

DENA REED

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARDEE

Dr. Dena Reed began her years of leadership in psychoanalytic education in 1992 as Dean of Graduate Studies of the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, growing since then into successive positions of leadership, including Provost, and, since 2004, President of the Graduate School. Informed by her psychoanalytic training, completed in 1990, as well as her experience as Psychiatric Chief Resident at the Tufts New England Medical Center earlier in the 1980s, Dr. Reed brings her understanding of both educational processes and unconscious dynamics to bear on psychoanalytic education. In addition to her role as President, Dr. Reed serves as a faculty member, training analyst, and supervising analyst at BGSP.

Under Dr. Reed's guidance, the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis has been on the forefront of challenging traditional restrictions to psychoanalytic education. She was instrumental in gaining degree-granting status for the School, which offers Master's degrees as well as the Doctor of Psychoanalysis degree, making it possible for students from all walks of life to engage in psychoanalytic training. She furthermore has been very active in the regional accreditation process, helping to secure accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. She continues to advocate for increasing access to quality psychoanalytic education.

In addition to her years of clinical and administrative experience, Dr. Reed promotes psychoanalytic research as a means of increasing communication about this unique field of study. She actively applies her expertise in somatic factors and psychopathology to psychoanalytic research, including studies of unconscious factors in psychosomatic conditions such as migraines. Her current research pertains to children with Asperger's syndrome.