

B. WILLIAM BRENNAN**Ferenczi's Forgotten Messenger – the Life and Work of Izette de Forest Revisited.**

From Stratford Connecticut to Budapest Hungary, from the lavish Tiffany mansion on Madison Ave to a rustic farmhouse in New Hampshire – the untold story of Ferenczi's analysis and Izette de Forest is one which captures the pioneering spirit of one of America's female lay analysts and celebrates the adventure of the analytic encounter. Izette's encounter with Ferenczi is a story of desire – inside and outside of the analysis. While Ferenczi's influence in North America is often attributed to Clara Thompson, Izette de Forest was one of the first Americans to bring Ferenczi's ideas to North America. In this presentation I will trace de Forest's involvement as one of the first American women to be trained by the Budapest school during Ferenczi's active technique period. I will reexamine her view of Ferenczi's ideas put forward in her book "The Leaven of Love". I will compare and contrast her view of Ferenczi's technique with those of Clara Thompson, and discuss the forces which marginalized de Forest's voice. I will argue that although Clara Thompson is often seen as the major protégé of Ferenczi in North America, that Izette de Forest is Ferenczi's forgotten messenger.

I will also discuss my own adventure within this adventure – the desire and danger I encountered as I did this research. I will draw from newly discovered primary source material including letters from Sandor Ferenczi, Anna Freud, Dorothy Burlingham, Clara Thompson and Erich Fromm.

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