

AMERICAN RELATIONAL PSYCHOANALYSIS

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Course Description: This seminar surveys the theories and application of Relational and Intersubjective Psychoanalysis, with emphasis on technical decisions, challenges, and impasses that arise during treatment. Topics include the etiology and role of unconscious ideation in analysis; dreams; the creation of “analytic space” in which attention to defenses, transference- countertransference, and affect is cultivated and followed; integration of theory and technique; and the development of clinical listening skills.

Reading List:

WEEK ONE:

Spezzano, C. (2007). A Home for the Mind. *Psychoanal. Q.* 76: 1563-1583.

Ghent, M. (1990). Masochism, Submission, Surrender. Masochism as a Perversion of Surrender. *Contemporary Psychoanalysis.* 26: 108-136.

WEEK TWO:

Renik, O. (1993). Analytic Interpretation: Conceptualizing Technique in Light of the Analyst's Irreducible Subjectivity. *Psychoanal. Q.* 62: 553-572.

Ogden, T. (1994). The Concept of Interpretive Action. *Psychoanal. Q.* 219-245.

WEEK THREE:

Spezzano, C. (1996). The Three Faces of Two-Person Psychology. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues.* 6(5): 599-622.

Davies, J.M. (2004). Who's Bad Objects Are We Anyway? Repetition and our Elusive Love Affair With Evil. *Psychoanal. Dialogues.* 14: 733-741.

WEEK FOUR:

Gerson, S. (2009). When The Third is Dead: Memory, Mourning, and Witnessing in the Aftermath of the Holocaust. *Int. J. Psychoanal.* 90: 1341-1357.

Benjamin, J. (2004). Beyond Doer and Done To: An Intersubjective View of Thirdness. *Psychoanal. Q.* 73: 5-46.

WEEK FIVE:

Britton, R. (2004). Subjectivity, Objectivity, And Triangular Space. *Psychoanal. Q.* 73: 47-61.

Renik, O. (1992). Use of the Analyst as a Fetish. *Psychoanal. Q.* 61: 542-563.

WEEK SIX:

O'Shaughnessy, E. (1992). Enclaves and Excursions. *International Journal of Psycho-Anal.* 73: 603-611.

Joseph, B. (1985). Transference: The Total Situation. *International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.* 66: 447-454.

WEEK SEVEN:

Freud, S. (1909). Notes Upon A Case of Obsessional Neurosis. *S.E. X*(1909). 151-318.

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