

# Conference Faculty

**Susan Carol Albert, MA, Clinical Psychologist**, has a master's degree in clinical psychology from PUC-SP, Brazil, and is a trainee member of the Brazilian Society of Analytical Psychology (SBPA). She has participated in various national and international sandplay training programs and congresses, and works with individuals and couples as a Jungian sandplay therapist in Brazil.

**LaVon Bobo, MS, MFT, CST-T**, is a retired school psychologist and licensed educational psychologist providing sandplay therapy in the public school setting. She is a teaching member of Sandplay Therapists of America and has taught both nationally and internationally. She supervises Santa Clara University graduate students in play therapy and has an ongoing consultation practice in Palo Alto, California.

**Kathy Buys, MFT, CSP, STA Associate**, is a Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice and a clinical supervisor at the Child Therapy Institute of Marin. She has taught at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, JFK University and in Mbarara, Uganda and is a Certified Shamanic Practitioner.

**Susan Calfee, PhD, MFT**, is a marriage and family therapist and Jungian analyst who lives and works in Davis. She has an interest in the individuation process over the lifespan, working with parents and preschoolers as well as with older children and adults. She is fascinated by the power of reverie, the importance of generating potential space, and the manner in which therapy facilitates the development of a symbolic capacity. In her free time, Susan is an avid organic gardener and enjoys outdoor pursuits such as hiking and biking.

**David Capitolo, MFT, CST**, practices child, adolescent, adult and couples therapy in San Rafael and San Francisco, CA. He is a Founding Member and treasurer of the Northern California Sandplay Society (NCRSS), and co-founder of the Child Therapy Institute of Marin. He has a special interest in fathering, A Father's Blessing, and rites of initiation for boys moving into manhood. He enjoys being a grandparent, fly fishing, and Navajo studies.

**Tessamarie Capitolo, MFT, CST-T**, is an analytic psychotherapist and a Teaching Member of STA and ISST. She is in private practice in San Francisco and San Rafael. She and her husband, David Capitolo, are the founders of the Child Therapy Institute, which serves a diverse population in the Bay Area. She has taught sandplay nationally and internationally and has published several articles in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>: "The Dark Goddesses: An Encounter with the Dark Feminine"; "Chaos Theory and Its Application to the Sandplay Process"; "Black and White: Retrieving our Shadow"; and "The Inter/Intrapersonal Racial Unconscious."

**Lucia Chambers, MFT, CST-T**, a Founding Member of Sandplay Therapists of America, as well as a Teaching Member, she trained with Dora Kalff in Switzerland and in the United States. She has assisted in setting up study programs across the United States and is currently Chair of the Sandplay Therapy Training Institute. In addition to over 25 years in private practice in San Jose, CA, she teaches and runs consultation groups. She is co-author of *Sandplay In Three Voices: Images, Relationship and the Numinous*.

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**Maria Ellen Chiaia, PhD, JA, CST-T**, is a Jungian analyst in private practice in Berkeley and Marin and works with adults, children and adolescents. She is a teaching member of the International Society for Sandplay Therapy and has lectured and taught internationally at many universities and institutes. She is co-author of *Sandplay in Three Voices: Images, Relationship, the Numinous*, and has authored many articles and book chapters.

**Pi-Ling Chen, EdM, Licensed Counseling Psychologist** in Taiwan, and Senior Instructor, National University of Tainan, Taiwan.

**Joan Chodorow, PhD, BC-DMT, JA**, is a senior analyst member of the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, with deep roots in dance and dance therapy. A past president of the American Dance Therapy Association, her interest in active imagination, early development and the sensory-motor foundation we all share led her to studies of the emotions and their forms of expression and transformation. Some of her early essays appear in *Authentic Movement: Essays by Mary Whitehouse, Janet Adler and Joan Chodorow*. She is the author of *Dance Therapy and Depth Psychology: The Moving Imagination*; editor of *Jung on Active Imagination*; and author of the soon-to-be published book, *Active Imagination: Healing from Within*.

