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9.30-17.00

Working with Psychosis

Professor Danielle Knafo, Long Island University's C.W. & New York University

In the current era of managed care and psychopharmacology, psychotherapeutic treatment of psychosis is unfortunately rare and often deemed inappropriate.

This workshop will train mental health practitioners in ways to work with psychosis, the differences between inpatient and outpatient work, the use of symptoms as a crucial inroad into the understanding of the patient's issues, establishing a therapeutic alliance, and recognizing islands of clarity and strength. Dr. Knafo will supervise cases presented to her followed by group discussion of patient dynamics, countertransference issues, and treatment challenges.

Danielle Knafo, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Long Island University's C.W. Post Campus where she chairs a concentration on serious mental illness. She is also Associate Clinical Professor and Supervisor at NYU's Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. She has written and lectured extensively on the subjects of psychoanalysis, creativity, gender, trauma and severe psychopathology. Dr. Knafo's books include: Egon Schiele: A Self in Creation, Unconscious Fantasies and the Relational World, Living with Terror, Working with Trauma: A Clinician's Handbook, In Her Own Image: Women's Self-Representation in Twentieth-Century Art, Dancing with the Unconscious: The Art of Psychoanalysis and the Psychoanalysis of Art, Becoming a Clinical Psychologist: Personal Stories of Clinical Training, and Love Machine: A Psychoanalytic Perspective on the Age of Techno-Perversion. She is a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst and she maintains a private practice in Manhattan and Great Neck, NY.



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Reconceptualizing trauma, dissociation and psychosis: Can 'madness' have a meaning?

Professor Andrew Moskowitz, Aarhus University

What can psychosis, or schizophrenia, have to do with early disturbed life experiences, or posttraumatic and dissociative disorders? Traditional, biomedical perspectives would say 'very little', and insist that the term 'schizophrenia' – 'split mind' – has nothing to do with the multiple perspectives and parts of dissociative identity disorder. However, Andrew Moskowitz and his colleagues involved with 'Psychosis, Trauma and Dissociation' (Wiley, 2008; Wiley, in press) question this. In this seminar, Dr. Moskowitz will discuss: 1) the many historical links between schizophrenia and dissociation, 2) the meaning of the concepts 'trauma', 'dissociation' and 'psychosis', and issues of differential diagnosis, 3) evidence that at least some forms of delusion may be related to early attachment and posttraumatic experiences, and 4) the evidence that auditory verbal hallucinations ('hearing voices') are dissociative in nature, in all populations, and the clinical implications of this.

Andrew Moskowitz is Professor MSO of Clinical Psychology at Aarhus University and leads a small research unit addressing issues of trauma, dissociation and attachment disturbances. He is chief editor of 'Psychosis, Trauma and Dissociation: Emerging Perspectives on Severe Psychopathology' (Wiley, 2008), the 2nd edition of which will be published in late 2016. He has written about relationships between trauma, dissociation and psychosis from a range of historical, conceptual, empirical and clinical perspectives, and leads a Danish/Israeli research team exploring the prevalence and clinical implications of a 'dissociative psychosis' disorder.

