a Gift?

Ann Belford Ulanov, M.Div, PhD, LHD
September 27 & 28, 2024

Ann is a Jungian analyst practicing in New York City, Professor Emerita in Psychology and Religion at Union Theological Seminary, member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association and the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Analytical Psychology*. She lectures here and abroad. She has authored many books with her late husband Barry Ulanov, including *The Envied and the Envyng: Cinderella and Her Sisters*, and *The Healing Imagination*, as well as many books of her own, including, *Madness & Creativity; The Psychoid, Soul and Psyche Piercing Space/Time Barriers; Back to Basics*.



The Appeal of the Extraordinary

Jim Kline, PhD
October 18 & 19, 2024

Jim Kline received his PhD in psychology with a Jungian Studies specialization from Saybrook University, San Francisco, California. He also holds an MFA degree in Creative Writing from Antioch University, Los Angeles, California, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He currently works in the Social Sciences and Fine Arts Department of Northern Marianas College and serves as professor of psychology. He has published numerous articles in various Jungian-themed professional psychological journals and is the author of *The Otherworld in Myth, Folklore, Cinema, and Brain Science* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2019). His most recent publication is *Nonrational Logic in Contemporary Society: A Depth Psychology Perspective on Magical Thinking*.



The Imagination Matrix

Stephen Aizenstat, PhD
November 8 & 9, 2024

Dr. Aizenstat is founder of Pacifica Graduate Institute, Dream Tending, and the Academy of Imagination. For more than 35 years, he has explored the power of dreams through depth psychology. He has collaborated with Joseph Campbell, Marion Woodman, Robert Johnson, James Hillman, and Native elders worldwide. He conducts dreamwork and imagination seminars throughout the US, Europe, and Asia. He is the author of *Dream Tending* and *The Imagination Matrix*.



Straying from the Path: An Exploration of the Intersections between Queer Theory & Analytical Psychology

David Solem, MSW, MAPC, MA, MM
December 6 & 7, 2024

David is a diplomate Jungian analyst through IRSJA-IAAP. He is a training analyst on the faculties of the C.G. Jung Institute of Santa Fe, the C.G. Jung Institute of Philadelphia, and of the Memphis-Atlanta Jungian Seminar. He is a guest training analyst for the C.G. Jung Institute of Zurich, Kusnacht. His publications appear in *Psychological Perspectives* (2017), *Quadrant* (2018), and the *Journal of Analytical Psychology* (2019 and 2021). David is in private clinical practice in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Arts of the Imaginal World: Rejuvenation & Psychic Creativity

Susan Rowland, PhD
January 17 & 18, 2025

Susan is the author of books on Jung, gender and the arts including *Jung: A Feminist Revision* (2002) and with Joel Weishaus, *Jungian Arts-Based Research and the Nuclear Enchantment of New Mexico* (2021). She teaches creative practices with psychic images at Pacifica Graduate Institute, California. She uses Jungian art practice to explore feminine heroism, trauma, and the climate emergency through writing the Mary Wandwalker mystery series: *The Sacred Well Murders* (2022) followed by *The Alchemy Fire Murder* in 2023, linking alchemy, America and wildfires. *Murder on Family Grounds* was published in 2024 with *The Swan Lake Murders* due in 2025.



The Evolution of Jungian Psychology: Opening Still Wider Vistas

Gary Sparks, M.Div.
February 14 & 15, 2025

Gary is a 1982 diploma graduate of the C. G. Jung Institute-Zürich. He is the author of *At the Heart of Matter: Synchronicity and Jung's Spiritual Testament*; *Valley of Diamonds: Adventures in Number and Time with Marie Louise von Franz*, and *Carl Jung and Arnold Toynbee: The Social Meaning of Inner Work*. As a contributor to the publication of *Jung's Red Book for Our Time*, he finds endless wealth in Jung's inner creative journey. In addition, his interests include: the state of feminine consciousness; the healthy purpose of darkness, depression, failure, and despair; the development and use of creative imagination; the relationship between an individual and society; and the parallels between the new physics and Jung's psychology. His 2023 Inner City book is *The Call of Destiny: Carl Jung's Major Works*. He lives and practices in Indianapolis.



