



Australian and New Zealand Society of Jungian Analysts
Invitation to Mental Health Professionals

The Death Mother

Part 1 of The Great Mother Series

Online via Zoom

Saturday 1st March 2025, 9.00 am–12.00 pm AEDT
(Friday 28th February 2025, 4.00 pm–7.00 pm CST)



Dolls by Merilee Bennett

The Death Mother wields a cold, fierce, violent, and corrosive power. She is rampant in our society right now. When Death Mother's gaze is directed at us, it penetrates both psyche and body, turning us into stone.

~ MARION WOODMAN, 2009

This presentation will focus on the Death Mother archetype, beginning with placing the Death Mother within the context of Neumann's Mother archetype map and exploring her current social and cultural manifestations, including an exploration of the various archetypal complexes that show up in mothering (for example, the Vampire mother).

We will go on to explore the powerful impact of the Death Mother in her fullest sense at the level of literal and psychological infanticide.

We will weave psychoanalytic infanticidal attachment theory with the Death Mother complex as experienced within mother and child, and how to recognise and be with this presentation in the therapy room. There will be room for discussion.

The presentation will be structured as follows:

1. Mapping out the Death Mother spectrum including the Dark Mother complexes. including where it fits in Neumann's Mother archetype map, and where it aligns or doesn't with the dark goddesses such as Kali.
2. Exploring various Dark Mother complexes.
3. The situation of literal and/or psychological infanticide and the full force of the Death Mother - both mother and child and the layers of trauma and toxic shame enacted.
4. In the therapy room and discussion.

While it is not mandatory, you may also be interested in attending the other events of **The Great Mother Series:**

- **The Transforming Power of the Great Mother: Witch and Muse**
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(15th March 2025 - Online: 9.00 am—12.00pm AEDT)
- **Personal and Collective Exploration of The Great Mother Through Doll Making**
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Please note, this is a one Day Embodied Workshop, Canterbury VIC.

(29th March 2025 - One day workshop: 9.30am—4.30pm AEDT)

PRESENTERS



Dr Violet Sherwood is a Jungian-inspired psychotherapist, author and independent researcher. She lives a simple and mythopoetic life in the beautiful seaside community of Whaingaroa Raglan, New Zealand, where she practises psychotherapy, teaches qigong, and continues to dive into the

underground depths of the Dark Goddess and her Mystery. Her book *Haunted: The Death Mother Archetype* (Chiron Publications), weaves symbolic aspects of psychological infanticide with psychoanalytic theory of traumatic attachment and the literal truth of a centuries-old history of infanticide in the western world. She brings her lived experience of psychological infanticide and her journey into, and out of, the underworld into a conversation of healing and compassion as we navigate the realm of the Death Mother, personally, culturally and in therapy. She presents and consults, on the Death Mother and psychological infanticide.



Dr Brooke Laufer, Psy.D. is an independent scholar, writer, and clinician with a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies. She practices from a Jungian orientation and has specialized training in motherhood, perinatal mood disorders, and maternal trauma. Her book, *Uncovering the Act of Maternal Infanticide from a Psychological, Political, and Jungian Perspective*, was published by Routledge in 2024. Dr. Laufer serves as an expert witness specializing in cases of neonaticide, infanticide and maternal filicide. For more information, visit www.drbrookelaufer.com

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Time:	9.00 am to 12.00 pm AEDT (28 th February 2025, 4.00—7.00 pm CST)
Venue:	Online via Zoom
Cost:	
Full fee:	\$180 AUD (incl. GST)
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