Psychoanalytic Forum

DATE: Saturday, November 22, 2014
TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

“Bion’s Discovery of Alpha Function: Thinking under Fire on the Battlefield and in the Consulting Room”

Speaker: Lawrence Brown, PhD

at the Baltimore Washington Center for Psychoanalysis
14900 Sweitzer Lane, Suite 106 (note new suite number), Laurel, MD 20707

RSVP REQUIRED by Nov. 14th (admin@bwanalysis.org/301-470-3635/410-792-8060)

Lawrence Brown, PhD, is a graduate of the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute in both Child and Adult psychoanalysis and is a Supervising Child Analyst there. He has served on the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis and the Psychoanalytic Quarterly. Dr. Brown was Co-Chair of the Bion in Boston International Conference held in July, 2009 and more recently Co-Chair of the Bion in Marrakech conference held in March, 2013. His book, Intersubjective Processes and the Unconscious: An Integration of Freudian, Kleinian and Bionian Perspectives, was published by Routledge Press in early 2011 and another book, co-edited with Dr. Howard Levine, Growth and Turbulence in the Container/Contained, published by Routledge in 2013.

Dr. Brown has written widely about Bion and is a gifted interpreter of his ideas. This paper addresses how Bion’s writing in his Amiens diary and in Cogitations (1958-1960), allowed him to finally tolerate and metabolize his battlefield experiences. His relationship with his patients and
with his second wife, Francesca Bion, further enabled him to identify and define important elements in a relationship that facilitate the ability to work through emotional trauma. There will be a question and answer period following the paper.

**Educational Objectives** - After attending this Psychoanalytic Forum, participants will be able to:

1. explain the historical and intellectual context in which Bion came to develop his theory of alpha function.
2. define the ways that the alpha function operates in the mind as well as its function.
3. discuss and identify clinical applications of Bion’s theory of the Alpha Function.

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