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- **W.W. Meissner, S.J., M.D.**, in *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*, Vol. 71, No. 3 (Summer 2007)

#### About the Author

James T. McLaughlin, M.D. received psychiatric training at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and attended the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute from 1945 to 1952. Subsequent to his graduation from the latter, he returned to Pittsburgh, where he established his private practice and helped create the intramural analytic institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Some 30 publications in major analytic journals and service on their editorial boards attest to his abiding interest in the evolution of psychoanalytic theory and technique. McLaughlin's writings have centered on psychosomatic medicine, nonverbal communication, and the intertwined psychologies of patient and therapist.

Trained in transactional analysis, body-centered psychotherapy, and psychoanalysis, William F. Cornell, M.A. is author of 30 journal articles and book chapters, many of which explore the interfaces among interpersonal, body-centered, and psychoanalytic modalities. He is coeditor of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and of *From Transactions to Relations: The Emergence of Relational Paradigms in Transactional Analysis*.

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