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### **Education and Qualifications**

November 2016	Board Certification in Psychoanalysis Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies
May, 2004	Certificate in Psychoanalysis Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research
February, 1998	Ph.D., Clinical Psychology City University of New York
September, 1995	Intern, Clinical Psychology Postgraduate Center for Mental Health
August, 1987	B.A., Psychology University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

### **License**

1999-present	NY State Licensed Psychologist #013733
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### **Clinical Experience**

1/99-present	<b>Private Practice</b> <i>575 West End Avenue New York, NY</i> Psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, and neuropsychological testing with adults, adolescents, and children.
1/24-present	<b>Clinical Consultant</b> <i>NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis</i> Supervise training cases for candidates in the adult psychoanalytic training program.
6/15-present	<b>Training and Supervising Analyst</b> <i>Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, New York, NY</i> Supervise training cases and provide clinical psychoanalysis for candidates in the adult psychoanalytic training program.
9/13-8/23	<b>Clinical Supervisor</b> <i>William Alanson White Institute, New York, NY</i> Supervise clinical psychology interns and externs on administering neuropsychological evaluations.
12/09-8/22	<b>Clinical Supervisor</b> <i>Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, City University of New York</i> Supervise clinical psychology graduate students in child psychotherapy.

- 9/07-8/15            **Consulting Psychologist**  
*The Spence School, New York, NY*  
 Provided cognitive evaluations and parent consultation for students at a private elementary school.
- 5/99-3/02            **Consulting Psychologist**  
*Learning Disabilities Unit, SUNY College of Optometry, New York, NY*  
 Administered neuropsychological evaluations and consulted with parents of children suffering from learning disabilities.
- 9/96-5/98            **Staff Therapist**  
*Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, New York, NY*  
 Conducted short- and long-term individual and group psychotherapy and neuropsychological testing with adults, adolescents, and children.
- 5/93-8/95            **Staff Therapist**  
*Metropolitan Center for Mental Health, New York, NY*  
 Conducted supervised psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children.

### **Teaching Experience**

- 9/18-present        **Visiting Lecturer**  
*Anni Bergman Parent-Infant Program*  
 Teach a course on the Freud-Klein Controversies for candidates in the parent-infant observation and treatment program.
- 9/08-present        **Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor**  
*Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, New York University*  
 Instructor in the adult psychoanalytic training program.
- 9/04-present        **Faculty**  
*Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, New York, NY*  
 Instructor in the adult psychoanalytic training program.
- 6/96-8/14            **Adjunct Assistant Professor**  
*Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY*  
 Instructor in the Forensic Psychology Graduate Program.
- 9/02-9/04            **Faculty**  
*National Institute for the Psychotherapies, New York, NY*  
 Instructor in the child psychotherapy training program.
- 9/98-8/99            **Faculty**  
*Metropolitan Institute for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, New York, NY*  
 Instructor in the child psychotherapy training program.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Postgraduate**

- Comparative Psychoanalytic Models
- Contemporary Freudian Perspectives on the Modern Kleinians
- Contemporary Freudian Theory
- Developmental Psychoanalytic Theory
- Freud I (tutorial)
- Freud-Klein Controversies

- History and Theory of Child Psychoanalysis
- Klein and the Neo-Kleinians
- Oedipal Phase and Latency
- Technique of Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy
- The Contributions of Sheldon Bach
- Theory of Psychoanalytic Technique

#### **Graduate**

- Advanced Psychology of Personality
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychodiagnostic Testing
- Psychopathology

#### **Undergraduate**

- Adolescence and Delinquency
- Group Dynamics
- Introductory Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Social Psychology

#### **Research Experience**

- 5/04-9/05      **Associate Director of Research**  
*IPTAR Clinical Center Psychotherapy Research Project, New York, NY*  
 Responsible for planning and coordinating a program of research investigating the process and outcome of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis.
- 3/98-3/00      **Senior Research Consultant**  
*John Jay College, New York, NY*  
 Advisor to researchers and externs, coordinate data collection and analysis on validation study of methods for analyzing witness credibility using videotaped criminal defendant statements made by the New York District Attorney's Office.
- 2/97-5/04      **Research Associate**  
*IPTAR Clinical Center Psychotherapy Research Project, New York, NY*  
 Participant in all aspects of psychotherapy outcome research, including research design, instrument development, and data analysis.
- 7/92-6/95      **Research Coordinator**  
*Pregnancy Project, City College of New York, New York, NY*  
 Coordinated instrument design, reliability training, and data analysis for a study measuring parents' affective representations of their children.
- 1/86-6/87      **Research Assistant**  
*Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI*  
 Involved in reliability training and coding of Rorschach responses for a comparative study of patients suffering from major depression and borderline personality disorder.

