

**Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies
19th Conference of Research in Jung and Analytical Psychology**



Theory to Action: Taking Jungian Ideas into the World

Albuquerque, New Mexico: June 13–16, 2024

Deadline for Proposals: January 31, 2024

We invite you to participate in an interdisciplinary gathering of scholars, practitioners, artists, and activists. Together, we will explore ways and words to put our Jungian knowledge, as well as creative gifts and social or professional reach, to work in the world.

The conference will be held at Hotel Andaluz, an ecologically renovated, historic hotel located at 125 2nd St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Program Committee:

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Call for Proposals

To open *The Undiscovered Self*, Jung (1957) writes:

What will the future bring? . . . Historically, it is chiefly in times of physical, political, economic, and spiritual distress that [people’s] eyes turn with anxious hope to the future, and when anticipations, utopias, and apocalyptic visions multiply. . . . We are again living in an age filled with apocalyptic images of universal destruction. . . . We have no reason to take this threat lightly. (CW 10: 488–489)

Offering a profound sense of place, the conference setting provides a rich tapestry of overlapping worlds. Just east of the Great Divide, Earth and society meet in the “Land of Enchantment.” We will gather in this setting of natural beauty, scientific achievement, and deep cultural significance to contemplate and share ideas for addressing some of the most critical challenges of our time.

Today's world is in urgent need of attention and intervention. Forests are burning, dams are bursting, democracies are failing, femicide and other hate crimes are on the rise, and science and education – hallmarks of advanced civilization, are under attack. In addition, at the time of this conference, the United States will be in the throes of one of the most consequential election cycles in its history.

There are no foregone conclusions on the future, and we are at a point in time where bringing Jungian ideas out of the consulting room and into the town squares might tilt the arc of the future toward more positive outcomes. For the sake of our future, Jung implores us to develop the moral and ethical process of ongoing self-examination. Thanking Erich Neumann for eloquently articulating and expanding upon his ideas in *Depth Psychology and a New Ethic*, Jung (1969) echoes the call of the French Revolution, writing “*aux armes, citoyens!*” (p. 9).

The theme of the 2024 conference is an explicit call to action and activism. As an interdisciplinary group of Jungian scholars, we empower ourselves with ideas, images, words, movement, and behavior. How to address these fraught times?

Some questions to consider:

- How can a collective of Jungian scholars effect the change we wish to see in the world?
- In addition to leading by example and potential *mana* contagion, what are some of the ways we can influence or guide others to start on the path of self-questioning?
- What are some good starting points?
- Where might we have been here before?

Summer in Albuquerque trends hot and dry. This affords our group less time outdoors and, consequently, less opportunity for physical exercise. To help maintain energy and process potential stresses that might build during the conference, proposals for the integration of somatic work are particularly welcomed. They can be either stand-alone workshops or shorter interventions of a few minutes inserted into the conference program.

The conference organizers are particularly interested in receiving proposals that include, but are not limited to, the following areas of inquiry:

- Exploring the writings of Jung and or post Jungians about the psyche's relationship to ecology (saving the planet) or politics (creating/restoring functional democracy) and participative interventions;
- Exploring possible applications of Jerome Bernstein's work within the context of the conference theme;
- Examining the rise of authoritarianism, fascism, and technocratic oligarchy around the world;
- Examining how psychological reflections on the urgent need for individual and collective action can open up psychological understanding of societal problems with implications for responsible action;

- Exploring how perspectives from other disciplines such as ecopsychology, literature, political science, world history, or virology, can illuminate and help activate our ideas of the Jungian psyche;
- Offering scholarly frameworks for action based on Jungian and or post-Jungian ideas;
- Presenting work and or exhibiting completed artistic works, including sculpture, painting, poetry, music, drama, dance, moving image, photography, and mobile media;
- Establishing, fostering, and maintaining psychic balance within complex and continually changing personal, social, and ecological environments;
- Revitalizing psychic systems that have been marginalized or depleted energetically;
- Undertaking somatic practice;
- Designing research that explores the psyche within the context of moving from conceptualization to action, gaining deeper understanding into the cult-possessed mind to create pathways to awakening and reflection, or building strong communities oriented toward individuation and collective healing;
- Creating disruption of the hegemony of privileged or taken-for-granted ways of knowing and research methods, methodologies, and paradigms.

This list is intended only as suggested entry points into the conference theme. Presentations that explore the conference theme from whatever entry points are welcome.

Proposal Submission

The Program committee invites submissions for:

- single- or multi-authored scholarly papers (20 min. presentation, Q&A time will be added)
- panels with three or more presenters (20 min. for each presenter, Q&A time will be added)
- round tables (recommended for presenters who desire conversation or feedback regarding work in progress) (15 min. presentation plus 15 min. discussion)
- experiential workshops (60 min.)
- artistic presentation (20 min. presentation, Q&A time will be added)
- creative practice (20 min. presentation, Q&A time will be added)
- somatic work: short session (5 min. group activity)

Proposals should be submitted via the JSSS website by January 31, 2024. All submissions will be acknowledged and then peer reviewed. All submitters will be notified of the outcome by February 29, 2024.

Conference Fee and Terms

Conference fee

The conference attendance fee includes attendance at all four days of the conference, the banquet, and one year's membership in the JSSS. The conference fee is as follows:

Regular \$370

Student \$320

A one-day conference attendance fee available to the non-presenters only is \$175.

Stipends to cover the conference fee

A limited number of conference grants for those with financial need will be offered for the conference participants. These grants will cover the conference registration fees of recipients. Recipients will still be responsible for all other costs associated with the conference, including travel expenses and lodging. Those receiving a stipend cannot be reimbursed as volunteers. A grant request form will be posted on March 1, 2024.

Volunteering at the conference

There will be a few opportunities to volunteer by providing help at the registration desk and with technology during presentations throughout the conference. These volunteers will receive a \$100 reduction in the conference fee. Volunteer signup will be offered as part of the conference registration process starting March 1, 2024.

Cancellation fee policy

If you cancel your registration before April 24, 2024, you will receive a full refund, minus the transaction fee (\$11.55 for regular registration, \$10.00 for student registration). A 50% refund minus the transaction fee will be issued for cancellations between April 25 and May 15, 2024. There will be no refunds for cancellations after May 15, 2024.

*Participants are asked to rely on their own insurance plans should it become necessary for them to cancel their conference attendance for **any** reason, including health.*

Hotel Booking

You may book accommodations [online at the Hotel Andaluz](#) at the special rate of \$169/night. Attendees can also reserve rooms by calling Hilton Reservations at 1 (800) 774-1500 and asking for group code: JUNGIA.

Our Care for the World

You are encouraged to offset the carbon effects of your travel. The JSSS will make a contribution of \$500 to offset the carbon impact of the conference. A \$10 contribution is included in this year's conference fee to replenish the Society's Sustainability Fund for next year's conference.

[Submit your proposal.](#)