

# Trauma Society:

## Meaning and Uses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

**Sally Satel, M.D.**

Since Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) entered the psychiatric lexicon in 1980, PTSD has become a popular diagnosis that is often misapplied in the clinical and forensic arenas. The talk will trace the history of the PTSD concept, clinical myths and realities of PTSD, and its relevance to Iraq war veterans.

Dr. Satel is a Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. She studies domestic drug and mental health policy, as well as political trends in medicine.

She also currently works as a staff psychiatrist at the Oasis Drug Treatment Clinic and is a Lecturer at Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Satel recently served on the panel (the Fowler Commission) that reviewed sexual misconduct allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy. She has worked on the professional staff of the Committee on Veteran's Affairs of the U.S. Senate, and as Assistant professor of psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine.

**Saturday September 11  
2-4pm**

**Montgomery County Library  
Bethesda Branch**

7400 Arlington Road  
Bethesda, Maryland  
(A short walk from the Bethesda  
Metro station)

*October 23:*  
Dan Falk, science journalist  
**"Universe on a T-Shirt: The  
Quest for the Theory of  
Everything"**



**National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series**

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# Shadow of a Doubt

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

SEPT 2004

## Letter from the President

Dear NCAS member,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and, probably, an enjoyable vacation, and as you start to think about fall—work, school, and more traffic on the roads and metro—we hope that you will also think about NCAS.

Please check the label on this issue of the “*Shadow*,” and, if the expiration date has passed or is about to pass, we hope that you will continue your membership by sending in your dues for the coming year (\$30/member, \$40/two at same address [website has more options]).

Although NCAS is a volunteer organization, we do need income to carry out our full program: printing and mailing of “*Shadow*” and “*Eye*,” meeting room costs (minimal, but not free), NCAS telephone line, spring weekend, special events such as movie nights and shows outside of our normal monthly lectures, participation in local science fairs (with awards for skeptically-based projects), and special public service projects such as our putting rare documents like the Condon UFO Report on the web.

We are busy planning our 2004/2005 program. In addition to the September program (covered on the reverse side) we have Toronto journalist Dan Falk talking about the “*Theory of Everything*” in October, and are starting to plan our 2005 spring weekend. With a start date of Friday, April 1, “*Fooling Around*” seems like an appropriate topic, so our theme this year will be frauds and scams—identity theft, email scams, health and nutrition claims—and perhaps a magic trick or two to entertain you. *More details later.*

We need your support to both entertain and inform you at our monthly lectures and to provide an important

service in promoting critical thinking in the National Capital area. We hope that you will come to our monthly lectures and continue to support NCAS.

Sincerely,  
Marv Zerkowitz  
NCAS President

## Smithsonian Resident Associate Program— Intuition: Its Powers and Perils

How reliable is our intuition? How much should we depend on gut-level instinct rather than rational analysis when we play the stock market, choose a mate, hire an employee, or assess our own abilities?

In this engaging and accessible presentation, renowned psychologist David G. Myers illustrates that, while intuition can provide us with useful (and often amazing) insights, it can also dangerously mislead us.

Drawing on recent psychological research, Dr. Myers defines the parameters of intuition and applies them to individual perception, as well as practical situations.

Dr. Myers is the author of many books on psychology, including the well-received *Intuition: Its Powers and Perils*. This book will be available for sale and signing after the presentation.

**When:** Evening seminar, Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**Tickets:** Gen. Admission \$40, RAP Members \$30, Senior Members \$27

**Location:** Marion & Gustave Ring Auditorium, Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Independence Ave. & 7th Street, SW



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