



Australian and New Zealand Society of Jungian Analysts

*Invitation to Mental Health Professionals*

## ***Analytic Approaches to Encounters with Narcissistic and Borderline Functioning***

**14 August 2021**

**Zoom**

**9.00am – 1.15 AEST**

**Numbers limited**



From *Re-enchantment* (2017), by Sarah Gibson

Historically, the complex and often contentious concepts of ‘Narcissism’ and ‘Borderline’ have had a central role within psychoanalytic practice and theory. In this seminar, Sydney based ANZSJA analysts **Kerrie Kirkwood** and **Julia Meyerowitz-Katz** will offer participants an invitation to engage with them as they present an in-depth exploration of the challenges, constraints, and potentialities in clinical work with narcissistic and borderline processes. The seminar will include an orientation to Jungian psychoanalytic approaches to understanding the interiority of the unconscious inner life in narcissism and borderline functioning. There will be opportunities for participants to share a thinking space about their own clinical experiences.

### **Kerrie Kirkwood**

#### ***Challenges and Constraints when Working Clinically with the Narcissistic Personality Structure***

Drawing on Jungian, post-Jungian and psychoanalytic perspectives, Kerrie Kirkwood will be presenting reflections from her clinical work in order to illustrate and explain how she approaches the challenges and constraints occurring when working with the repetitive and entrenched traits that are consistent with a narcissistic personality structure. She will explore whether the narcissistically damaged patient can ever change or whether therapy simply reinforces narcissistic defences.

### **Julia Meyerowitz-Katz**

#### ***Circumambulations Around the Dread Place: Analytic work with the painful ambivalence of borderline communications.***

Julia will be describing how she uses the term ‘borderline’ to denote a particular kind of inter- and intra-psychic structure and process as it is encountered in analytic work. She will be describing how over time predominantly pre-symbolic, non-symbolic, or even at times, experientially anti-symbolic signals of profound disorder and traumatically triggered distress can slowly be transformed into more symbolic and therefore more individuated functioning.

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### **PRESENTERS:**

**Kerrie Kirkwood** (Sydney) is an ANZSJA Analyst who has been in private practice since 1999. Previously she was employed with the Department of Corrective Services for 17 years, gaining extensive experience in working in the areas of addictions, personality disorders, dual diagnosis and grief and loss. Building on this body of experience she has developed an understanding of how repetitive patterns can, through therapy, form the basis of an individuation process

**Julia Meyerowitz-Katz** (Sydney) is an ANZSJA Training Analyst and Supervisor, an Art Psychotherapist and practicing artist. She is a full member of CCAFPAA and ANZACATA. Julia is Chair of ANZSJA's Public Programme Committee and she is a member of the International Advisory Board of Couple and Family Psychoanalysis. Julia has a special interest in working with complex trauma and its role in embodiment, dissociation and symbolisation in the analytic process. Julia has published in books and journals, most recently, 'Disquiet in the consulting room: Everything/nothing that is said here is confidential'.

JAP (2019) 64:4. <https://www.juliameyerowitz-katz.com.au/>

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<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom
<b>Full Fee:</b>	\$180 AUD (incl. GST)
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