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***Moral Injury and the  
Intergenerational  
Transmission of Suicide***

**Saturday November 17, 2018**

**9:00 am — Registration/Coffee  
9:30 am — 12 pm — Presentation**

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## Topic

A family history of suicide confers a risk of suicide on surviving family members, yet the mechanisms for the intergenerational transmission of suicide are poorly understood. The intrapsychic labor that occurs within surviving family members following a suicide is examined, particularly around the issue of moral injury, the potential emergence of a mysterious object relation, and the relation of these to the Third. Survivors may embark on what Apprey (2014) has called an “urgent errand” which can lead to the emergence of identifications with the family member who has performed suicide. Various case examples of the intergenerational transmission of suicide will be discussed in an effort to elucidate dynamic formulations about this particular state of mind.

## About the Presenter

Jane G. Tillman, PhD, ABPP is the Evelyn Stefanson Nef Director of the Erikson Institute of the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, MA. A clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst she has a research interest in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

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## Learning Objectives

**After attending this intermediate-level program, participants will be able:**

1. To define moral injury.
2. To identify the intrapsychic alterations that are associated with suicidal states of mind.
3. To develop a psychodynamic formulation about suicidal thinking that occurs in patients with a family history of suicide.

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