

Summer Reading Group

Winnicott: Life and Work

Presenter: Wally Fletcher, D Min, NCPsyA

Location: Live Webinar

Meeting Dates/Time:

Saturdays- May 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31st
9:00-10:15 a.m.

CE's: 12.5

Cost: \$125

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

While bombs were still dropping on London during WWII a group of extraordinary psychoanalysts were pioneering innovations in psychoanalytic theory and technique that continue bearing fruit to this day. This "British Independent School" focused on early childhood object relations and their life-long impact on human development, mental health, mental illness and psychoanalytic treatment.

Among the most creative and influential of this school was pediatrician, psychoanalyst and teacher, D.W. Winnicott. His concepts of the "holding environment", "true and false self" and "transitional objects", "the *good enough*" therapist are examples of his contributions to the psychoanalytic lexicon. Psychoanalyst F. Robert Rodman's *Winnicott: Life and Work* offers a beautifully written, clear-sighted assessment of Winnicott's amazing life and work.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase knowledge of how Winnicott's biography and historical context influenced the development of his theories and techniques of psychoanalysis.
2. To prepare participants for a closer reading, understanding and appreciation of Winnicott's life and work and its lasting relevance.
3. To increase awareness of the ways *all* psychotherapist's perspectives and theoretical/technical preferences are shaped by biographical and historical/cultural contexts.
4. To provide an environment for dialogue in which students are encouraged to make connections between reading assignments and their own clinical and life experiences.
5. To familiarize students with the literature of psychoanalysis and how it's reading can enrich their work.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Dr. Fletcher has extensive training and experience as a therapist, consultant, educator and non-profit executive. He is a Certified Psychoanalyst and Clinical Supervisor in the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis and a certified Clinical Fellow and member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He teaches courses in Organizational & Strategic Leadership and in Pastoral Counseling at Neumann University and courses in the history and evolution of psychoanalysis at the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. He serves on the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health's Faith and Spiritual Affairs Advisory Board. He is also on the mental health faculty of CREDO, an intensive wellness program for clergy administered by the Pension Boards of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches US. He is also the President of PSP's Board of Directors.