**Joan Concannon, MFT, JA**, is a marriage and family therapist and Jungian analyst in private practice in Calabasas, California. She has taught a variety of workshops exploring the mystery of the unconscious process including sandplay, dream interpretation and active imagination. Joan is a teaching member of the C.G. Jung Study Center of Southern California.

**Lauren Cunningham, LCSW, JA, CST-T**, is a founding member of STA, an analyst member of the Jung Institute of San Francisco, and the founding and past editor of the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>. Her analytic practice with children and adults is in San Francisco. Lauren teaches sandplay therapy nationally and internationally.

**Linda Cunningham, PhD, MFT**, is the author of *Relational Sandplay Therapy* (2005) and many articles in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>. She is in private practice in San Francisco and Corte Madera, California. She has taught sandplay as well as contemporary relational theories for many years in both graduate and postgraduate settings, has presented nationally and internationally, and is adjunct faculty in the Sonoma State University Graduate Depth Psychology Program and at the California Institute for Integral Studies. Her new book, *The Clinical Relationship in Sandplay*, will be available in 2012.

**David Dermott, PsyD, CST-T**, is a psychologist and Teaching Member of STA and ISST. Dr. Dermott has taught sandplay regionally and at the past four national STA conferences. He is in private practice in Dunn, North Carolina, and has 25 years of experience bringing sandplay, other forms of play therapy, and traditional psychotherapy to all ages. Dr. Dermott offers sandplay consultation and process to therapists seeking STA/ISST certification.

**Diane Deutsch, PhD, JA**, is a Jungian analyst in private practice in San Francisco who works with adults. She teaches in the extended education program at the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco and supervises pre- and post-doctoral psychology students.

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**Regina Driscoll, PhD, CST-T**, is a psychologist, Teaching Member of STA/ISST and a Somatic Experiencing Practitioner working with clients with trauma. She is in private practice in suburban St. Paul, MN, where she has worked with children and adults for 30 years. She has taught sandplay therapy at regional, national and international teaching events and provides sandplay process and consultation services. She is a founding member of the Sandplay Therapy Institute of STA and immediate past-president of STA.

**Patricia Dunn-Fierstein, LCSW, CST-T**, has been a psychotherapist in private practice in Tampa for 26 years working with children and adults. She is a Teaching Member of STA/ISST, a certified EMDR therapist, and a founding member of The Florida Sandplay Therapy Association. She has taught nationally and internationally, including a training weekend with the Sandplay Therapy Institute (STI). She is a founding committee member of STI. She is a contributing author to *Supervision of Sandplay Therapy*, Eds. Friedman and Mitchell, *The Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>, and most recently *Sacred Journey: The Journal of Fellowship in Prayer*.

**Lynne Ehlers, PhD, CST**, is a psychologist and certified sandplay therapist in Berkeley and San Francisco. She has presented papers in Montreal (2009) and Boulder, Colorado (2010), and has published articles in *The Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>: “Kali” (2000), “The Scarab” (2011) and in the *Canadian Art Therapy Association Journal*: “The Pearl of Great Price” (2010). She teaches classes on dream symbolism and sandplay in the San Francisco Bay Area, and is the editor of *Relational Sandplay Therapy* (2005) by Linda Cunningham.

**Antoinette Eimers, PsyD, MFT, SP, CST Candidate**, specializes in work with children and adolescents and has been in private practice for the past nine years in Tustin, California. She holds a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy, a Masters in Pastoral Counseling and a Doctorate in Psychology from Trinity College. In October, 2011, she presented at the STA Assembly in Minnesota and in February 2012 she will present this case in a consultation workshop with Donald Kalsched, PhD, in Irvine, California.

**Leslie Fields, MA, LMHC**, is in practice in Seattle and Kirkland, WA, where she works with children and their families and facilitates Wally's Club social-emotional skills groups for children and young adolescents. With a Pupil Personnel credential from California, she has been an elementary school counselor since 1989. Since 1968 she has been a teacher throughout the US and abroad.

