Course Description

Gender and sexuality are central aspects of our identity and sense of self, profoundly influencing our experience of, and relationship to, other people and society. Efforts to understand the development and expressions of gender and sexuality through a psychoanalytic lens have been complex, varied and controversial, dating back to Freud’s earliest contributions. Nowhere has the nature/nurture debate been more controversial, clinically, theoretically and culturally, than with gender and sexuality.

In this course we will explore gender and sexuality as independent, yet intricately linked, and multiply determined components of human identity, experience and expression. We will utilize contemporary psychoanalytic literature to further our understanding of the development and emergence of gender identities and sexualities across the lifespan. Expressions of gender and sexuality within the therapeutic relationship will be emphasized in our discussions.

Course Objectives:

- Utilize critical thinking to explore varying theoretical perspectives in conceptualizing gender and sexuality development
- Review theoretical, clinical and cultural constructs of gender and sexuality across the lifespan
- Explore gender and sexuality identity development and expression to consider clinical implications
- Examine countertransference and unconscious bias in clinical work with gender and sexuality
- Consider the interplay of biological body (natal sex) and cultural context in the development of gender and sexuality

Week 1 – April 12, 2019: Sexuality - Then and Now

Required:


Recommended:

Week 2 – April 19, 2019: Gender/Sex Binaries

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Recommended:


Week 3 – April 26, 2019: Gender Identity Development

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Recommended:

Week 4 – May 3, 2019: Female Gender & Sexuality

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Recommended:
Week 5 – May 10, 2019: Male Gender & Sexuality

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Recommended:


Week 6 – May 17, 2019: Trans Genders/Identities

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Recommended:


Week 7 – May 24, 2019: Perverse Sexuality

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Recommended:

Week 8 – May 31, 2019: Sexual Preoccupations

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