

The Australian Psychoanalytical Society  
Open Days October 14 & 15 2017  
RACV Club Melbourne

# AN OPEN GATE

## *Forms of Psychoanalytic Listening*

**A day with Visiting Analyst Jeffrey Eaton**

Special Guest Author Helen Garner

Friday Cocktail celebrating the work of Neville Symington

## Jeffrey Eaton

**Jeffrey Eaton**, MA, is a graduate of the Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and a Fellow of the International Psychoanalytic Association. Winner of the 2006 Frances Tustin Memorial Lecture Prize, he has also been the Margaret Jarvie Memorial Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh and the Beata Rank Memorial Lecturer at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society. He has published several chapters in edited collections and is the author of "A Fruitful Harvest: Essays after Bion" (2011). He is in private practice in Seattle providing psychoanalysis and psychotherapy to children and adults as well as consulting and teaching internationally. He is a consultant to Gunawirra.

## Helen Garner

**Helen Garner** started out in 1977 as a novelist and since then has published ten books of fiction, essays, and long-form nonfiction. Her two non-fiction works about criminal trials are 'Joe Cinque's Consolation' and 'This House of Grief'.

Her most recent book is 'Everywhere I Look', a collection of essays. In 2016 she won the international Windham-Campbell Award for her body of nonfiction writing.

## Neville Symington

**Neville Symington** trained as a Psychoanalyst in London and is a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society. He migrated to Australia in 1986, was Chairman of the Sydney Institute for Psychoanalysis (1987-1993) and a President of the Australian Psychoanalytical Society (1999-2002). He is the author of sixteen books, fourteen chapters and twenty-eight journal articles. He is an independent, imaginative thinker; an internationally recognized scholar and clinician and has lectured on every continent. In 2013, he was awarded the Sigourney Prize for his contribution to Psychoanalysis.

# Friday 13th October

5:30pm -  
7:00pm

**A celebration acknowledging Neville Symington's contribution to Psychoanalysis.**

Drinks and Nibbles to follow.

# Saturday 14th October

8:30am

Registration and Coffee

9:00am

Welcome from APAS President: Ms Julie Meadows

9:15am

## **An Analytic Attitude**

Jeffrey Eaton will describe some of the qualities of analytic listening that help to create a space for an improbable conversation to develop, deepen, and evolve.

11:00am

Morning Tea

11:30am

## **Exploring The Countries of the Mind**

Jeffrey Eaton will focus on some of Melanie Klein's ideas that orient him as an analytic listener and help him to tolerate and describe unconscious patterns that disturb patients and their therapists.

1:00pm

Lunch

2:00pm

## **Listening As An Open Gate to Meaning**

Jeffrey Eaton reflects on the challenging complexity of the analyst's task and offers some reference points for helping to organize the data of analytic sessions.

3:30pm

Afternoon Tea

4:00pm

## **Learning to Listen**

Helen Garner speaks about non-fiction, interviewing and the patience one has to develop in order to follow a long criminal trial.

5:15pm

Closing address: Milena Mirabelli - Scientific Chair, APAS

5:30pm

**Members and Candidates of APAS have pleasure in inviting you to a cocktail party to promote and celebrate the work of the Australian Psychoanalytic Foundation.**

# Sunday 15th October

**8:45am** Registration and Coffee

**9:00am** **No Separation Without Hatred**

Presenters: Ms Dimitra Bekos & Dr Teresa Russo

Discussant Dr Louise Gylter

In the face of both overt and/or hidden loss, how can we listen to our very young patients to aid an understanding of the psychic obstacles that can impair their ongoing emotional, psychological and social development. Both presentations involve the analyses of pre-school children. Dimitra Bekos discusses a child whose presentation masked the significant trauma of a premature awareness of separation and loss. Teresa Russo presents a child who has experienced the death of family members.

**11:00am** Morning Tea

**11:30am** **In the Consulting Room with Couples Facing Loss**

Facilitators: Ms Roslyn Glickfeld and Dr Timothy Keogh

Chair: Ms Milena Mirabelli

The workshop will introduce participants to both the theory and practice of assessment and treatment of couples who experience melancholic reactions to loss. The facilitators will conduct a role-play of a couple session in order to bring the theory to life.

## **Balint Groups**

**9:00am** With leader Dr Bill Betts.

**11:30am** With leaders Mrs Leonie Sullivan & Dr Tom Wilmot.

A Balint group offers participants the opportunity to explore the communication between clinician and patient. Some people find it valuable to participate in a Balint group to explore their personal reactions to clinical situations.