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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
9:00AM - 12:00PM

The Ethics of Access: Psychoanalysis
in Community-Based Clinical Settings

3 CEUs approved for Psychologists, Social Workers,
LPCs, LMFTs, and LADCs

Description of Course Content

Following the lead of Sigmund Freud, every psychoanalytic society in Europe established a free/low cost psychoanalytic clinic in the 1920's. By the 1960's, particularly in the United States, psychoanalysis had become a high cost medical sub-specialty, out of reach for the vast majority of people. The value system enshrined in "criteria of analyzability" favored people with economic privilege and associated cultural values.

In this talk, I will suggest that contemporary developments in psychoanalytic theory and practice offer an opportunity to open up psychoanalysis to people with a wider range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Responsiveness to human suffering constitutes the ethical foundation of psychoanalysis; exclusivity that closes our doors to people on cultural and socio-economic grounds is inconsistent with these ethical commitments, as Freud recognized. I will suggest that a more inclusive version of psychoanalysis is consistent both with our highest and most rigorous psychoanalytic and ethical principles, and necessary to counter the marginal social position in which psychoanalysis currently finds itself as a field. I will describe how psychoanalysis can be deployed, indeed must be deployed, in public sector and private sector clinical work, and the particular transference/countertransference challenges that may arise in cross-cultural and cross-social class psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

Learning Goals and Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Discuss how psychoanalysis as a practice became exclusionary based on social class, race, and culture.
2. Discuss ways in which the theory and practice of psychoanalysis are culturally specific and located in the culture of a particular social class.
3. Discuss how the practice of psychoanalysis would have to change to make it more widely accessible.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23, 2017
8:30am Registration and Coffee
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentation

LOCATION

St. Anthony Hospital
Rapp Foundation Conference Center
535 NW 9th, 4th Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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