

Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Plenary Session I

**“We Contain the Other, Hopelessly and Forever” —James Baldwin:  
A Screening and Discussion of I Am Not Your Negro**

Interlocutor/Presenter: Ken Corbett, PhD, USA  
Presenter: Maurice Apprey, PhD, USA

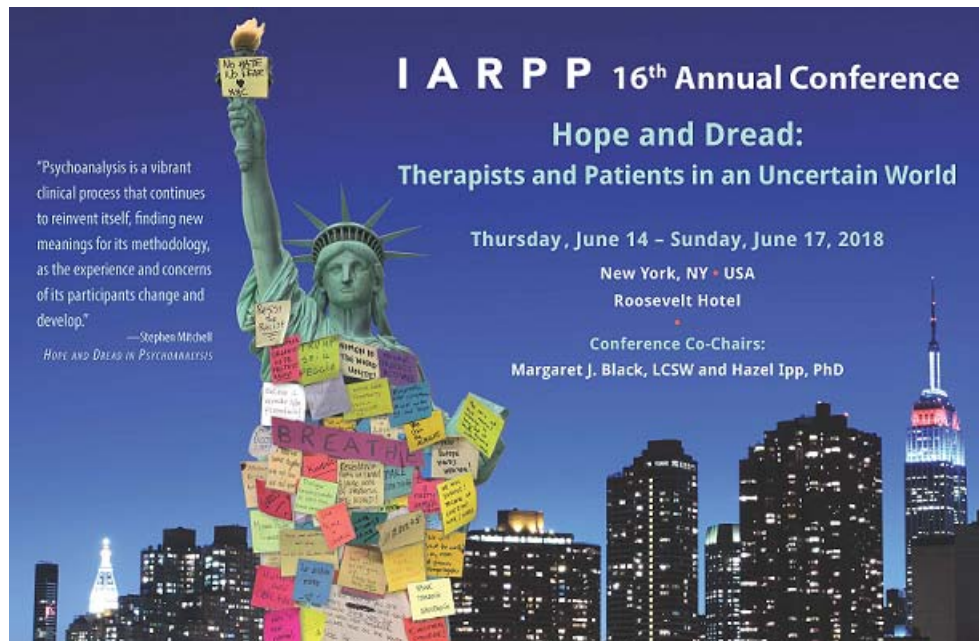
Abstract:

This opening plenary will begin with a screening of the Oscar nominated film *I Am Not Your Negro*, a 2016 documentary based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. The film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr, as well as his personal observations of American history. Following the screening, Maurice Apprey will present “Historical Turbulence and its Transformation in Contemporary Times”, in which he shares reflections on the film and considers the notion of how we as psychoanalysts can assist in this transformation both in and outside of the treatment room. Ken Corbett will then present “Why You Never Bring Me to Your Nice House”?, an exploration of white supremacy within and outside of psychoanalysis, and the ways in which it seeks to destroy transitional and potential spaces. An in-depth clinical example of a child treatment will be presented, and the panel will then conclude with audience Q and A.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this panel, attendees will be able to:

1. List at least one example of how Baldwin was negatively impacted by racism.
2. Describe what is meant by institutional racism.
3. Give at least one example of how the foreclosure of transitional space interferes with reparation.



**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 am – 11:15 am**

**Plenary Session II**

### **When the Political Becomes Personal**

Interlocutor:

Virginia Goldner, PhD, USA

Presenters:

Victor Doñas, MD, Chile

Rina Lazar, PhD, Israel

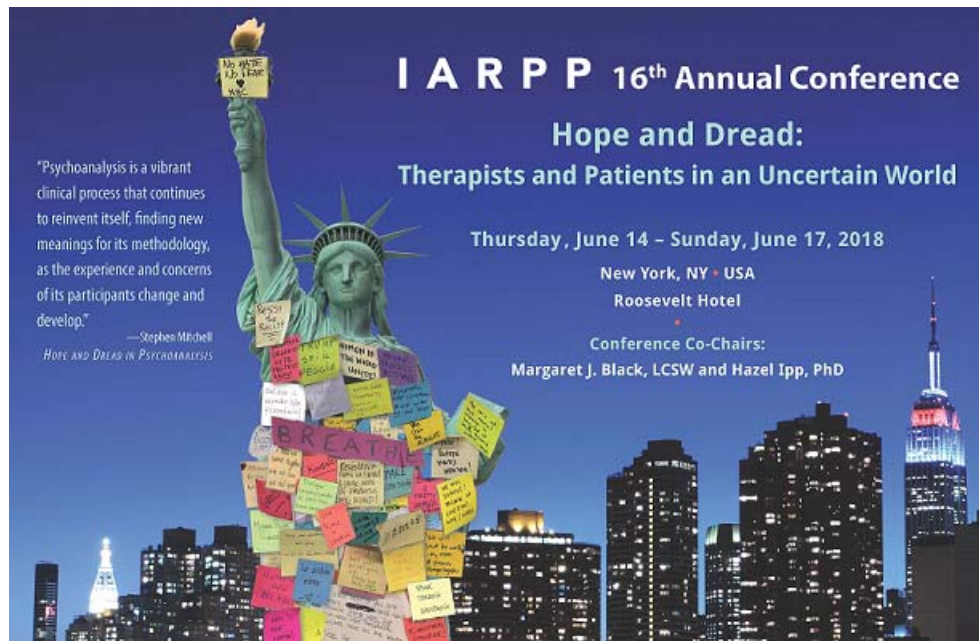
Sally Swartz, PhD, South Africa

#### Abstract:

As the world reels from ever more extreme instances of social and political upheaval, we are seeking to explore how such large scale historic events, unfolding in real time, impact the psychic experience of an intimate clinical partnership. In other words, how, specifically, does social trauma sink into the mind and soul of a working analytic pair? In this plenary, we will be asking presenters from 3 different countries to deconstruct a countertransference experience that is braided with elements of the socio-political, along with those of the relational and intrapsychic. We are interested in learning how clinicians navigate analytic treatments that are riven by forces that get unleashed in troubled times, ie., how the therapist holds (or can't hold) the tension between the intimate and the global.

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Clinicians will be able to specify the political and social aspects of a countertransference experience.
2. Clinicians will be able to understand theoretically how the intrapsychic and the relational are situated in an experience of the political and social.
3. Clinicians will be able to unpack the various elements of a countertransference moment in order to use it in the crafting of an intervention.



**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Plenary Session III**

### **Does Truth Matter?**

Interlocutor:

Malcolm Slavin, PhD, USA

Presenters:

Donnel Stern, PhD, USA

Shlomit Yadlin-Gadot, PhD, Israel

Jody Davies, PhD, USA

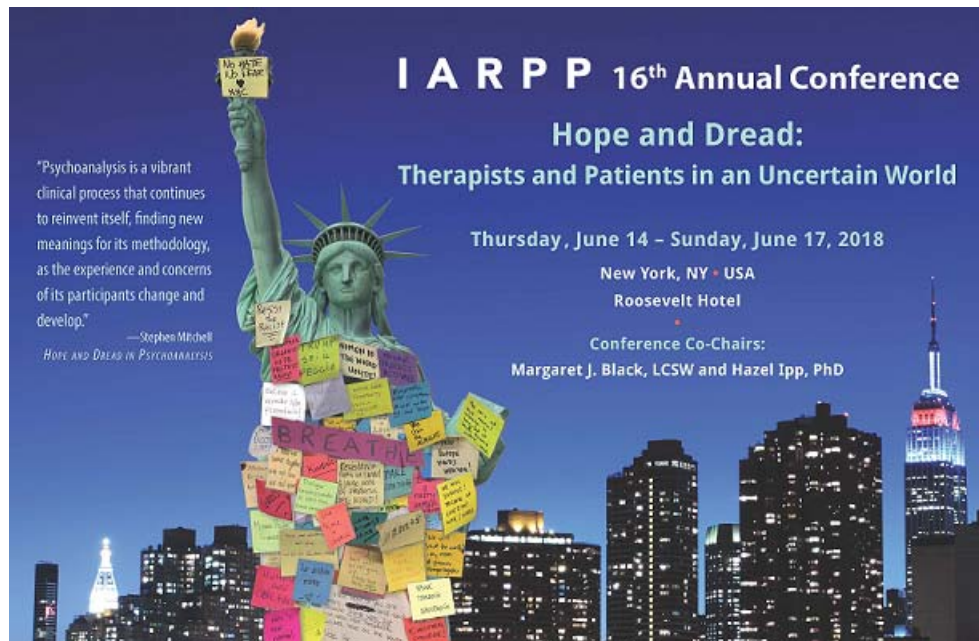
Abstract:

This plenary will examine historic and contemporary perspectives on the meaning of truth in psychoanalysis. Differences in the meaning of internal/intrapsychic and external/interpersonal concepts of truth and notions of reality will be considered, as well as the shifting nature of self-states and how this intersects with the various meanings and definitions of what gets defined as real or true. The implications of living in a country in which lies and falsehoods pass as the “new normal” and in which truth has been coopted for purposes of power and sociopathy will be examined.