Embracing the Paradoxical Nature of Life An Alchemical Journey

Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD
March 21 & 22, 2024

Jeffery is a Diplomate Jungian Analyst and senior training analyst for the C.G. Jung Institute of Colorado and the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts. He is the author of *Facing Climate Change: An Integrated Path to the Future*, which provides a Jungian perspective on climate change. He has also published articles on *US Cultural Complexes and Climate Change*, *The Green Man and Climate Change* and *The Nature of Uncertainty/The Uncertainty of Nature*. Jeffrey's interests include the relationship between psyche & matter, alchemy, and consciousness studies. Jeffrey has presented on these topics at national and international conferences. He lives in Santa Cruz, CA.



Distilling Wisdom through Fairytale & Stories

Muriel McMahan
April 25 & 26, 2025

McMahan is a Zurich trained Jungian analyst with a vibrant international online praxis. Dedicated to understanding Traditional and classical teachings within the context of contemporary society, she is interested in universal patterns and structures in nature, literature, myth, ceremony and ritual. Muriel offers online dream exploration seminars, fairytale seminars, in-person experiential intensives, and serves as a faculty member with a number of online academies. A sought after teacher, and a Keeper of Stories, Muriel is also a faithful steward of a 100 acre wood in West Grey, Ontario, Canada where she dreams, writes, cooks, carves icons, and surrenders to the mystery ever unfolding. Her website is <https://www.murielmcmahan.com/>

About Oregon Friends of C.G. Jung

The ideas of visionary Swiss psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung (1875–1961) remain a source of inspiration and enlightenment for those who wish to explore the wisdom, creativity, and healing potential of the psyche. Jung invited us to connect with the powerful unconscious energies that move through each of us, are present in our dreams and creative imagination, and speak to us in symbolic language. By engaging in this inner work, Jung believed we are able to discover and integrate our undeveloped or neglected capacities, embody our authentic selves, and gain meaning in our lives.

Since 1974, Oregon Friends of C.G. Jung has invited leading Jungian analysts and scholars from around the world to bring their insightful and innovative perspectives to our community in Portland. OFJ's annual program season features eight weekends of Friday Talks and Saturday Workshops in which Jungian ideas are explored in depth.

We are a community of people seeking to enlarge and deepen our understanding of life's challenges and stages through an inner exploration that offers an abiding sense of shared meaning and purpose. We welcome all people, in all stages of life, at all levels of familiarity with Jung's work. We invite you to join us.

Members of Oregon Friends of Jung receive free admission to our season of Friday Talks, discounts to Saturday Workshops, and a host of other benefits. Membership in Oregon Friends of Jung brings you into a vibrant, diverse community of other engaged individuals on the journey to understanding and wholeness. Become a member at ofj.org.

Our history

In the early 1970s, an era of emerging social consciousness and individual exploration, fifty people responded to an ad placed by our founder, Dottie Kyle, in a small local newspaper, *The Lake Oswego Review*. They gathered under a shade tree in her backyard to share ideas about Jungian psychology. They were hungry for discussion and community. Out of this gathering of seekers, Oregon Friends of Jung was born.

Before long, those early OFJ members began inviting leading Jungians to Portland as a way of nourishing themselves and serving the community. Programs with Joseph Campbell, James Hillman, Edward Edinger, Joseph Wheelwright, Marion Woodman, Thomas Moore, and Robert Johnson attracted attendees from around the state and beyond.

Now in our 50th year, Oregon Friends of Jung is a 300-member volunteer-driven 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization, with an Executive Director and passionate Board. We remain conscious of the vision of our founders: to serve our community humbly and with few organizational trappings, offering serious Jungian discourse to individuals who are searching for consciousness and meaning in their personal lives and in the world.

OFJ audio & video archives

OFJ seeks fresh and innovative Jungian ideas, delivered by speakers with expertise, depth and integrity. Presenters, most of whom are Jungian analysts, often prepare new material especially for us. Since our beginnings, we have audio-recorded, and as of 2020, video-recorded these presentations, thus making our collection one of the most unique and valued Jungian archives in the world. We are proud to make this collection available to our members through our library and streamed on our website.

