



The New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis

#S205- Psychopathology II

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Course description: This course builds on the foundational ideas presented in Psychopathology I. It aims to familiarize candidates with the Second Edition of Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual (PDM-2) while increasing their understanding of the differences between the nosology of the PDM-2 and that of the DSM-5-TR. This course will examine the phenomenology of major diagnostic categories while analyzing the psychoanalytic literature and its conception of different pathologies. Candidates will be able to recognize and assess clinical states, evaluate the difference between repression and dissociation and analyze how certain pathologies impact the clinical process.

Course objectives:

- Differentiate between the nosology of the PDM-2 and the DSM-5-TR.
- Describe the phenomenology of different diagnostic categories/pathologies.
- Analyze how the diagnosis of certain pathologies influences clinical process.
- List differences between repression and dissociation.

Required Material:

- Lingiardi, V. & McWilliams, N.(eds).(2017). *Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual, 2nd edition*. New York: The Guilford Press. **{hereinafter PDM}** available via Dropbox
- All other reading material will be available via Dropbox.

Assignment: Will be discussed the first day of class.

Class I. Introduction. Diagnosis in psychoanalysis. Ego psychology.

- Rodriguez, L.S. (2004). Diagnosis in psychoanalysis. *The Centre for Freudian Analysis and Research Web Journal*. 1-14.
- Allison, E. (2023). "The Ego and the Id": How and why Freud transformed his model of the mind. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 104, 1063-1076.

- Wallerstein, R.S. (2002). The growth and transformation of American ego psychology. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 50(1), 135-168.
- Levin, E. C. (2021). An exploration of implicit racial bias as a source of diagnostic error. *American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 81, 496-510.
- PDM pages 15-29 and Appendix 1.1 pages 68-70

Optional readings:

- Busch, F. (2022). The clinical significance of Hartmann's Concept of Adaptation. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 42, 163-172.

Class II- Repression and Dissociation. Analyzing and critiquing these two concepts from Freud and Janet to contemporary ideas.

- Mucci, C. (2021). Dissociation vs repression: A new neuropsychanalytic model for psychopathology. *The American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 81, 1, 82-111.
- Akhtar, S. (2020). Repression: A critical assessment and update of Freud's 1915 paper. *The American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 80, 3, 241-258.
- Sanfelippo, L.C. & Dagfal, A. (2020). The debate between Janet and Freud revisited: Trauma and memory (1892-1895/1913-1914), *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*, 89, 1, 119-141.
- Lingiardi, V. & Mucci, C. (2016). Still Harping on Dissociation: From Janet to Bromberg, via Ferenczi. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis- Open - Open Peer Review and Debate*, 3,1-25.

Class III- Examining dissociation and its position in relation to trauma.

- Mucci, C. & Scalabrini, A. (2021). Traumatic effects beyond diagnosis: The impact of dissociation on the mind-body-brain system. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 38, 279-289.
- Loewenstein, R. & Brand, B. (2023). Dissociative identity disorder: A disorder of diagnostic and therapeutic paradoxes. *Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*, 37, 339-380.
- Diamond, M. (2020). Return of the repressed: Revisiting dissociation and the psychoanalysis of the traumatized mind. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 68,5, 839-874.

Class IV. Borderline and Narcissistic Organizations.

- De Faria, A. A. (2022). Borderline states: A topography of contemporary psyche. *Journal of Analytical Psychology*, 67, 563-572.
- Kernberg, O. F. (2007). The almost untreatable narcissistic patient. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 55, 2, 503-539.
- Green, A (1996). *On private madness*. Chapter 7: The dead mother. Taylor & Francis.
- Lentz, J. (2024). The disappearing environment: Considering Roussillon's primary narcissism and resistance to reconstruction. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis Open - Open Peer Review and Debate* 10, 1-37.
- PDM 46
- PDM 53-54

Optional readings:

- Grossmark, C. (2023). Mothers, daughters, and hatred: The void in the mirror. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 40, 1, 31-37.
- Orcutt, C. (2021). *The Unanswered self: The Masterson approach to the healing of personality disorders*. Chapter 1- Personality disorder and the developmental paradigm. Karnac.

Class V. Psychopathic personalities.

- Burton, N. (2023). The bad seed: Mystical experience and time travel in the treatment of psychopathy. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, 33, 725-747.
- Csillag, V. (2019). The making of a mass murderer: Notes on the novel "We need to talk about Kevin". *International Forum of Psychoanalysis*, 28, 19-24.
- Koritar, E. (2022). The unwelcome child as a dynamic construct of the terrorist mind. *American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 82, 234-255.
- Howell, E.F. (2018). Outsiders to love: The psychopathic character and dilemma. *Contemporary Psychoanalysis*, 54, 17-39.

- PDM 50-52

Optional viewing:

- Ramsay L. (director 2011). Film: *We need to talk about Kevin*. Paramount Pictures.

Class VI Masochistic Personalities

- Freud S. (1924). The economic problem of masochism. *Standard Edition, XIX*, 155-170.
- Bronstein, C. (2022). Reflections on masochism: An introduction. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 103*, 1025-1037.
- Ackerman, S. (2023). Freud's red thread: Explorations of the unconscious sense of guilt. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 71*, 189-214.
- PDM 29-33

Class VII Schizoid, paranoid and psychotic states.

- Lewin, S. (2020). Schizoid shame: The idealization of absence. *Contemporary Psychoanalysis, 56*, 534-561.
- Guntrip, H. (1996). My experience of analysis with Fairbairn and Winnicott: (How complete a result does psychoanalytic therapy achieve?). *International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 77*, 739-754.
- Madonna, J. M. (2021). Sensitivity, isolation, and loneliness in the treatment of schizoid personality disorder. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 45*, 153-176.
- Blum, H. P. (2020). Developmental and dynamic dimensions of hate, rage, and violence. *International Forum of Psychoanalysis, 29*, 87-95
- Knafo, D. (2020). Alone in a crowded mind: When psychosis masks loneliness. *Psychoanalytic Psychology, 37, 2, 108-116*.

PDM 23-27

PDM 40-42

PDM 48-49

Optional reading:

- De Armond, I. (2021). Plurality of psychic states in the field. *Journal of Analytical Psychology 66*, 28-48.

- Orcutt, C. (2021). *The unanswered self: The Masterson approach to the healing of personality disorders*. Chapter 4: The schizoid personality. Karnac.

Class VIII Psychosomatic States. Conclusion of class.

- McDougall, J. (1974). The psychosoma and the psychoanalytic process. *International Review of Psychoanalysis*, 1, 437-459.
- McDougall, J. (1997). Somatic violence and the therapeutic relationship. *Canadian Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 5, 51-72.
- Anassontzi, S. & Kollia, I. (2022). Living through trauma: To bear the unbearable, to speak the unspeakable. *Journal of Child Psychotherapy*, 48, 102-109.
- Carvalho, R. (2020). Somapsyche. *British Journal of Psychotherapy*, 36, 586-596.
- PDM 42-44