Robert S. Wallerstein Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

Each year, the UCSF Department of Psychiatry invites a distinguished scholar to speak on campus as part of the Robert S. Wallerstein Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. This lecture series is held in honor of the late Robert S. Wallerstein, MD, and focuses on showcasing psychoanalytic knowledge and clinical expertise that influence psychiatry, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis.

The 14th Annual Robert S. Wallerstein Visiting Lecture in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

The University of California, San Francisco Department of Psychiatry will host the 14th annual Robert S. Wallerstein Visiting Lecture on Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy on March 27, 2019. Our lectureship honoree will be noted South African psychoanalyst and neuropsychologist Mark Solms, PhD [1].

Dr. Solms is best known for his discovery of the forebrain mechanisms of dreaming, and for his integration of psychoanalytic theories and methods with those of modern neuroscience. He holds the Chair of Neuropsychology at the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital (Departments of Psychology and Neurology) and is a past president of the South African Psychoanalytical Association. He is also currently chair of the International Psychoanalytical Association’s research committee. He was the founding editor of the journal Neuropsychoanalysis in 1999 and founded the International Neuropsychoanalysis Society in 2000. He is the authorized editor and translator of the forthcoming Revised Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud (24 volumes), and the Complete Neuroscientific Works of Sigmund Freud (4 volumes). His most recent books are The Feeling Brain and Beyond Evolutionary Psychology. His earlier book, The Brain and the Inner World, was a bestseller which was translated into 13 languages.
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Previous lectureship honorees

- 2018 - George Silberschatz, MD [2]
- 2017 - Deborah L. Cabaniss, MD [3]
- 2016 - Bessel A. van der Kolk, MD [4]
- 2015 - Beatrice Beebe, PhD [5]
- 2014 - Morris Eagle, PhD [6]
- 2013 - Regina Pally, MD [7]
- 2012 - Robert Michels, MD [8]
- 2011 - Arietta Slade, PhD [9]
- 2010 - Salman Akthar, MD [10]
- 2009 - Peter Fonagy, PhD, FBA [11]
- 2008 - Glen O. Gabbard, MD [12]
- 2007 - Nancy McWilliams, PhD, ABPP [13]
- 2006 - Otto F. Kernberg, MD [14]

About Robert S. Wallerstein, MD
Robert S. Wallerstein, MD

Robert S. Wallerstein, MD, (1921-2014) was a distinguished psychiatrist, psychotherapy researcher, and psychoanalytic leader who left a legacy of a widened scope of theory and technique in the psychological sectors of psychiatry. He was an administrator who advocated for cooperation between psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers in achieving academic excellence and sought to develop a new profession, the Doctor of Mental Health. He also developed a departmental structure that worked across professional lines, leading to new ideas on research centers, educational plans, and high quality service delivery.

Dr. Wallerstein trained at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, rising to become the foundation’s director of research and conducting a pioneering study called the Psychotherapy Research Project. He moved to the Bay Area in 1966 as the chief of psychiatry at Mount Zion Hospital, then joined the faculty of the UCSF Department of Psychiatry as a professor. Dr. Wallerstein served as department chair and director of the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute from 1975-1985, as well as a training and supervising analyst at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute, and president of both the American and International Psychoanalytic Associations.


Dr. Wallerstein was a leader by consensus. With a remarkable ability of synthesis, he strived to bring together diverse schools of theory and treatment technique. He will be remembered as a dynamic and tireless leader who contributed extensively to every organization that he led.

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