**Lorraine Razzi Freedle, MSW, EdS, PhD, CST**, is the co-founder and Clinical Director of TeamBuilders, a non-profit agency with offices in Santa Fe and fifteen counties across New Mexico. She holds a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in neuropsychology. She is a board-certified neuropsychologist and psychotherapist who has provided sandplay to children and adults for over 20 years. She is the president of the New Mexico Sandplay Society (NMSS) and a recipient of the STA Research Award for her studies in sandplay and traumatic brain injury.

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**Harriet S. Friedman, MFT, JA, CST-T**, is a Jungian analyst and founding member and former president of Sandplay Therapists of America, and served as Vice-President of the International Society of Sandplay Therapists. Harriet is on the teaching faculty of the Jung Institute of Los Angeles, and is former director of the Hilde Kirsch Children's Center. She co-authored (with Rie Rogers Mitchell) *Sandplay: Past, Present and Future* (Routledge, 1994) and *Supervision of Sandplay Therapy* (Routledge, 2008). She lectures nationally and internationally on integrating sandplay and Jungian psychology.

**Nancy Hawkins, PsyD, LP**, is a licensed psychologist with over 25 years experience working with children and families in the area of attachment, bonding and sandplay. Enrolled at the Leech Lake Reservation, Nancy adds a cultural dimension to her work and has trained and created programs in the Native American Community as well as the larger Minnesota adoption community. She currently works in private practice in St. Louis Park, and as Clinical Director of the Behavioral Health Program at the Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community in Prior Lake. Nancy is president of In Touch Again, Inc.

**Olivia Heathcote, EdD, MFT, CST-T**, is a teaching member of STA. She lectures and teaches sandplay nationally and is chair of STA's Education Committee. Dr. Heathcote is a depth-oriented psychotherapist with extensive experience in infant observation. She has a particular interest in how early life trauma affects psychological development. She is a contributing author to *Living the Tides of Uncertainty*, 2006, and published in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>, (2009). Dr. Heathcote maintains a private practice in Los Gatos, California, and continues to teach in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Rosalind L. Heiko, PhD, CST-T**, is a co-founding member and past president of North Carolina Association for Sandplay Therapy and member of the STA Board of Trustees. She is Director of Pediatric and Family Psychology, PA, in Cary, NC, and is an approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis, ASCH. She has published in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup> and has presented nationally. She holds a national certification in school psychology and is level II certified in EMDR.

**Barbara Holifield, MFT, JA**, is a Jungian analyst practicing in the San Francisco Bay area. As a young adult she spent years trekking through the desert canyons and high mountains of North America doing therapy and rites of passage groups in the wilderness. Immersion into wilderness continues to influence her psychotherapeutic practice and thinking. Barbara also has a long history of working with the experienced body as an integral part of psychotherapy both as a medium for active imagination and in working with trauma. She teaches Authentic Movement internationally and is a faculty member in the Somatic Psychology Program at the California Institute of Integral Studies. Barbara has published articles exploring the theme of body, earth and self.

**Grace Hong, PsyD, LP, MFT, CST-T**, is licensed in Taiwan as a clinical psychologist, and also licensed in the United States as a psychologist in the State of Minnesota and as a marriage and family therapist in the State of California. She is a Teaching Member of the International Society of Sandplay Therapy and of the Sandplay Therapists of America<sup>TM</sup>. In Taiwan people call Dr. Hong "Liang Lau-Shu" (Teacher Liang), and she is the Founding Chair of the Taiwan Sandplay Therapy Association

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**Laurel Howe, MA, CST, JA**, is a Diplomate Analyst, having studied with the Centre for Depth Psychology in Zürich. She has presented her STA final case internationally, and a version of it will appear in *Psychological Perspectives* in 2012. She teaches regularly for the Colorado Sandplay Therapy Association and the Colorado Jung Institute, lecturing on sandplay, alchemy, color symbolism, pre-Biblical nature images, and the interpretation of fairy tales. She earned her MA in transpersonal counseling from Naropa University and remains engaged in Buddhist practice and theory.