The OFJ Fae Dougan Library

Our large collection of Jungian books and journals—many rare and out of print—as well as program recordings and the latest books by recent speakers, are available to the general public at 811 NW 20th Ave., and can be checked out by members. Visit ofj.org to learn more about our library.

PNSJA analyst seminars

In partnership with the Pacific Northwest Society of Jungian Analysts, OFJ offers a series of in-depth, small-group seminars on Jungian topics such as Fairy Tales, Symbols, and Individuation. These seminars fill up quickly, with members receiving priority. Become a member or sign up for our newsletter at ofj.org to receive the latest information.

Fall 2024 program descriptions

SEPTEMBER



The Symbolic Life: Is It a Gift? Uncertainty: Is It a Gift?

ANN BELFORD ULANOV, M.DIV, PHD, LHD

Friday Talk
September 27
7:00 pm–9:00 pm



The Symbolic Life: Is It a Gift?

Two processes go on in us simultaneously from birth until death. The first is a personal process Jung calls individuation where we reach to become all of who we are, including mistakes, struggles, unique talents—those shared human patterns Jung calls archetypes. The second process is the psyche's goal to move us toward finding not our wholeness but our place in the wholeness of reality. When these two processes meet, symbols get born and grow powerful. We explore such symbols—their dangers and their gifts.

Uncertainty: Is It a Gift?

What a disturbing title! Some days we feel foundations we have relied upon are upended; some nights we fear what can we depend on. Can we trust that truth is accessible and real? How do we discern the archetypal power in the midst of personal experience? We take up the gifts psyche offers in the midst of uncertainty by exploring the recall and integration of projections, locality, naming, and new forms of communication that result from placement of the ego, and that provide a new way to be liberated from a dogging complex. Psyche responds to uncertainty with creative gestures.

Saturday Workshop
September 28
10:00 am–3:00 pm



OCTOBER



The Appeal of the Extraordinary

JIM KLINE, PHD

Friday Talk
October 18
7:00 pm–9:00 pm



A universal human desire is to be drawn to extraordinary beliefs and strange phenomena that defy rational explanation. C.G. Jung might consider the appeal of the extraordinary as evidence of the archaic or archetypal thought and behavioral patterns inherent in the human psyche and in humanity's collective unconscious. The archetypal dimension expresses significant symbolic and metaphorical concepts that cannot be proven by rational methods, such as the concept of God. Often, the desire to embrace extraordinary views and phenomena have dire consequences if a person insists upon an extraordinary explanation rather than a rational one to explain certain factual events, and interprets purely secular causes as imbued with an underlying divine significance. We are introduced to examples of how the appeal of the extraordinary can enrich our lives and also distort reality.

Saturday Workshop
October 19
10:00 am–3:00



Jung's psychology provides techniques to keep individuals in touch with their inner lives, as well as methods for interpreting the nonrational, archetypal aspects of the unconscious. We explore these techniques and insights that we need now to detect and respect the nonrational elements within life that inspire, intimate, confuse, and ultimately compel us to confront the intimations of the archaic basis of the mind. We delve into otherworldly beliefs as a way to better understand the origins of archetypal thought patterns, and consider how these beliefs continue to inspire us through our dreams and extraordinary experiences.

NOVEMBER



The Imagination Matrix

STEPHEN AIZENSTAT, PHD

How to Access the Greatest Power You Have for Creativity, Connection, & Purpose

Each of us is born with a living blueprint, the essential design to evolve the imagination. You enter the world with the capacity to make creative leaps of consciousness and quantum leaps in learning. In doing so you improve your physical and emotional wellbeing. Dr. Aizenstat introduces tools and skills developed over 40 years of professional experience to enable you to access your deepest capacities of creativity and wellbeing, beginning with a shift in consciousness. This new perception opens the curious mind and initiates the healing journey within.