#### **Organizations**

Fellow, International Psychoanalytic Association

Member, Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies

Fellow, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research

Member, Psychoanalytic Society, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis

Member, Division of Psychoanalysis, American Psychological Association

### **Editorial Activity**

2025-present Editor-in-Chief, *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*

2024-present Editorial Board Member, *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*

2023 Guest Editor, Special Issue in Honor of the Work of Sheldon Bach.  
*Psychoanalytic Psychology*

2021-2024 Reviewer, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*

2021 Guest Editor, Special Issue on Covid-19. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*

2017-2024 Book Review Editor, *Psychoanalytic Psychology*

2010-present Editorial Board Member, *Psychoanalytic Psychology*

2008-2009 Reviewer, *Psychoanalytic Psychology*

2001-2002 Reviewer, *American Psychological Association Division 39 Spring Conference*

### **Relevant Professional Activity and Institutional Service**

2024-present Member, Admissions Committee, NYU Postdoctoral Program

2022-present Member, Curriculum Committee, NYU Postdoctoral Program

2018-present Associate Dean, *IPTAR*

2006-present Chair, Faculty and Curriculum Committee, *IPTAR*

2006-present Member, Institute Board, *IPTAR*

2021-2022 Member, Progression Committee, NYU Postdoctoral Program

2000-2008 Member, Program Committee, *IPTAR*

2000-2004 Chair, Research Committee, *IPTAR Clinical Center*

2000-2001 Member, Steering Committee, New York IPA Institute Annual meeting

1998-1999 Member, Conference Committee *American Psychological Association Division 39 Spring Conference*

## Dissertation

Vorus, N. (1997). *The Concept of Phantasy in Psychoanalysis: An Examination of the Place of Reality in the Freud-Klein Controversies*

## Publications

Vorus, N. (2025). The interpretive process. *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*, Volume 24, No. 1.

Vorus, N. (2023). Preface. In *Hans W. Loewald's Psychoanalysis*, trans. Seungeob Kim. Seoul: Hana University Press.

Ellman, S. Rosegrant, J., and Vorus, N. (2023) (eds.). Papers in honor of Sheldon Bach. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Volume 40, No. 1.

Ellman, S. and Vorus, N. (2023). The contributions--an overview and integration of the special issue in honor of Sheldon Bach. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Volume 40, No. 1.

Vorus, N. (2022). Commentary: Charles Brenner's Memoir. *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*, Volume 91, No. 3.

Vorus, N. (2021). Review of *Illusion, Disillusion, and Irony in Psychoanalysis*, by John Steiner. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, Volume 102, No. 4.

Vorus, N. (2021). Trying to find someone: A modern Kleinian reconsideration of the treatment of Mrs. C. *Division/Review*, No. 24.

Vorus, N., and Ellman, S. (eds.) (2021). Notes from a pandemic: A year of COVID-19. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* Volume 38, No. 2.

Ellman, S. and Vorus, N. (2021). Commentary on Notes from a pandemic. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* Volume 38, No. 2.

Vorus, N. (2019). Reflections on "Transference, psychic reality, and material reality." In Cancelmo, J., Monder, B., and Myers, H. (eds) *Warmed by the Fires: Selected Papers of Allan Frosch*. Queens, NY: International Psychoanalytic Books.

Vorus, N. (2019). Review of *Chimeras and Other Writings: Selected Papers of Sheldon Bach*, by Sheldon Bach. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* Volume 35, No. 1.

Vorus, N. (2018). Theory of mind and therapeutic action: a contemporary Freudian perspective. In Bonovitz, C. and Harlem, A. (Eds.) *Developmental Approaches to Therapeutic Action in Child Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy*. New York: Routledge.

Vorus, N. (2017). Review of *The Klein-Winnicott Dialectic: Transformative New Metapsychology and Interactive Clinical Theory* by Susan Kavalier-Adler. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* Volume 34, No. 2.

Vorus, N. (2017). Kleinian and Post-Kleinian perspectives on conflict. In Eagle, M. and Christian, C. (Eds.) *Psychoanalysis and Conflict: A Critical Reassessment*. New York: Routledge.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Vorus, N., and Frosch, A. (2012). The effectiveness of psychoanalytic psychotherapy: the role of treatment duration, frequency of sessions, and the therapeutic relationship. In Freedman, N., Hurvich, R., and Ward, R. (Eds) *Another Kind of Evidence*, Chapter 1. London: Karnac.

