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Dear Professor Murav,

Please consider the attached manuscript, "Spielrein, Jung, and Freud: Illuminations and Insights," for publication in Slavic Review. In the manuscript, I discuss the Russian psychoanalyst, Sabina Spielrein, and until recently, her much overlooked contributions to the development of psychoanalysis, her relationships with Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud, and the influence she had on these seminal thinkers of psychoanalytic and general psychology. The information in this paper is also available, in greater detail, in my book "Coming Into Being," which is available on Amazon.

My submission is also well-suited to your journal because of its unique historical focus on Spielrein, the first female Russian analyst to publish a psychoanalytically oriented monograph on schizophrenia. In addition, she inspired Jung's concept of "anima," Freud's understanding of "transference," as well as his nascent views on masochism/sadism and his controversial "death instinct." Yet, as one historian of psychoanalysis observes, "in the history of psychoanalysis we look in vain for Sabina Spielrein" (Richebacher, 2003, p. 246). Social reasons, such as anti-Semitism, gender bias, and influential authors' (such as Ernest Jones') personal dislike toward her, have led to her disappearance from modern accounts. In this manuscript, I present a cohesive view of contextual considerations that inspired her contributions during psychoanalysis's early history and her eventual recognition and prominence in her homeland, Russia.

The paper has not been previously published and is not currently under review at any other journal.

Please send correspondence to my editor, whose primary phone number and email address are provided. I look forward to hearing from you.

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