Learning objectives:

At the conclusion of this plenary, participants will:

1. Be able to list one example of Freud’s understanding of the notion of truth and psychic reality.
2. Give one personal or clinical example of how the notion of self-states interacts with the concept of objective or subjective truth.
3. List one clinical example in which a patient struggles with issues or dynamics related to honesty.



**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 11:00 am Plenary Session IV**

## **The Uprooted and the Dispossessed: Working with Immigrants Inside and Outside the Consulting Room**

Interlocutor: Adrienne Harris, PhD, USA  
Presenters: Francesco Andriotti, PhD, Italy  
Spyros Orfanos, PhD, USA  
Joseba Achotegui, PhD, Spain

### Abstract:

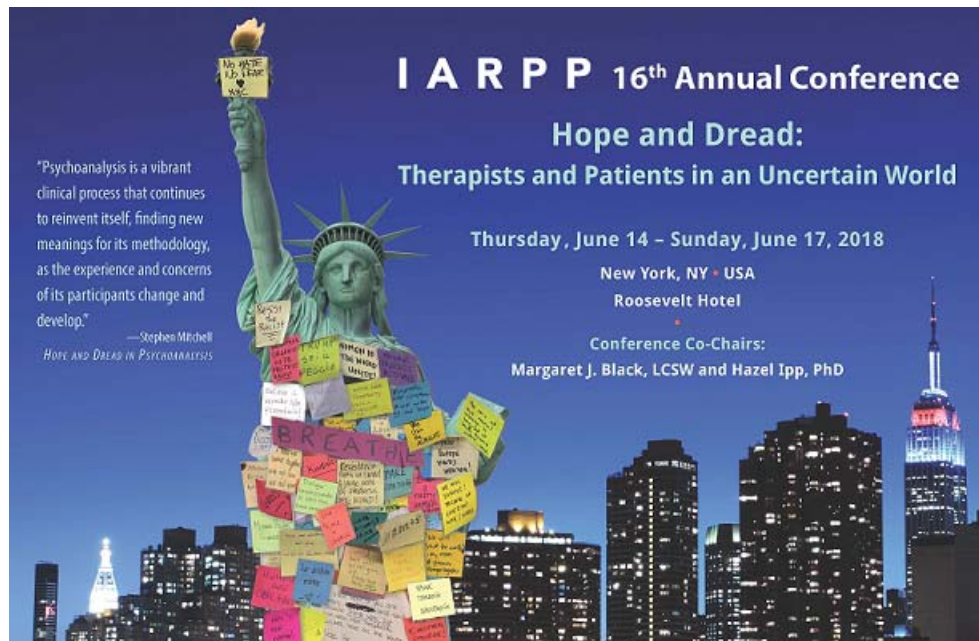
This plenary will present an international perspective on clinical work with immigrants and explore a program in the United States devoted to helping immigrants to secure their increasingly compromised legal rights. The intersection of psychodynamic and sociocultural factors will be explored, as will the overlap between activism and psychoanalytic treatment. Related, challenges to the shifting analytic frame will be discussed, a prevalent issue in working with this population.

Learning objectives:

At the conclusion of this plenary, attendees will:

1. List at least one difficulty for the psychoanalytic therapist who also engages in social activist work.
2. Describe at least one psychodynamic challenge of being uprooted.
3. Explain at least one way in which external threat of deportation can impact a patient's sense of safety and "going on being".





**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Plenary Session V**

### **The Dialectics of Hope: A Roundtable Discussion**

**“The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now.” —James Baldwin**

Presenters: Margaret Black, LCSW, USA; Hazel Ipp, PhD, Canada;  
Gianni Nebbiosi, PhD, Italy; and Chana Ullman, PhD, Israel

Abstract:

This final plenary will concentrate of what we can take away from this conference. What we have learned about impact of socio/political issues on our patients and on ourselves as therapists and how we can articulate and actualize the contributions that a relational perspective can make in this area of our work. The panel will draw together former or current board members of IARPP who represent our international diversity as we, together, take up these important questions.

Learning objectives:

1. Following this plenary participants will be able to identify 3 different ways that socio/political issues affect our patients' experience
2. Following this plenary participants will be able to identify the impact of socio/political issues on themselves as clinicians
3. Following this plenary participants will be able to articulate 3 contributions of the relational perspective in helping us deal with socio/political issues.