EMORY UNIVERSITY PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

Fall Semester 2020
Object Relations II: The British Middle School
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October 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, Dec 3rd
Thursdays 6:30–7:45

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

We will be discussing influential members of the British Middle School, specifically D.W Winnicott, W.R.D Fairbairn, Harry Guntrip, and Michael Balint. We will use primary sources that integrate theory with clinical application. At times, I will provide disguised clinical material when it illustrates a concept we are discussing. I will also include relevant autobiographical information about the theorists when possible. Importantly, each of these theorists expand on, or correct an aspect of Freudian/Classical psychoanalytic thinking and each writer focuses on a particular clinical problem observed in the consulting room.

For each class, I will begin with a short lecture highlighting points I feel are especially useful in theory and in practice. In addition, at each class meeting a candidate will present key concepts from an assigned reading for that evening to the group. We will then open the class for discussion of all assigned readings for that evening. For the last half of the second class of each theorist, a volunteer will be asked to bring in case material that seems applicable. If no one has material to present, I can share case material and/or we can more informally share thoughts and perspectives based on clinical or personal observations. Finally, I will make adjustments to the syllabus if it seems like it might be helpful.
Class attendance and participation is expected. If you anticipate missing a class please let me know ahead of time. You are responsible for arranging for another student to summarize your reading for that class if you are unable to attend. Please keep videos on during class. Since we will be discussing case material at times, please make sure you are wearing head phones and/or are in a private location.

Thursday, October 29th, 2020

1). An Introduction to the British Object Relations School

2). D.W. Winnicott & The False Self


Thursday, November 5th, 2020

D.W. Winnicott & The False Self, Part II


Thursday, November 12th, 2020

1). W.R.D. Fairbairn’s Neglected or Abused Child & The Object Seeking Libido

2) Harry Guntrip’s Schizoid Personality


   (Brita Reed & Stiles Alexander)


Thursday, November 19, 2020

Harry Guntrip’s Schizoid Personality, Part II


Thursday, December 3, 2020

Michael Balint & The Problem and Promise of Regression in Psychoanalytic Work: The Basic Fault


Thursday, December 10, 2020

Michael Balint & The Basic Fault, Part Two


Additional Primary Sources for lectures and recommended readings:


Little, M (1993). Transference neurosis and transference psychosis, Jason Aronson: Northvale, NJ


