

Culture & Diversity in Psychoanalysis

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Location: Live Webinar

Meeting Dates: Saturdays, 10:25 a.m.- 11:40 a.m.

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CE's: 15

Cost: \$360- Matriculated Student/\$450 Non-Matriculated Student

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will address the complex and intersecting issues of diverse identities and social justice in modern psychoanalytic practice. The course will help students strengthen their cultural sensitivity and explore issues of power, privilege, oppression, and prejudices as they pertain to the therapeutic relationship. Similarity and difference between therapist and patient, in terms of relative privilege and disadvantage, frames this intersectional exploration. We will examine multiple dimensions of identity, including race, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, and immigration status. Students will have the opportunity to discuss how culture and diversity emerge in transference, countertransference, and the therapeutic process.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES:

1. To Integrate concepts of modern psychoanalysis, diversity, and social justice when working with patients.
2. To increase knowledge about diverse aspects of identity and their intersections, including race, gender, class, sexual orientation, disability, age, and more.
3. To enhance self-awareness regarding identity, privilege, and oppression.
4. To develop awareness of others' identities and cultural sensitivity and humility in the therapeutic relationship.
5. To increase capacity to recognize the emergence of diversity and social justice issues through transference and countertransference.
6. To apply the above to actual case examples from participants' clinical experience.
7. To share a safe learning environment for participants to share and process such experiences.

About the Presenters:

Andre Watson Psy.D. is a Philadelphia native who is a clinical psychologist and senior candidate at the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with minors in Africana Studies and Spanish from The University of Pittsburgh. Additionally, Dr. Watson has earned his Master of Arts and Doctoral degrees from Widener University's Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology. He has a private practice where he works modern analytically with families, couples, children, groups, and adults. Moreover, he supervises psychology interns from a modern analytic approach. Dr. Watson has experience as an adjunct professor for 13 years with the University of Phoenix's Philadelphia Ground Campus where he has

taught various psychology courses. Dr. Watson has guest lectured about diversity in clinical practice and enjoys the practical application of modern analysis not only in the therapy room, but also in schools, working as a consultant for disability awareness, conducting adjustment to blindness support groups, and with sports. He has developed his clinical skills at the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis and at the Philadelphia Consultation Center from 2001 to 2016 as an intern and private practicing psychologist. His clinical interests include using modern analysis to understand aggression in treatment, to analyze counter-transference as a diagnostic tool, and to provide psychoanalysis to those who were once considered “untreatable.” One of his favorite modern analytic sayings is, “if you can’t beat them, join them.”

Cristiane Muraro Irej, Psy.D., NCPsyA is a Clinical Psychologist and a Certified Psychoanalyst. Her Master’s Degree is in Developmental Psychology. She has been working with patients and teaching for more than 20 years. She has been with Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis since 2010, and she has also worked at the Philadelphia Consultation Center as a Clinician. She is currently a Faculty Member of PSP and an Adjunct Faculty for Immaculata University. She has her own private practice working with adults and adolescents with a wide range of disorders.