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Seminar Time and Location

- Seminars meet from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Come early and enjoy our Continental breakfast including fruit and home baked coffee cakes and breads
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- For more information call (312) 346-6991

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Directions from Downtown:

- Kennedy Expressway (I-90) West
- Merge onto Edens Expressway (I-94) West
- After Dundee Road, merge with two left lanes onto Highway 41
- Exit Lake Cook Road - Left at top of ramp
- Cross Skokie Boulevard; go under viaduct
- Revere Drive left

Directions from Western Suburbs:

- Tri-state Tollway (I-294) North
- Exit Lake Cook Road East
- Proceed 5 miles; pass Northbrook Court Mall
- Revere Drive right

Ample free parking; enter building across from the playground.

November 13, 2011

Me, A Mean Girl? Sadism in the Countertransference

In the field of psychodynamic clinical work, therapists' values and ethics evoke a sense of the self as compassionate, caring, and non-judgmental. This presentation illustrates a countertransference enigma, the appearance of an unexpected behavior that belies the existence of a surprising aspect of the therapist's character. Using an object relations framework, the emergence of meanness and its complex relationship to the treatment is examined. In an "unzipped" exploration, the presenter deals with sadism, masochism and its twists and turns. Using the intersection of theory and introspection, the presentation offers an opportunity for greater understanding of the therapist, the patient, and the evolution of a treatment relationship.

Barbara Berger, Ph.D., has a full-time private practice in Chicago and is a member of both the faculty and Board of Trustees at the Institute for Clinical Social Work in Chicago. She is an editor for *The Clinical Social Work Journal* and *The Psychoanalytic Social Work Journal*. Dr. Berger has served as past president of The American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work. Dr. Berger is a former president of the ISCSW.

January 8, 2012

Whole Child, Whole World: The Two Blind Men Crossing a Bridge. What Are Some of the Big Ideas that Matter in Clinical Social Work Practice?

Advances in the mind and brain-based understandings of human capacity to process information, experience emotion and understand the changing world present unique challenges and opportunities as we try to integrate these new concepts into clinical social work practice. At the heart of dynamically informed social work practice are grounding concepts related to the use of process, the significance of the therapeutic alliance, the understanding of development, and of resistance and defense. In considering the Whole Child, Whole World, the metaphor of the two blind men crossing a bridge links experiences of safety, well-being, secure attachments, holding and containment to both the internal landscape and the changing external environment. These links will be explored, as the presentation examines concepts that shape clinical practice and further an interest

to wonder and inquire about the future of practice in multiple contexts.

Tom Golebiewski, Ph.D., is the Social Work Department Chair at New Trier High School. He is a clinical social worker in private practice with a specialization in treating domestically violent men. He has a B.A. and M.S.W. from Loyola University Chicago and a Ph.D. from the Institute for Clinical Social Work in Chicago. This presentation was partially shaped by his recent participation in the Future of Learning Institute Summer 2011 at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and specifically by a graphic by Hakuin Ekaku titled, *Two Blind Men Crossing a Log Bridge*.

January 29, 2012

How Did We Get Here, and Is There Any Way Out? A Contemporary Psychoanalytic Approach to Therapeutic Impasse

From the inception of psychoanalysis, it has been recognized that therapeutic stalemates have plagued the treatment of many patients. Sometimes these impasses are attributed to the stubborn characterological nature of the patient's pathology, but the analytic treatment can become impaled with patients who are not severely disturbed. And, for those who are, the process does not always become stalemated. The phenomenon of therapeutic impasse seems to transcend diagnostic labels. The thesis of this presentation is that our contemporary approaches, which embrace a broadened view of the analytic relationship, afford new and more productive ways of approaching apparent analytic stalemates than have been historically available to the analytic therapist. The understanding of enactment, the two-way nature of the relationship, and the concept of potential space all contribute to a variety of techniques the therapist can use to extricate himself and the patient from apparently intransigent clinical situations. Clinical examples will be used to show how patient-therapist impasses can frequently be resolved with the use of contemporary ideas about the nature of analytic treatment.

Frank Summers, Ph.D., ABPP, a psychoanalyst and clinical psychologist in Chicago, is a supervising and training analyst at the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis; Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Northwestern University Medical School; and a faculty member of The Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis. He has authored several books including his most recent, *Self Creation: Psychoanalytic Therapy*

and *the Art of the Possible* (The Analytic Press, 2005). He is Associate Editor of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* and a member of the editorial board of *Psychoanalytic Psychology*. Dr. Summers maintains a private practice of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy in Chicago, Illinois.

March 11, 2012

Moral Dimensions of Relational Psychoanalytic Practice: Struggling to Be the "Good Object" in the Patient's Mental Life

This presentation will explore the potential, within a relational perspective, for battling patients' persecutory introjects in the therapeutic situation. How can therapists participate in the therapeutic process in a way that balances reflecting upon the potentially "bad" aspects of their own participation with the imperative to imaginatively and creatively contribute to their patient's experience, beyond the conventional parameters of interpretation and understanding? How can therapists balance the "dark side of the frame," which harbors aspects of the therapist's self-interest, with active attempts to take risks that might have great constructive impact on patients' lives? The point will be made that certain ways of being in the analytic relationship are good on moral, a priori grounds. They are not subject to "testing" in terms of what "works" as demonstrated either by clinical experience or by systematic empirical research. The implications of this assertion for clinical work will be discussed and explored with the participants. Connections will also be made to the related issue of critically reflecting on the political implications of psychoanalysis as an institution. Is it possible for psychoanalysis to be implicated in destructive aspects of our sociopolitical system at the same time that it inspires social criticism and the promise of change?

Irwin Z. Hoffman, Ph.D., is faculty and supervising analyst at the Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis and at the National Training Program for Contemporary Psychoanalysis; a lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Illinois College of Medicine; and on the faculty at the New York University Post-Graduate Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. He is on the editorial boards of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* and *Contemporary Psychoanalysis*, and has served on the board of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*. He is the author of a series of publications developing his "dialectical-constructivist" point of view, including his book *Ritual and Spontaneity in the Psychoanalytic Process* (The Analytic Press, 1998).

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