



# CMPS

Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies

*Extension Division Presentation*

## ***“I am Alive Because I Do Not Own a House”: Psychoanalytic Work with Homeless Patients***

Is homelessness an expression of breakdown — as is commonly believed — or is it a defense against breakdown? This presentation challenges the common assumption that treatments derived from psychoanalytic theories are appropriate only for people of means. Dr. Luepnitz will describe IFA (Insight For All), which she launched in 2005 — a program that connects analysts willing to work pro bono with homeless and formerly homeless adults in Philadelphia. Clinical material will be presented, relying mainly on the work of Winnicott, but including also key insights from Lacan.

2 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts, Social Workers, and Psychologists

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**Deborah Anna Luepnitz, PhD**, spent 25 years on the Clinical Faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She is currently on the faculty of the Institute for Relational Psychoanalysis of Philadelphia. She is the author of *The Family Interpreted: Psychoanalysis, Feminism, and Family Therapy* (1992) and *Schopenhauer's Porcupines* (2002), which has been translated into six languages. In 2005, Dr Luepnitz launched *Insight For All*, which connects psychoanalysts willing to work pro bono with homeless and formerly homeless individuals. She received the Distinguished Educator Award in 2013 from the International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to (1) describe two concepts from the work of Winnicott that are essential to the treatment of homeless and formerly homeless adults, (2) describe one significant challenge to working psychodynamically with homeless adults living in residence, and (3) summarize the important historical precedent of Freud's free clinics of the 1920s.

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