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TRUTH IN THE CLINICAL ENCOUNTER

Live Online: Panel Lecture and Discussion

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Conference is sponsored by National Institute for Psychoanalytic Education and Research in Clinical Social Work, Inc. (NIPER), educational arm of AAPCSW.

PROGRAM

Carol Tosone

Lying and the Construction of Self

This presentation will address the development and function of lying in relation to one's self-concept from multiple theoretical perspectives. A case example of infidelity will be offered to explicate the process.

After attending the presentation, participants will be able to

- Describe normative development of self, and the function that lies play in its development.
- Differentiate between pathological and normative lying.

Carlos Padrón

The Materialism of the Clinical Encounter: Late Althusser, Psychoanalysis, and Truth

This presentation will explore a notion of truth that emerges by connecting the psychoanalytic clinical encounter with ideas from Louis Althusser's "Materialism of the Encounter," a repressed current within the history of philosophy that departs from traditional metaphysics and conceives the world as the product of contingency and the unpredictable. Clinical vignettes will be offered.

After attending the presentation, participants will be able to

- Explain Louis Althusser's ideas on the materialism of the encounter as they apply to the psychoanalytic clinical encounter.
- Describe a way of understanding truth within the clinical encounter that departs from traditional metaphysics.

Cathy Siebold

Confronting Triangular Dynamics

The "truth" of gender is a subject of debate. Clinically, this encourages greater openness to hearing triangular struggles from a non-linear, non-binary perspective.

After attending the presentation, participants will be able to

- Discuss contemporary thinking about gender.
- Describe triangular struggles in the treatment process.

Christian J. Churchill

"Surrender and Catch" as a Path to Truth in the Psychoanalytic Situation

The sociologist and ethnographer Kurt Wolff developed an approach to field work stipulating that the researcher must experience "cognitive love" toward the subjects in a field setting in order to understand them. His theory identified five elements of love central to this method: total involvement; suspension of

received notions; the pertinence of everything; identification; and openness to the risk of being hurt. The presentation will show how this conceptualization can be applied to psychodynamic treatments that foster understanding and transformation in patients and therapists.

After attending the presentation, participants will be able to

- Describe the function of "cognitive love" in helping patients transform the conflicts which generate their symptoms.
- Explain how interdisciplinary thinking fosters the growth of clinical thinking and practice.

Moderator: Scott Graybow

Each presentation will be followed by dialogue among the panelists and audience.

BIOGRAPHIES

Christian J. Churchill, PhD, LP, FIPA Director, Psychoanalytic Training Inst., Contemporary Freudian Society. Former professor of sociology, St. Thomas Aquinas College. Author, articles on psychoanalytic training. Co-author, *The Enigmatic Academy: Class, Bureaucracy, and Religion in American Education*. Private practice, New York, NY.

Carlos Padrón, MA, MPhil, LP Faculty, IPTAR, Silberman School of SW, Harlem Family Inst. Author, articles on philosophy, literature, and psychoanalysis; Latinx patients; "The Political Potentiality of the Psychoanalytic Process" in *Psychoanalysis in the Barrios*. Participant, documentary *Psychoanalysis in El Barrio*. Mental health clinics/Private practice, New York, NY.

Cathy Siebold, DSW, LCSW Past-President, AAPCSW. Faculty, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center, China American Psychoanalytic Alliance. Author, *The Hospice Movement: Easing Death's Pains*, and articles on attachment theory, intersubjectivity, gender, and the erotic transference. Private practice, New York, NY.

Carol Tosone, PhD, LCSW Faculty, NYU Silver School of SW. Director, NYU DSW program. Recipient, NYU Distinguished Teaching Award. Distinguished Scholar, National Academies of Practice. Editor-in-Chief, *Clinical Social Work Journal*. Private practice, New York, NY.

Scott Graybow, PhD, LCSW AAPCSW Advisory Board, Int'l Eric Fromm Society. Contemporary Freudian Society. Former adjunct lecturer, Silberman School of SW at Hunter College, Metropolitan College of NY. Editor, *Progressive Psychoanalysis as a Social Justice Movement*. Author, articles on the political economy of mental health.

Conference Committee: Janet Burak, Scott Graybow (Co-Chair), Danita Hall, Dan Hoffman, Dianne Kaminsky, Jenny Kurland, Penny Rosen (Co-Chair), Judith Rosenberger, Lance Stern, Carol Thea

4 CE Contact hours offered

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Register by April 27, 2021. Zoom Link will be sent to Registrants on April 29, 2021