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Madness from the Outside In

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How can we picture disturbed mental states? Is there some sign, some subtle indicator that can portray the madness in a person's mind? This illustrated talk will compare a range of visual approaches to this question, both historical and contemporary, emphasizing differences between the external standpoint of psychiatrists and subjective depictions by sufferers of their own psychological lives.

Gail A. Hornstein is Professor of Psychology at Mount Holyoke College (Massachusetts, USA). Her research spans the history of 20th-century psychology, psychiatry, and psychoanalysis. She studied at the University of Pittsburgh and Clark University, and has been a Visiting Fellow at Harvard, Berkeley, Cambridge, Oxford, and the University of London.

Her written works are used as core text in psychoanalytic training and by researchers, clinicians, and educators around the world. Hornstein's most recent book, *Agnes's Jacket: A Psychologist's Search for the Meanings of Madness*, shows how the insights of those diagnosed as 'schizophrenic,' 'bipolar,' 'depressed,' and 'paranoid' can help us reconceive fundamental assumptions about madness, treatment, and mental life.

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