

The C.G. Jung Society of Saint Louis Presents
“Texting and Sexting: Hermes Trumps Aphrodite”
Presented by Francesca Ferrentelli

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Hermes, the Greek god of communication and technology, served as the messenger of the gods. He was a clever inventor, the patron of business and commerce, and psychopomp: the one god who safely traveled between the Upper and the Underworld. He is also a trickster god. In *Kinds of Power* James Hillman briefly mentions that the hypertrophy of media has caused Hermes to encroach into the realm of the other gods. Love, desire, and romance had once been the sole realm of Aphrodite and Eros, but with our increasing dependence on technology, Hermes had begun to invade their territory. Hillman wrote these sage words in 1997! Now, in 2010, we are even more dependent on technology, and Hermes has clearly rooted himself into the realm of Aphrodite and Eros. Today media, social media, electronic messaging, computer dating, texting, and sexting (texting with sexual intentions) are firmly implanted in our society. Thus, Hermes' power drives, shapes, makes, and breaks many aspects of love, romance, and desire. Many times, too, his trickster aspect is at work.

Although many shadow aspects of this archetypal shift exist, Francesca Ferrentelli will focus on the fun, lighthearted, and clever aspects of Hermes' sway. She will use film clips (from old and newer films) to demonstrate how Hermes can charm, flirt, love, and trick his way through the realm of love, romance, and desire.

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