

**Fridays@CCP November 6, 2020**

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### **The Untelling: Enactment, Time and Narrative in Psychoanalysis**

Please register at: <https://ccpsa.org/event-3927247>

7-9pm (CST): **ZOOM** Presentation and discussion

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He is author of numerous psychoanalytic articles about clinical process and is author of the: *The Unobtrusive Relational Analyst: Explorations in Psychoanalytic Companionship* and co-editor of *The One & The Many: Relational Approaches to Group Psychotherapy* and *Heterosexual Masculinities: Contemporary Perspectives from Psychoanalytic Gender Theory* all published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis

**About the presentation:** Trauma and neglect are often not inscribed symbolically and thus remain unrepresented and unremembered. As such they can be said to reside in an “unpast” that retains a hold over the psyche limiting thought, experience and affect. In an attempt to work with “what is not there” an unobtrusive relational analyst companions the patient into worlds of inchoate and unstructured experience that announce trauma and neglect in the dimension of mutual enactment and constitute a unique “untelling”, a lived narrative of what is not yet known or thought. A rich case example will amplify these theoretical ideas and illustrate how the unknown “unpast” is transformed via the “untelling” of mutual enactment into a lived experience that can then become the past and allow the patient to be free.

#### **Learning objectives:**

1. Participants will be able to describe the unobtrusive relational analyst position and distinguish this from classical analytic neutrality and abstinence
2. Participants will be able to recognize the flow of enactment of past trauma and neglect in their practice and will be able to be unobtrusive to this process
3. Participants will be able to discern patients and states that require a companionship register of engagement as opposed to those who can utilize interpretive and reflective modes of treatment.

This is an all level presentation

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#### **References/Suggested Reading**

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