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Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry

Summer Program in Social & Cultural Psychiatry

Art & Healing

June 2-6, 2025 – *Montreal, Quebec*

This workshop will explore the relevance of the arts to cultural psychiatry in relation to mental health promotion, advocacy, research, clinical practice and global mental health. Presentations and art activities will address conceptual frameworks, relevant theory and modes of clinical practice with creative arts—including theatre, visual arts, music, and dance—with opportunities for experiential learning and critical reflection. Faculty include clinicians with expertise applying the arts in work with people with severe mental illness, children and youth at risk, refugees and other migrants, Indigenous communities, and marginalized groups.

**Art and Healing in Historical Perspective • Healing & Poiesis • Dance, Theatre & Ritual
Artist as Scientist: The Healing Power of Form • Decolonization and Arts Methods
Psychohistoriography • Community Engagement & Research Methods
Embodiment, Trauma & Healing • Global Health and Arts**

Faculty

Jaswant Guzder (Workshop Director), *Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill*

Jacques Arpin, *psychiatrist, anthropologist, independent scholar, Geneva*

Debbie-Ann Chambers, *University of West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica*

Gilah Yelin Hirsch, *Professor of Art Emerita, California State University, Dominguez Hills*

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