

The New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis

#S505 – Psychoanalysis as a Science: Neuroscience and Clinical Research

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

There is a greater need to emphasize research in psychoanalysis, despite the fact that psychoanalytic thinkers have been involved in research investigations since Freud, Jung, and Spitz, right up to the present time. The history of such research studies will be cited and modern researchers, including Beebe's work, etc. will be described. A bridge will then be constructed between basic research and the discoveries emanating out of the new field of Neuropsychanalysis, which include the works of Solms, Panksepp, Zellner, and others. Readings on localization, equipotentiality, and plasticity theories will be presented.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

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Published Journal:

JASPER (Journal for the Advancement of Scientific Psychoanalytic Empirical Research)

Recent Publications:

- Ethnic humor: Boon, bane, or both? A proposal for measuring its effects on belonging and attitudes. JASPER, (2022).
- Psychoanalysis/Art, Physics/Psychophysics, and a Parable: A response to Arnold Richards, M.D. Algorithmic bias inherent in artificial intelligence may discriminate against people of color. JASPER, (2019-20), 3(2), 7-12.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the class, students will be able to:

- 1- define what is meant by localization.
- 2- define what is meant by equipotentiality.
- 3- explain the importance of brain plasticity.
- 4- describe 3 ways to use word association to identify and measure complexes.
- 5- list 3 psychoanalytic empirical research studies.

Target audience: Suitable for social workers, licensed professional counselors and other mental health professionals

