



# **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Sunrise Ranch

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June 11, 2026 – Analyst Retreat and Candidate Retreat

June 12 – June 13, 2025, CGJIC Conference

## **Thursday, June 11**

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Analysts and Candidates arrive for their retreats.  
*Analysts meet in Family Room (same place as last year.)*  
*Candidates meet in Mountain View meeting room (main meeting room)*
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Check in for anyone arriving on Thursday.
- 4:30 p.m.** Retreat concludes
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner (*Dining room*)
- 7:45 p.m.** Fireside Fairytales and Myths (*Analysts/Candidates*)  
*Electronic candles will be utilized if there are fire restrictions.*

## **Friday, June 12**

*All conference presentations will be held in the Mountain View meeting room unless otherwise noted.*

**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Candidate’s case colloquium – Family Room (*Analyst Chris Chao*)

**Noon** **Lunch**

### **Conference Begins**

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.** Welcoming Address: Lara Newton, President, CGJIC  
Program Logistics: Claudia Schmitt, Vice President, CGJIC  
CGJIC Analysts’ Business Meeting  
Candidates’ Process Meeting/Check-in with Training Committee (*Family Room*)

<b>2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	Welcome Circle for New Candidates
<b>3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	Break and Snack ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )
<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>	Dream Circle
<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>	Registration for invited guests having dinner
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner
<b>7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>	Registration for invited Guests
<b>7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.</b>	Keynote Address by Lara Newton, MA. <i>{open to invited guests}</i> <b>Presents</b>

### **Alchemy and the Mystery of Life**

“The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing — to reach the Mountain, to find the place where all the beauty came from — my country, the place where I ought to have been born. Do you think it all meant nothing, all the longing? The longing for home? For indeed it now feels not like going, but like going back.”

— C. S. Lewis, *Till We Have Faces*

Where does the study of alchemy take us, or perhaps a better question, how does it even begin? I want to propose to you in this presentation that alchemy is, in fact, life.

Yes, alchemy is a word that we use for a quite esoteric study, a process of transforming substances from one form to another, a study that often leaves us scratching our heads and saying something like, “Wow, that is really dense!” However, a discovery that I began to make at a certain point in my study is that alchemy, or concepts that are suspiciously similar to it and its tenets, is all around us.

In this talk, I will take us to the very beginning, the basic principles of alchemy. As we walk through the stages and look at some of the elements and operations that make up this subject, I will weave in every-day life experiences, dreams, fairy tales, and demonstrate how the experience of alchemical transformation is present in our every breath, in our very existence.

The quote above by C.S. Lewis introduces a concept that is not always coupled with a discussion of alchemy. Yet this concept is vital to the understanding of what drives any alchemical process... what makes the alchemist spend long hours in the laboratory; what drives us to pore over alchemical texts and Jung’s writings about them? There is an experience of human longing that is basic to our quest for meaning, and it is that experience of longing that makes the strange, sometimes confusing realm of alchemy suddenly come alive. We look into the void, and the void looks back. I would add that we see something worth striving for, and from that moment on, we are never exactly the same as we were before.

In this talk, I hope to bring the world of every-day experience into our view, and to open us up to the simple beauty of that essentially alchemical world. It is in that opening that we recognize what we have longed to understand all along – the mystery at the heart of our lives.

## **Saturday, June 13**

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast (*Dining Hall*)
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Krista Scorson, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC** *{open to invited guests}*  
**Presents**

### **Sulphur: An Alchemical Paradox of Poison, Fire, and the Path to Wholeness.**

*Sulphur*, one of the central substances in alchemical thought, embodies a profound paradox as both poison and medicine, as well as destruction and illumination. Associated with fire, passion, and the volatile essence of the soul, *sulphur* reflects the intensity of psychic life that can both destabilize and transform. This presentation explores *sulphur* as a symbolic expression of inner conflict and creative tension, particularly in relation to trauma, suffering, and the human drive toward meaning. Through an alchemical and depth psychological lens, *sulphur* reveals the necessity of engaging what burns, disrupts, and resists integration. By holding the tension of these opposites, the very forces that threaten fragmentation may become catalysts for transformation and can illuminate a path toward greater wholeness and consciousness.

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Lindsey Rutledge, MD** *{open to invited guests}*  
**Presents: Alchemical Monstrosities in the Psyche and the Collective**

Within the strange and symbolic world of alchemy, the imagery portrays “monstrosities” hybrid creatures stitched together from lion claws, eagle wings, serpent tails, and human faces. When we explore alchemy as a metaphor for the human psyche, we can understand these mismatched body parts as representing different complexes pulling the soul in competing directions. Collectively, societies display similar psychological hybrids—movements or institutions composed of incompatible values and motivations forced into uneasy coexistence. Alchemy did not simply catalogue these psychic contradictions; it sought to transform them. Through symbolic “operations” such as *dissolutio*, *putrifactio*, and *calcinatio*, the alchemist aimed to break down the chaotic mixture and reforge it into a more integrated whole. What first appears as a grotesque creature is therefore the beginning of a process: the recognition of inner multiplicity that, if consciously worked with, can lead to healing, balance, and the emergence of a more unified self.