**Donna Johnson, LCSW, ATR-BC, CST-T**, has been a teaching member of ISST/STA since 1995. She has been a practicing psychotherapist for over 30 years. She has presented both regionally and nationally often focusing on the combined use of art therapy and sandplay therapy. Most recently she taught at the Sandplay Therapy Institute (STI). Donna has served on the STA board and published articles and artwork in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>.

**Jill Kaplan, MA, MFT, CST-T**, has worked with children and families for over 35 years and holds masters degrees in Early Childhood Education and Counseling Psychology. She has trained in psychoanalytic psychotherapy as well as sandplay. She has published several articles in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>, is currently Book Reviews editor of the Journal, and is on the STA Board of Trustees. Jill works with children and adults in private practice in San Jose and Menlo Park, California, and teaches sandplay in California. She has practiced and taught meditation for many years and is an ordained Zen priest.

**Ellen Searle LeBel, MFT, BC-DMT, CST Candidate**, is a licensed marriage and family therapist, a Board Certified Dance/Movement Therapist and a member of the program committee for this 2012 STA National Conference. She is in private practice in Arcata, CA, served on the faculty of Humboldt State University and has taught supervision, authentic movement, and trauma therapy in the US and Europe. Ellen presented at the 2011 STA Assembly and the 2010 STA National Conference, was a guest speaker at the Sandplay Therapy Institute and has two articles published in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>.

**Heather Lesley-Swan, Grad Dip Couns, M appPsychth**, is an analytic psychotherapist and sandplay therapist practicing in Sydney, Australia. Her psychotherapeutic engagement covers several domains, including individual, family and group work. She has a special interest in using symbol to nurture relationship to self within the constraints of Asperger's, and to the making of meaning with contemporary societal symbol, story and research.

**Tsan-Ju Li, MS, LCP, Licensed Counseling Psychologist**, is a Senior Counselor at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan.

**Parker Linekin, Grandmaster**, has been studying and teaching martial arts for over 45 years in San Diego and is the founder and head instructor of The Academy of the Martial Arts. Master Linekin was awarded his 10th degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate and given the title of Grandmaster by Grandmaster Brian Adams on March 17, 2011. He has also recently been certified as an instructor in "Just Yell Fire," a program that teaches young women how to defend themselves in realistic street situations.

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**Georgia E. Mann, BFA**, has been a professional artist since 1989. Her extraordinary ceramic miniatures are primarily sold to Jungian-oriented therapists for use in sandplay therapy. Moving to Missoula, Montana, in 1998, Georgia continues to create archetypal figures in various low-fire clay bodies. Georgia has taught Archety-Play workshops for Montana Friends of Jung and at her studio in Montana. She has co-presented storytelling and experiential workshops with Rosalind Heiko, PhD, CST-T, at both the 2008 and 2010 STA National Conferences.

**Paola Manzoni, PhD, Jungian Psychologist**, is a member of AISPT and ISST. She is founder and Vice President of CEPEI, an association of Jungian therapists. Dr. Manzoni works in a private clinic in Milan and in a medical center in Como specializing in obesity and eating disorders.

**Debbie Mego, PhD, LCSW, CST-T**, has used sandplay in her private practice for over 20 years and is a clinical member of ISST and STA. Debbie is currently in private practice in Pacific Palisades where she offers sandplay supervision and works with adults, specializing in the treatment of depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder and cross-cultural issues. She has a background as a classical pianist which has always linked to her work with sandplay, both being non-verbal and creative.

**Joseph Meyer, MASW, LICSW, CST-T**, has presented at local, regional, national, and international events. He has been using sandplay therapy for over 25 years. Before ending full-time practice in 1994, he had been working as a clinical social worker at Children's Hospital in St. Paul, as a school social worker for the St. Paul Public Schools, and as a psychiatric social worker for a local mental health clinic. He now limits his private practice to work with other therapists; teaching, consulting, individual sandplay process, and working as a mentor.

