

Priscila Menegon Castrucci Caviglia

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I met Priscila when she was 17 years old, a freshman at the *Escola Paulista de Medicina da Universidade Federal de São Paulo* (Unifesp - Paulista School of Medicine at the Federal University of São Paulo). I remember it well: a quick introduction, and exchange of just a few words. I did not realize then that this was the start of a long journey- with occasional encounters -that after our respective graduations as psychiatrists would have put us together again as part of the second class of the Jungian analyst training course of the Brazilian Analytical Psychology Society (SBPA, in Portuguese), the first Jungian society in Latin America to be recognized by the International Association of Analytical Psychology (IAAP), based in Zurich.

During the SBPA program, we had a greater contact at the training activities. We talked about the offerings, family, about her children, Thiago and Ivan, who arrived before my own, except for her much youngest Pedro. On one occasion, Priscilla shared with the group an adventure with her husband Osvaldo and friends, who were sailing towards the Abrolhos Archipelago, on the Brazilian coast, which caused us great apprehension due to the turbulence they were facing; in the end, fortunately, they all came back safe and sound. We also discussed, of course, our clinical cases, seminars, our fascination with Jung's work. Priscilla stood out for her goodwill and empathy for everyone in this group, and her dedication to training was remarkable.

After the training, and now fully recognized Jungian analysts, we dedicated ourselves to the personal projects that were on hold. But this only lasted a short time. There was a desire to engage in a new challenge in which Glauco Ulson was a reference, and there was Priscilla, enthusiastic and enthusing others. She was an important figure in the creation of the second Jungian society in Brazil. Together with Carlos Alberto Correa Salles (now deceased) from Minas Gerais, Walter and Paula Boechat from Rio de Janeiro, Elizabeth Bauch-Zimmermann, Glauco, Priscila and I from São Paulo, in 1991, we started the Brazilian Jungian Association (AJB, in Portuguese), which only had three institutes: Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo, compared with the current eight that there are today.



In the beginning, the AJB had no great pretensions. The idea was to bring together a group that thought about training in a different way, whose components had the same fundamental purposes as analytic psychology. With the recognition of AJB by the IAAP as an institution authorized to train analysts, the Association strengthened and expanded.

If, for 26 years, Priscila was one of the pillars of the AJB, having been one of its founders; the same can be said of her relationship with the São Paulo Jungian Institute (IJUSP, in Portuguese), which, although officially founded in 1994, had existed informally since the foundation of the national association, since the institutes were, from the beginning, the executive branch of the AJB, responsible for the dissemination of Jungian thinking and the training of future Jungian analysts regionally.

For most of these years, Priscila held positions on the boards of AJB and IJUSP. In fact, it was her idea to change the acronym from "IJSB", which was difficult to pronounce, to IJUSP. From 2008 until 2014, she was involved herself less with boards, returning to the position of director of teaching at IJUSP, which was what most inspired her, under the 2014-2016 management.

In 2016, when we took over the new management, she offered to continue her work on the teaching board, with her vast experience, mainly in preparing future IJUSP Jungian analysts. Unfortunately, hardly three months after the start of this new management, she had to take medical leave, no longer able to continue her activities in the institute, as part of the teaching directorship and in the teaching practice itself, which she enjoyed immensely, and for which she had great skill. By the end of 2016, she had to undergo surgery and, a few days after the procedure, she was already attending to her patients, who held her in such high esteem. Even at this difficult time, Priscilla did not give up.

She had the dream of making social service at IJUSP a reality, including linking it to the training course for analysts, a dream that has been gradually taking place, although it is not yet part of the teaching program.

Priscila was also intensely involved in the group that created *Self – Revista do Instituto Junguiano de São Paulo*, an initiative of Dulce Briza and implemented by Ricardo Pires de Souza. We at IJUSP had the pleasure her presence just at the commemoration of *Self's* first anniversary in May of last year.

Personally, when I had the idea to create the Nucleus of Spirituality and Religion (NERE, in Portuguese) at IJUSP, she, as always, supported the uplifting initiative and helped me in the coordination of activities. Once again, Priscilla played an important role in ensuring that an initiative like NERE continued. In fact, she was a person strongly attached to spirituality. She was a devout Catholic with a great devotion to religion, in an intense and profound way, which was always part of her process of individuation.

Even after her surgery, she still showed great enthusiasm in celebrating the 35th anniversary of our graduation with our medical school classmates, touching everyone with her affection and sympathy.

Something that probably many don't know is that Priscilla was a "gringa", as we sometimes called her, for she in fact was born in England when her parents, Pliny and Adriana, spent some time living there.

Another fact that I also find curious was the choice of the theme for her Jungian analyst monograph: "An archetypal study of death". Priscilla wanted to study and discuss death and its importance for the human being, based on the most diverse rituals throughout history to the most different symbolic representations. Today we would say that the choice of this theme must have helped her greatly in the transition from material to spiritual life, which is how she saw it. She and Zilda Machado, her colleague and friend, published the book "*Perder e encontrar: luta e saudade na psicologia analitica*" ("Loss and rediscovery: mourning and longing in analytical psychology") each responsible for one of the two parts that, in a way, interconnect.

For this, and for many, many more reasons, Priscilla will never leave us- her friends, colleagues, patients and relatives -because her legacy is made up of the unique moments that only she, and her unique soul, could provide to us.

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