Geller, J., Bender, D., Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Kagan, D., Schaffer, C., and Vorus, N. (2012). Patients' representations of the therapeutic dialogue: a pathway toward the evaluation of psychotherapy process and outcome. In Freedman, N., Hurvich, R., and Ward, R. (Eds) *Another Kind of Evidence*, Chapter 2. London: Karnac.

Geller, J., Bender, D., Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Kagan, D., Schaffer, C., and Vorus, N. (2012). The RTD coding system and its clinical application: a new approach to studying patients' representations of the therapeutic dialogue. In Freedman, N., Hurvich, R., and Ward, R. (Eds) *Another Kind of Evidence*, Chapter 3. London: Karnac.

Vorus, N. (2011). Cultivating Meaningspace: Freudian and Neo-Kleinian Conceptions of Therapeutic Action. In Druck, A., Ellman, C., Freedman, N., and Thaler, A. (Eds.) *A New Freudian Synthesis: Clinical Process in the Next Generation*. London: Karnac.

Vorus, N. (2010). The Controversial Discussions. In Ellman, S. *When Theories Touch: A Historical and Theoretical Integration of Psychoanalytic Thought*, Chapter 7. London: Karnac.

Vorus, N. (2006). Central concepts of the Freud-Klein debates. *Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy*, Volume 5, No. 3.

Vorus, N. and Vorus, T. S. (eds) (2006). The Developmental Theories of Freud and Klein. *Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy*, Volume 5, No. 3.

Davis, M., Walters, S., Markus, K., Vorus, N., and Connors, B. (2005). Behavioral cues to deception vs. topic incriminating potential in criminal confessions. *Law and Human Behavior* Volume 19, No. 6.

Vorus, N., and Wilson, A. (2004). Conceptual frontiers: Representation and object relations. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* Volume 85, No. 6.

Vorus, N. (2004). Treatment of an adopted child: Connections lost and found. *Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy* Volume 3, No. 3.

Vorus, N. (2003) Disquieting phantasy: Klein-Freud controversies. *The Psychoanalytic Review* Volume 90, No. 1.

Davis, M., Walters, S., Vorus, N., and Connors, B. (2000). Defensive demeanor profiles. *American Journal of Dance Therapy*, Volume 22, No. 2.

Vorus, N. (2000). Analytic effectiveness. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Vol. 17, No. 2.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Vorus, N., and Frosch, A. (1999). The effectiveness of psychoanalytic psychotherapy: The role of treatment duration, frequency of sessions, and the therapeutic relationship. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, Vol 47, No. 3.

Stuart, J., Westen, D., Lohr, N., Benjamin, J., Becker, S., Vorus, N., Silk, K. (1990). Object relations in borderlines, depressives, and normals: An examination of human responses on the Rorschach. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, Vol. 55, No. 2.

## Presentations

Vorus, N. (2025). *The Interpretive Process*. Paper presentation, American Psychoanalytic Association Annual Meeting.

Vorus, N. (2024). *Processes of Interpretation*. Paper presentation, conference on *Vectors of Contemporary Freudian Thought*, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2024). *The Interpretive Process*. Paper presented to the Vermont Psychoanalytic Study Group.

Vorus, N. (2023). *The Interpretive Process*. Paper presented for a program on Loewald's Concept of Interpsychic Communication, The Loewald Center.

Vorus, N. (2023). *On Authority in Psychoanalysis II: Combining Rigor, Multiplicity, and Innovation*. Panel Discussion, Spring Colloquium, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Ellman, S., Rosegrant, J. and Vorus, N. (2023). *The Work of Sheldon Bach: Narcissism, Sadoomasochism, and the Clinical Situation*. Conference Co-Chair, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2023). *The Interpretive Process: A Contemporary Reconsideration*. Paper presented to the Freudian Lounge, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2022). *On Authority in Psychoanalysis: Combining Rigor, Multiplicity, and Innovation in Becoming an Analyst Today*. Panel Discussion, Fall Colloquium, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2021). *Psychoanalysis During and After the Pandemic*. Presentation to the Education Meeting, William Alanson White Institute for Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis, and Psychology.

