

Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies and its Extension Division
present

Psychoanalysis & the Arts

Bloomsbury “Family Values”

Circles of Trust in the Life and Work of Virginia Woolf

This lecture will explore Virginia Woolf’s complex relationship to the notion of “family” in her novels and life-writings, through the lens of Classical Anthropologist, Jane Ellen Harrison, who, in addition to being a renowned feminist scholar and intellectual role model for Woolf, was also an early reader and advocate of Sigmund Freud’s work. With an emphasis on *To the Lighthouse*, *Between the Acts*, and the memoir fragments in *Moments of Being*, Mills examines the matriarchs, patriarchs, and alternative “found” families throughout Virginia Woolf’s life and work, as she restores the connection between two major feminist intellectuals and adds Harrison’s contributions as a key figure in the anthropology and archaeology movements to Freud’s intellectual consanguinity.

Jean Mills, PhD, a professor of 20th Century British Literature at City University’s John Jay College of Criminal Justice, specializes in Virginia Woolf, Modernism, biography, and women writers of the 1920’s and 1930’s. She is the recipient of several prizes and awards for her research, and is currently at work on a book on Virginia Woolf and the Classical Anthropologist, Jane Ellen Harrison.

Friday March 6th 7:30–9PM

No Charge ■ RSVP is requested ■ 212.260.7050

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