Friday Talk
November 8
7:00 pm–9:00 pm



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Saturday Workshop
November 9
10:00 am–3:00 pm



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Journeying in the realms of Deep Imagination

Opening the Curious Mind initiates an inner journey into Deep Imagination to encounter elemental inner figures, Soul Companions, who offer support and guidance. Accompanied by these soul figures, we can increase Imaginal Intelligence, re-discover our Innate Genius, and come home to our authentic life calling. In a supportive and creative space, we engage in practices that expand consciousness to worlds behind the visible world, where the psyche becomes illuminated and offers us resources for healing well-being, and self-care.

DECEMBER



Straying from the Path: An Exploration of the Intersections between Queer Theory & Analytical Psychology

DAVID SOLEM, MSW, MAPC, MA, MM

Those who cannot perform normative cultural narratives often find their voices silenced. Queer Theory offers us a new framework for working with old material. To queer an experience is to resist defining it. Queerness may provide a place to stand within oneself while also standing in the energy of an Exile complex that can be embraced as a new path towards individuation. We will explore the connections to be made between Queer Theory and Jungian concepts of Individuation, Complex Theory, Weltanschauung, and Active Imagination.

Friday Talk
December 6
7:00 pm–9:00 pm



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Queering the Path: Working with Images in Psyche through the Lens of a Queer Analytic Attitude

In this experiential day of reflection and group process we work towards a synthesis of material from Queer Theory and Analytic Psychology and apply this synthesis to clinical material, working with fairy tale material from a Queer Energy perspective. In these tales we will encounter images of Jouissance, Exile, the Death Drive, the costs of Kinship Libido, and the phenomenological necessity of finding an embodied Home.

Saturday Workshop
December 7
10:00 am–3:00 pm



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Program & membership details

OFJ adapts to the moment

This season most weekend programs are in person, and live via Zoom for all who cannot attend in person. Programs are Zoom-only if speakers are not traveling. Please note the venue icons next to each program. OFJ remains committed to serving our community with options for learning and engaging with fellow seekers. As we continue to adjust to the changing times and the technology, we welcome your involvement. Please support us by becoming a member, volunteering your time and skills, and attending our programs.

Friday talks & Saturday workshops

Friday Talks provide a stimulating introduction to the speakers and their ideas. Programs run from 7 pm to 9: pm, including questions and discussion. Saturday Workshops allow for a deeper and more intimate experience with the presenter and their material, and may include experiential opportunities. Workshops run from 10 am to 3 pm, with breaks, including a 45-minute lunch break.

Memberships & fee discounts

\$100. Includes free admission to all Friday Talks and discounted \$85 admission to Saturday Workshops. Membership runs for one year from the date of purchase.

OFJ Journey membership Fee

\$450. Includes admission to all Friday Talks and Saturday Workshops. Membership runs for one year from the date of purchase.

Non-Member tickets

Friday Talk: \$20

Saturday Workshop: \$125

Payment

We encourage everyone to purchase their membership and tickets safely and securely online at ofj.org. Please contact us for alternative payment methods.

Registration for events

Members are automatically registered for Friday Talks and can log into their OFJ account to register for Workshops. Journey Members are also automatically registered for workshops. Non-members can create an account and register for any event at ofj.org. Virtual access to events is provided by logging in to your account at ofj.org. Tickets for in-person events can be purchased at the door.

CEU credits

We offer CEU credits from National Association of Social Workers (NASW): \$5 for a 2-hour Friday Talk, \$10 for a four-hour Saturday Workshop. CEU credits are NOT automatically awarded. Anyone wanting CEU credits (members and others) must purchase them separately for each event via ofj.org, and also must attend the live event. CEUs cannot be awarded for watching recorded events.

Scholarships

OFJ's mission is to make Jungian material widely available in the community, and we are pleased to offer scholarships. Please write to us at info@ofj.org or call us at 503-223-3080 to apply.



= In person



= Zoom

In-person venue: Unity of Portland 4525 SE Stark St, Portland, 97215

Membership benefits

- Free admission and automatic registration to all Friday talks (\$60 savings)
- Discounts to Saturday workshops (up to \$320 savings)
- Journey members enjoy free admission and automatic registration to all Friday talks and Saturday workshops (up to \$710 savings)
- Access to our audio and video collection of past events
- Checkout privileges at our beautiful library and via our digital library
- Early bird registration for our popular analyst seminars
- Opportunity to post on our Community Offerings Page



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