Cabaniss talks about teaching psychodynamics during 12th annual Wallerstein Lecture

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Faculty members, trainees, and clinicians from around the Bay Area gathered in Cole Hall last week for the 12th annual Robert S. Wallerstein, MD Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy [2].

Noted clinical educator and author Deborah L. Cabaniss, MD [3], delivered the keynote address focused on the challenges and opportunities educators face when teaching psychodynamics to trainees. Cabaniss, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, then gave a live teaching demonstration during which she appraised the clinical performance of a trainee and offered constructive feedback. Analysis and commentary on Cabaniss’ keynote address and training presentation were provided by by William Wolfe, MD [4], Adam Goldyne, MD [5], and Mary Margart McClure, DMH [6].

Each year, the UCSF Department of Psychiatry invites a distinguished scholar to speak on campus as part of the Robert S. Wallerstein, MD Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. This lecture series is held in honor of the late Robert S. Wallerstein, MD [7], and is focused on showcasing psychoanalytic knowledge and clinical expertise that influence psychiatry, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. Former recipients include Otto F. Kernberg, MD [8], Peter Fonagy, PhD, FBA [9], and Regina Pally, MD [10].

The entire event is available to watch online [11] and photos are now available on the Department of Psychiatry Flickr site [12].
William Wolfe, MD, welcomes the audience to the 12th Annual Robert S. Wallerstein, MD, Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. [Photo: Nicholas Roznovsky]

Deborah L. Cabaniss, MD, delivers her keynote address, "Teaching Psychodynamics: Today and Tomorrow," at the 12th Annual Robert S. Wallerstein, MD, Visiting Lectureship in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. [Photo: Nicholas Roznovsky]
Audience members take part in a partner discussion exercise. [Photo: Nicholas Roznovsky]

Deborah L. Cabaniss, MD, (right) discusses her presentation with discussants Adam Goldyne, MD (left) and Mary Margaret McClure, DMH (center). [Photo: Nicholas Roznovsky]
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