

Consciousness

& Its Pathologies

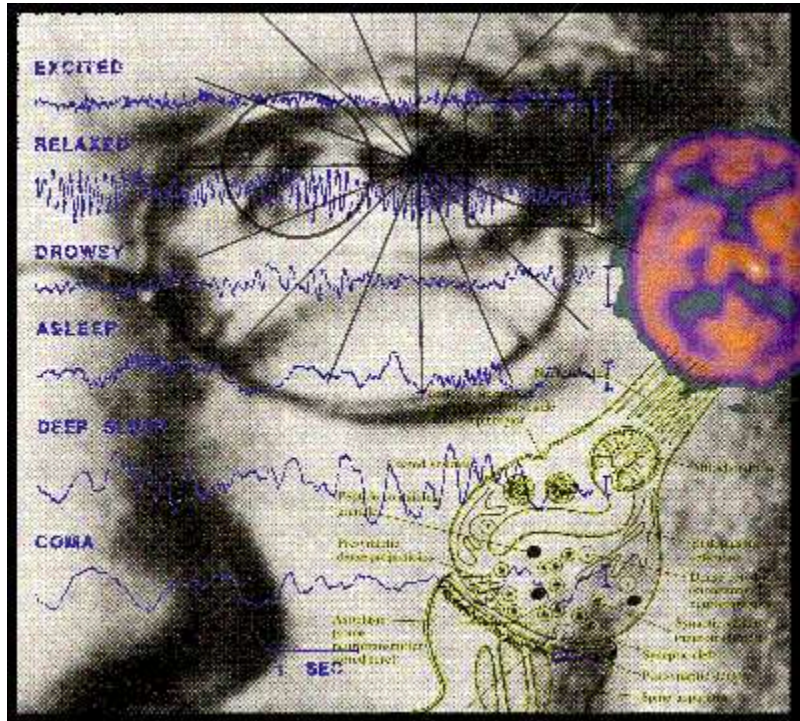
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The recent progress in unraveling the mysteries and mechanisms of how the brain works has been paralleled by an equivalent attention to the problems of consciousness. Philosophy, cognitive science, the neurosciences, and the artificial intelligence fields have all produced thoughtful working models of how the brain functions to "produce" consciousness, yet the experience of consciousness remains elusive. Although the history of the medical sciences has shown that our understanding of normal functioning has been greatly advanced by the study of abnormal structure and function, there has been little integration between abnormalities of consciousness and self-consciousness, as understood by clinicians, and philosophical inquiries into the nature of consciousness. Day-to-day clinical psychiatry remains little influenced by philosophy and, similarly, philosophy has made little use of clinical studies. This conference is designed to bring together clinicians, researchers and philosophers interested in the study of consciousness and its pathologies, including considerations of heightened self-consciousness, such as hypnotic and trance states and the phenomena described as multiple personalities; and the interaction of emotional states and the experience of consciousness.

SATURDAY MORNING

CHAIR: *Jennifer Radden, University of Massachusetts, Boston*

9:30 WELCOME AND BUSINESS MEETING

George Agich & Jennifer Radden

10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS #1

Can Neurobiology Teach Us Anything About Consciousness?

Patricia Churchland, University of California at San Diego, California

11:00 OPEN DISCUSSION

11:30 LUNCH BREAK

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

(each 20 min. paper will be followed by 10 min. of discussion)

CHAIR: *Donald Mender, New York City*

1:00 The Semantics Of Depersonalization Complaints

Susanna Lundqvist & Filip Radovic, Göteborg University, Göteborg, Sweden

1:30 Time And Self-Consciousness In Schizophrenia And MPD: About The Pathologies Of The Narrative Unity Of Consciousness

Jean Naudin, Dominique Pringuey, Jean-Michel Azorin, SHU Sainte-Marguerite, Marseilles, France

2:00 Mind And Consciousness: An Interpersonal Perspective

Anthony James Korner, Sydney, Australia

2:30 Multiplex Vs. Multiple Selves: Criteria For Distinguishing Dissociative Disorders

Valerie Gray Hardcastle, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia & Owen Flanagan, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

3:00 AFTERNOON BREAK

3:30 Cross-cultural and Pragmatist Approaches to MPD

Murray L. Wax, University City, Missouri

4:00 Without A Proper Definition, You Do Not See The Phenomenon: A Philosophical Analysis Of A Missing Diagnosis

Helge Malmgren, Göteborg University, Göteborg, Sweden

4:30 **Lack of Insight: Towards an Understanding of the Awareness Syndromes**
S. Nassier Ghaemi, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

5:00 **RECEPTION**

SUNDAY MORNING

(each 20 min. paper will be followed by 10 min. of discussion)

CHAIR: *Jerome Kroll, University of Minnesota*

9:00 **Who Has Pathologies of Self? Patients' Perspectives**
Lloyd A. Wells, The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

9:30 **Life Narratives And Therapy**
Eva Mark, Göteborg University, Göteborg, Sweden

10:00 **Consciousness And The Self: Jaspers And Galitch**
Elena Bezzubova, Russian State Medical University, Moscow, Russia

10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS #2**

~~**CONSCIOUSNESS**~~

Gordon Globus, University of California at Irvine, Irvine, California

11:50 **OPEN DISCUSSION**

12:15 **LUNCH BREAK**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

CHAIR: *Lloyd Wells, The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota*

1:30 **Unconscious Experiencing**
Eric Gillett, Kentfield, California

2:00 **A Semiotic Model Of Mind**
David D. Olds, M.D., New York, New York

2:30 **Natural Kinds Of Consciousness: Attractors Or Eigenstates?**
Donald Mender, New York, New York

3:00 AFTERNOON BREAK

**3:30 Dissociative Identity Disorder And The Postmodern Concept Of
Consciousness As Reflections Of A Modern Western Self-Concept**
*Christina M. van der Feltz-Cornelis, Willem van Tilburg, Free University
Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

**4:00 Belief In Mind-Independent Reality Excludes Subjective Experience From
Reality**
H.F. Muller, Verdun, Canada

4:30 Psychiatry and the Spiritual Path
R. Andrew Schultz-Ross, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

5:00 ADJOURNMENT

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