**Rie Rogers Mitchell, PhD, ABPP, CST-T, RPT-S**, is professor of educational psychology and counseling at California State University, Northridge. She is co-president of the International Society of Sandplay Therapy (ISST), and past-president of Sandplay Therapists of America (STA). She is also a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and Registered Play Therapist and Supervisor (RPT-S). Rie teaches internationally and has published two books on sandplay with Harriet Friedman, and numerous book chapters and journal articles in sandplay, play therapy, and other professional areas. She is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Calabasas, CA.

**Gita Morena, PhD, MFT, CST-T**, has specialized in sandplay therapy since 1988. She is a teaching member of ISST/STA, chair of the STA Research Committee, and Research Editor for the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>. As a transpersonal psychotherapist, she is particularly interested in the mind-body-spirit connection, and incorporates a Jungian orientation and Buddhist perspective to address core issues of psychological and emotional healing. In her book, *The Wisdom of Oz: Reflections of a Jungian Sandplay Psychotherapist*, she sheds light on *The Wizard of Oz* as a tale of individuation and spiritual awakening. She works and resides in the San Diego area.

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**Judith Morris, B.Sc., Dip. Teaching, Dip. Social Admin., Dip Psychiatric Social Work, M.Sc. (Psychiatric Social Work), MANZASW, MNZAP,** works privately in the field of child psychotherapy, specializing in the application of attachment theory and understandings from neuroscience in her therapeutic work with children and their caregivers. Her work is predominantly with Russian adoptees, but also with children from the New Zealand care system, who have an early history of neglect and/or abuse. She was initially mentored by Agnes Bayley, who introduced her to sandplay as one element in a multi-media approach to therapy for attachment disordered children. She also works as a social work consultant and trainer for various child care and family agencies.

**Daniel Nelson, OFM, PhD, CST-T,** is a licensed clinical psychologist in NY and professor of psychology at Siena College, Loudonville, NY. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Fr. Daniel maintains a small private practice of psychotherapy and spiritual direction predominantly with midlife men. He has presented nationally and internationally on topics of spirituality and psychology. He is also a Franciscan priest ordained in 1977.

**Stephen W. Olmsted, PhD, LP, CST-T,** is a psychologist who has been in private practice in Duluth, MN, since 1980. He works extensively with clients with developmental and acquired disabilities and with individuals who have experienced early childhood traumas. He has been active with the Minnesota Sandplay Therapy Group (MSTG) since 1991.

**Dori Pelz-Sherman, PhD,** holds a doctorate in clinical psychology specializing in neuropsychology and parent-infant mental health, an MS in Instructional Technology and a BS in education. She is an award-winning designer of media-based health education, a published author in assessment and forensics, a national speaker on autism spectrum disorders and is the parent of twins with autism. Dori also creates specialty miniatures and is completing her certification as a sandplay therapist.

**Sandi Peters, MA,** has a degree in depth psychology and completed her thesis research on the use of sandplay with elders who are memory impaired. She has been working in the field of aging since 1986 in multiple capacities, the latest of which as the Activity Director of a small skilled nursing home in Berkeley.

**Audrey Punnett, PhD, RPT-S, JA, CST-T,** current President of STA, is an associate professor at UCSF-Fresno and adjunct instructor at Alliant International University. She did her analytic training in Zurich and is on the Executive Board of the Association of Graduate Analytical Psychologists in Zurich. She has published nationally and lectured nationally and internationally. Dr. Punnett has a private practice in Fresno, California. She is an Anusara-inspired Registered Yoga Therapist.

**Trudy Corry Rankin, EdD, LPC, CST-T,** is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Registered Nurse (inactive), and spiritual director in a private psychotherapeutic practice in Florida. She is the treasurer of ISSST, and has presented in the regional, national and international sandplay community in the United States, Holland, and Canada.

