

The Freud Café



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with open discussion about their impact on our lives today.

Monday, January 30, 2017

8:00 to 9:30pm

@ the Arbor Room, Hart House, University of Toronto
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3 (lower level)

In the Beginning was the Name:

The Language of the Unconscious

Our origins are intimately linked with our name, a noun not chosen but lovingly given and assigned to us. Names are both a mark of separation and a trait of affiliation. For most of us, a close association develops between our name and the person we are, such that the sound of our name reverberates deep within us.

In psychoanalytic work, we are forever at the mercy of words to engage in our practice and names are signifiers that easily run amuck. This presentation will explore such questions as: Do names have a privileged position in psychoanalysis? What is so 'proper' about proper names and why are they so significant? How do names function in analytic work?

Guest Speaker: Mavis Himes, PhD | Clinical Psychologist | Lacanian Analyst | Consultant, Wellspring, Cancer Centre for patients and families | Director, Speaking of Lacan Psychoanalytic Group | Author, *The Power of Names: Uncovering the Mystery of What We Are Called* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016) and *The Sacred Body: A Therapist's Journey* (Stoddart, 2002).



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