

## PERSPECTIVES ON SELF PSYCHOLOGY

**Weeks 1 2, 3 – September 13 & 20. 27**

### **OVERVIEW OF CLINICAL INNOVATIONS SINCE KOHUT**

Course Instructor: Peter Kaufmann, Ph.D.

This course initially examines Kohut's seminal theoretical and technical contributions to his psychology of the self in the broad sense. Contributions of subsequent self psychologically oriented authors such as George Atwood, Howard Bacal, Beatrice Beebe, Bernard Brandchaft, James Fosshage, Frank Lachmann, Joseph Lichtenberg, Donna Orange, Paul Ornstein, Anna Ornstein, Morton Shane, Estelle Shane and Robert Stolorow will then be discussed. Finally the course focuses on how the theories of these different authors modified and elaborated Kohut's ideas.

Week 4, October 4

### **DISCUSSION AND CLINICAL APPLICATIONS**

Course Instructors: Jacqueline Gotthold, PsyD. And Doriene Sorter, Ph.D.

**Weeks 4, 5, 6– October 11, 18, 25**

### **SELF PSYCHOLOGY EVOLVING, Part I, II III**

Course Instructor: Frank Lachmann, Ph.D.

Two lectures will draw on empirical infant research and other sources to illustrate the continuing evolution of self psychology. Concepts such as "transformation" and "violations of expectations" will be specifically addressed with respect to their contribution to the therapeutic process. The third class will be devoted to a case presentation by a class member.

**Week 7, November 1**

### **DISCUSSION AND CLINICAL APPLICATION**

Course Instructors, Jacqueline Gotthold PsyD and Doriene Sorter PhD

NOVEMBER 8, ELECTION DAY – NO CLASS

**Weeks 8, 9, 10, November 15, 22, 29**

### **UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH DREAMS, Part I and II**

Course Instructor: James Fosshage, Ph.D.

This class will focus on what the instructor considers to be a convergent dream model emphasizing the variable organizing functions of dreaming. Implications of this model and guidelines for working with dreams will be delineated.

**Week 10 – November 29**

### **UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING With DREAMS, Part III**

**Course Instructor:** James Fosshage, Ph.D.

Case Presentation by class member

**Week 11, 12, – December 6, 13,  
INTERSUBJECTIVITY I and II**

Course Instructor: Judith Rustin, LCSW

This class will review Intersubjectivity theory as conceived and developed by Stolorow and collaborators, Atwood, Brandchaft & Orange. Specific emphasis in reviewing the theory will be placed on understanding the “indissoluble system” formed by patient and analyst” the place for self experience, conflict and the relationship between these two aspects of human experience. The centrality of affect as the portal for empathic immersion and attention to contemporary understanding of empathic immersion, i.e. implicit (non conscious) communication and embodied experience as a two person phenomenon. Specific clinical interventions and impasses that utilize this theoretical orientation and highlight the specific nature of this systems theory will be woven into the discussions. Participants are encouraged to bring in their own clinical dilemmas for class discussion.

**Winter break – December 20-January 2**

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**WINTER Semester 2012 \***

**Week 1 January 3, 2012,**

Review of Semester 1 and Preview of Semester II

Course Instructors, Jacqueline Gotthold PsyD and Dorianne Sorter PhD

**Week 2, January 10, 2012**

**Intersubjectivity III**

Course Instructor: Judith Rustin, LCSW

Weeks 3-13 To be Announced