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**Liza Ravitz, PhD, JA, CST-T**, is a Jungian child and adult psychoanalyst, clinical psychologist, and ISST/STA Teaching Member. She has clinical practices in San Francisco and Petaluma, CA. Liza teaches, conducts workshops and presents her work both nationally and internationally, most recently at the 2011 ISST Congress in Ittingen, Switzerland. Liza is an associate professor in the Depth Psychology Program at Sonoma State University and teaches at California Pacific Medical Center. Liza will be a Visiting Professor at Shieh-Chen University in Taiwan for the 2012-13 academic year.

**Ellen Saul, MS, LP, CST-T**, is a clinical psychologist who works with children, adults and families. She has used sandplay and In Touch Again attachment work in her practice for the past 20 years, and has received training and consultation from Dr. Agnes Bayley. Ellen is a board member and past president of the Minnesota Sandplay Therapy Group (MSTG), a teaching member of ISST and STA, and a founding member of In Touch Again, Inc. She is chair of the program committee for the 2012 STA Conference.

**Laura Soble, MFT, REAT, CST**, works with adults, teens and children, and has an arts-based depth psychotherapy practice in Oakland, CA. Theoretically, she is drawn to Jungian and developmental approaches. A registered expressive arts therapist and certified sandplay therapist, Laura has published and taught on both topics regionally and nationally, including the 2010 STA National Conference, and at the Sandplay Therapy Institute. She is a Founding Member and former secretary of the Northern California Regional Sandplay Society, and on the program committee for the 2012 STA National Conference.

**Sachiko Taki-Reece, EdD, MFT, JA, CST-T**, is a Jungian analyst and on the faculty of the Jung Institute of Los Angeles. In the sandplay therapy world, she is a teaching member of the International Society of Sandplay Therapy and Sandplay Therapists of America. She has published research papers and book chapters in English and in Japanese. Her topics include sandplay supervision, working with people with HIV/AIDS, death and dying and healing trauma from a Jungian perspective. She enjoys teaching Jungian psychology and sandplay therapy in Asia, Europe and the United States.

**Janet Tatum, MSW, LICSW, JA, CST-T**, practices in Redmond, WA. She works with adults, children and adolescents and their families, and is a Jungian analyst with the Pacific Northwest Society of Jungian Analysts. Janet was an assistant to Dora Kalff in the 1980's through UCSC Extension programs. A teaching member of STA/ISST since 1991, she is currently an assistant editor for the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*<sup>TM</sup>, and an STA Board member. In practice since 1972, she has presented regionally, nationally and internationally.

**Carol Wells, LISW, SP**, has directed treatment foster care programs, worked as the clinical supervisor of a local counseling agency, and co-founded a special needs adoption agency. In 2010, she co-presented a pre-conference workshop at the STA National Conference in Boulder, CO, on Sandplay and the Alchemical Journey. She has a private practice in Taos, New Mexico.

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**Judy Zappacosta, MFT, CST-T**, has a private practice located in Santa Cruz and Monterey, California. The focus of her practice is Jungian psychotherapy, sandplay, dreams, and the integration of psyche and soma. Judy is published and teaches both nationally and internationally. She presently serves on the board of trustees of ISST, STA and the Marion Woodman Foundation. She is president of *Caring for the Soul*, an enterprise that offers international sandplay programs in Switzerland.

**Sheila Dickman Zarrow, PhD, JA, CST-T**, is a psychologist, Jungian analyst, and co-founder of the C.G. Jung Study Center of Southern California. A member of STA/ISST for 20 years, she has presented at several conferences. She has authored *Friendship and Healing: The Dreams of John Adams and Benjamin Rush* (2010); *The Psyche on Stage: Individuation Motifs in Shakespeare and Sophocles*, and written with Edward Edinger (2001). Her private practice is now part-time and she is currently writing her third book to be published by Chiron in 2012, *Expert Witness: Jung at the Trial of Hamlet for Murder*.



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