*This concludes the public portion of the conference.  
Invited guests are still invited to stay for lunch.*

**11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

**Krista Scorsone, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC**

**Individuation Presentation** *{analysts and candidates only}*

**Noon**

**Lunch** *(Dining Hall)*

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Lindsey Geiger, M.A., LMFT**

**Presents**

**Never Not Broken: Alchemical Transformation of the Animal Body in Trauma Resolution**

In trauma, primal instincts to survive collide with powerful archetypal experiences, setting off seemingly endless cycles of pain. We suffer greatly in our reactive responses to trauma, making it difficult to realize that our animal bodies hold invaluable capacities for mending our soul's wounds and fractures. As Jung suggested, alchemy beautifully illustrates the intricate processes of psychic transformation, and it emphasizes the integration of the physical matter of our bodies to bring wholeness. A series of compelling alchemical images will be explored, helpfully illuminating the psychological transformations in the nervous system, the heart work of relational trauma, and the higher aspects of thought and spiritual practice in trauma resolution.

**2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Break

**2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Lynne Radomsky, Ph.D**

**Presents**

**The Eland People: Alchemy and Initiation**

This journey takes us into the remote region of the Kalahari Desert that borders Botswana, Namibia South Africa, and the territory of the San Bushman, the first people. Here we enter the realms of the unfathomable mystery of the unitary nature of spirit and matter. The San Bushman people have a differentiated sense of obedience to their basic inner being which manifests as a deep respect for and relatedness to nature, the animal, and spirit. For me, personally, the relatedness to these people and their deeply spiritual way of life offers a unique gift of touching and being touched by the archetypal material and the symbolic language embedded in these experiences but also how these precious gifts can be brought back into consciousness or actuality.

In this presentation we will explore the initiation embodied in the spiritual hunt and healing dance, and the transformation of the individual through the connection to an inner numinous God-image. We will amplify this by considering the alchemical *Nigredo*, *Albedo* and *Rubedo* in relation to the stages the *coniunctio* as highlighted by Dorn and the psychology of C. G. Jung. The focus here is the emergence of an *opus divinum*, an individual undertaking, the outcome of which is the healing capacity. As such, this ritual can be understood, psychologically, as an image of the individuation process. The presentation includes video footage.

**4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Personal Time

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Happy Hour Reception (*Dining Hall*)

**6:00 p.m.**

Banquet (*Dining Hall*)

## **About Our Presenters**

**Lara Newton** is president of the C.G. Jung Institute of Colorado. She enjoys teaching, studying poetry, alchemy, Celtic mythology, and fairy tales. She has published and lectured internationally on these topics and others. She also enjoys traveling, baking, and playing with her grandchildren.

**Krista Scorsone, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC**, is an advanced training candidate at the C. G. Jung Institute of Colorado. She maintains a private practice specializing in trauma, chronic pain, and addiction. In addition to her clinical work, she is a full-time professor at Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

**Lindsey Rutledge, MD**, is a psychiatrist and Jungian Analyst in private practice in Littleton, Colorado. She received her medical degree from Creighton University and completed psychiatry residency training at Montefiore Medical Center, followed by a trauma fellowship at Sheppard Pratt. She has completed formal Jungian analytic training. Dr. Rutledge's work focuses on integrating depth psychology with contemporary psychiatry. She is particularly interested in the role of dreams, symbolic life, and the intersection of individual and collective psychology. Her teaching emphasizes making Jungian concepts accessible to modern audiences and bridging analytic thought with trauma-informed care. In addition to her clinical practice, she facilitates dream groups.

**Lindsey Geiger, M.A., LMFT** is a diplomate Jungian Analyst with a private practice in Colorado. The focus of her work includes anxiety and trauma, religious and spiritual wounding and resolution, and creative recovery.

**Lynne Radomsky, Ph.D.**, clinical psychologist, Jungian analyst, author and international lecturer from Cape Town, South Africa. For over 30 years, her professional focus includes private practice, post-graduate clinical training and professional supervision. She has a life-long interest in the symbols of the objective psyche, dreams, mythology, Alchemy, the mystical traditions of Orthodox Judaism and the indigenous cultural, spiritual and healing rituals and ceremonies of the African people. She has published widely on these topics including her book "*Where dreams Come Alive: The Alchemy of the African Healer*" (Chiron Publishers, 2019).