Vorus, N. (2018). *The Case of Mrs. C: A Kleinian/Contemporary Freudian Perspective*. Conference on *Revolutions in Technique*, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2018). *Discussion of "Klein's R/evolution in Psychoanalysis,"* by Ronald Britton. Conference on *Revolutions in Technique*, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2015). *Implications of the Interpsychic Turn in Contemporary Freudian Theory*. Paper presented to the Freudian Lounge, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2012). *The Cultivation of Meaningspace*. Clinic Symposium, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2011). *Gender Development: Contemporary Freudian Views*. Paper presented to the Freudian Lounge, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2009). *Contemporary Freudian Theories of Development: A New Look*. Paper presented to the Freudian Lounge, NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

Vorus, N. (2009). *Contemporary Freudian Technique: An Integrative Summation*. Discussion of papers presented at the Conference, *Radical Integrations in Psychoanalytic Technique*. Institute For Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2009). *Discussion of "A Study of the Process of Change Study Group"* by Ellman, S., and Moskowitz, M. Investigative Series Presentation, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. and Bergman, A. (2008) *Object Constancy: A Critical Review*. Workshop Presentation, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2007). *Freudian and Kleinian Perspectives on Internalization*. Presentation to the Internship/Externship Program, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. (2005). *Central Concepts in the Freud-Klein Debate*. Conference Presentation, The Developmental Theories of Freud and Klein, Mt. Sinai College of Medicine.

Freedman, N., Vorus, N., Hoffenberg, J., and Webster, J. (2004). *Reminiscing and Recollecting--The Evidentiary Basis of Conceptual Research: Perspectives Drawn from Psychoanalytic Process, Qualitative Analysis of Text, and Cognitive Neuroscience*. 43<sup>rd</sup> International Psychoanalytic Congress, International Psychoanalytic Association.

Vorus, N., Freedman, N. and Hoffenberg, J. (2004). *Frequency of Sessions and the Effectiveness of Psychotherapy*. Panel Presentation, 43<sup>rd</sup> International Psychoanalytic Congress, International Psychoanalytic Association.

Vorus, N., Freedman, N., and Hoffenberg, J. (2004). *Reminiscing and Recollection: Cognitive Neuroscience, Memory, and Therapeutic Action*. Investigative Series Presentation, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N. and Meiland, P. (2002). *How Learning Problems Effect the Whole Person: The Broader Psychosocial Impact of Learning Disorders*. Panel Presentation, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New York Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Vorus, N. (2001) *Treatment of an Adopted Child*. Conference Presentation, Connections Lost and Found: The Psychology of Adoption and Foster Care.

Gold, J., Meiland, P., Springer, F., and Vorus, N. (2001). *The Diagnosis of Dyslexia and Comorbid Conditions with Guidelines for Treatment*. Panel Presentation, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New York Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Vorus, N (2000). *Research in Psychoanalysis: Effectiveness, Internalization, and the Good Hour*. Panel Chair, IPTAR 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference: Contemporary Perspectives on Enactment, Gender, and the Dynamic Unconscious.

Davis, M., Walters, S., Vorus, N., Meiland, P. and Markus, K. (2000). *Verbal and nonverbal cues to false testimony in criminal investigations*. Presentation, 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, American Psychological Association.



Vorus, N. (2000). *The Freud-Klein Controversies: A Historical Perspective*. Conference Presentation, Contemporary Freud-Klein Controversies: Clinical and Technical Implications.

Vorus, N. (2000). *Disquieting Phantasy: Origins of the Freud-Klein Controversies*. Paper presentation, Third Avenue Lecture Series, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Vorus, N., Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J. (2000). *Time Spent in Treatment: Assessing Frequency, Duration, and the Therapeutic Relationship*. Colloquium Presentation, Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus.

Vorus, N. Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Frosch, A. (1999). *Effectiveness of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: Assessing Frequency, Duration, and the Therapeutic Relationship*. Panel Presentation, 107th Annual Meeting, American Psychological Association.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Vorus, N. (1999). *Time Spent in Treatment II: Intensity of Treatment Exposure, the Therapeutic Relationship, and Clinical Syndrome*. Presentation, 41st International Psychoanalytic Congress, International Psychoanalytic Association.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Vorus, N. (1999). *Time Spent in Treatment I: A report from Porto Allegra, Brazil and Mid-Manhattan*. Presentation, 1999 Precongress on Psychoanalytic Research, International Psychoanalytic Association.

Davis, M., Vorus, N., Walters, S., Peirce, S. (1999). *The Credibility Analysis Validity Study*. Presentation to Investigators, Faculty, and Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., Vorus, N., and Frosch, A. (1998). *The Effectiveness of Psychoanalytic Therapy: Duration and Frequency of Sessions and the Treatment Relationship*. Panel presentation, 18th Annual Spring Meeting, Division of Psychoanalysis (39), American Psychological Association.

Freedman, N., Hoffenberg, J., and Vorus, N., (1997). *The Effectiveness of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*. Presentation to the Department of Psychology, Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York.