

Free Associations

A Newsletter for the PSP Community

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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NOTABLE QUOTE: “The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated.”

--William James, psychologist, professor

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Wouldn't you like to “break out in print?” Consider writing a snippet or a paragraph on anything psychoanalytically related or for which you think our community might benefit. It can be a personal reflection or opinion; an upcoming event, or a recommendation for a good book, etc. We would like our newsletter to be more ‘personal’ and reflect PSP-specific information. Depending on how many submissions we get (and I hope we'll get many), I can't guarantee your item will be in the next edition, but I'll do my best to get it in.

THE THERAPIST'S THESAURUS

Anomia. Inability to recall the names of objects.

Satyriasis. Morbid, insatiable sexual need or desire in a male.

Poverty of content of speech. Speech that is adequate in amount but conveys little information because of vagueness, emptiness, or stereotyped phrases.

Prosopagnosia. Inability to recognize familiar faces that is not due to impaired visual acuity or level of consciousness

GENERAL PSYCHOANALYTIC CORE COMPETENCY EXPLAINED

Understand empirical research

For example, research on effectiveness of psychotherapy and the effectiveness of psychotherapy in comparison with other forms of treatment, patient variables or therapist variables in psychotherapy, as well as research in neuro- and cognitive sciences, anthropology, and sociology.

**GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU THINK
WE SHOULD ADD?
HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS
NEWSLETTER MORE PSP-
FOCUSED?**

JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEW

Impairments in mothers' reflective function (RF), the ability to imagine the mental states of the self and others, underlies maladaptive parenting strategies, which have been associated with borderline personality disorder (BPD). The current study evaluated the association between mother's RF and adolescents' BPD and the mediating role of a range of parenting behaviors. Five hundred and thirty-one inpatient adolescents and their mothers participated in the current study. A multimethod assessment of BPD was used alongside mothers' self-reported quality of RF. Children completed three questionnaires about maternal parenting behaviors. There was no direct relation between mother's RF capacity and adolescents' BPD. However, mothers' adaptive certainty about mental states related to less severe BPD in adolescents, specifically through decreases in inconsistent punishment. Mothers' RF capacity predicted various parenting behaviors, which was associated with adolescents' BPD severity. Implications of findings for early intervention and prevention are discussed.

==[Testing the Link Between Mothers' General Reflective Function Capacity and Adolescent Borderline Personality Features: Perceived Parenting Behaviors as a Potential Mechanism](#) - Salome Vanwoerden, et al. | *Journal of Personality Disorders* | Jan 21, 2021

