



**Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Association
for the Advancement of Philosophy &
Psychiatry
The Palmer House Hilton
Chicago, Illinois, USA
May 13 & 14, 2000**

One of the enduring philosophical and psychological problems in the Western world is the role of reason and rationality in various human ideals and endeavors. The history of art and ideas reflects the pendulum swings marking the ascendancy of reason and its many alternatives: irrationality, emotionality, intuitiveness, romanticism, subjectivism, creative inspiration, mysticism. Both

within and without Western culture, the place of rationality in attaining knowledge and wisdom is often challenged. There are scientific debates about the place of rationality as a determinant of human action and as a normative concept in defining the healthy personality. Philosophers and psychiatrists both make judgments about rationality and irrationality in their daily work. What theories and criteria guide these judgments? Are such criteria universal, or particularistic and culture-bound, and if the latter, how are specific rationality criteria selected? Once the issue of judgments is raised, further questions of power, responsibility, and ethical stance arise. Who should be empowered to make determinations of rationality, and what epistemic, ontological, and sociopolitical weight do they bear?

The relationship between irrationality and insanity, and the question of the primacy of emotional (affective) versus rational (cognitive) disturbances in the genesis, expression and treatment of mental illness remain major points of contention in discussions about psychopathology.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2000

Salon I, Level 3

9:00 **Welcome & Brief Business Meeting - Jennifer H. Radden, D.Phil.**

SESSION I

Moderator – Patricia S. Greenspan, Ph.D.

9:15 **Affectivity, Rationality, Action, & Choice - George J. Agich, Ph.D.**

10:00 **Shortcomings of Linguistic/Logical Models in Psychotherapy:
An Ontological Critique - Louis S. Berger, Ph.D.**

10:45 **BREAK**

11:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS I
Moral Agency & Criminal Insanity - John Deigh, Ph.D.**

12:10 **LUNCH BREAK**

SESSION II

Moderator – Donald Mender, M.D.

- 1:30** **The Limits of Rationality in Psychotherapy - *Deborah Spitz, M.D.***
- 2:15** **Principles of Charity in the Interpretation of Psychopathology - *Christian Perring, Ph.D.***
- 3:00** **BREAK**
- 3:30** **Emotions & Rationality - *Patricia S. Greenspan, Ph.D.***
- 4:15** **A Basic Model of Modular Rationality - *Dr. David Graves***
- 5:00** **RECEPTION - Monroe Room, Level 6**

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2000

Room H, Level 6

SESSION III

Moderator – John Z. Sadler, M.D.

- 9:15** **The Role of Rationality in a Naturalistic Account of Mental Health & Disease - *Patricia A. Ross, Ph.D.***
- 10:00** **Rationality, Psychotherapy & the Ideals of Mental Health - *Robert L. Woolfolk, Ph.D.***
- 10:45** **BREAK**
- 11:00** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS II**
Rethinking Rationality & Irrationality: Perspectives
from
Cognitive Neuroscience & Psychoanalysis - *Drew Westen, Ph.D.*
- 12:10** **LUNCH BREAK**

SESSION IV

Moderator – Richard Keshen, Ph.D.

- 1:30** **Greek Psychotherapy: Can Reason Guide Life? - s. Nassir Ghaemi, M.D.**
- 2:15** **Agency, Authenticity, & Happiness, or, The Problem of Human Irrationality - Sarah Hamady**
- 3:00** **BREAK**
- 3:30** **Emotions & Force - York Gunther, Ph.D.**
- 4:15** **The Anatomy of a Delusion - James Phillips, M.D.**
- 5:00** **ADJOURN**

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LOCATION

**The Palmer House Hilton
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**Saturday, May 13
Paper Sessions – Salon I, Level 3
Reception – Monroe Room, Level 6**

**Sunday, May 14
Paper Sessions – Room H, Level 6**

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