This largely clinical seminar will focus on understanding the nature of autistic phenomena from a psychoanalytic perspective. Although it will primarily address child analysis, we will also consider how autistic defenses and protections are manifest in adult patients. Each session will include an assigned reading that is clinically focused and participants are encouraged to bring material from their work with these patients.

The main source of readings for this course is the book by Celia Fix Korbivcher (2014) *Autistic Transformations: Bion’s Theory and Autistic Phenomena*, Karnac Books. She is a prominent child analyst from Sao Paulo and the book is clearly written with many excellent clinical examples. Participants in the seminar are encouraged to buy this book, which is also available on Kindle.

The course will meet for 12 weeks on Monday evenings from 8-9:30 at Larry Brown’s home at 37 Homer Street, Newton Centre. The dates for seminar meetings are: January 11, 25, February 8, 22, 29, March 7, 28, April 11, 18, 25, May 9, 16, 2016 (no meetings are scheduled for MLK Day, most first Mondays each month, or during February and April school vacations). Please free to contact him with any questions (617-244-7587).

**Schedule and Syllabus**

**January 11th: Theoretical and Clinical Overview**


**January 25th: The Contributions of Frances Tustin**


**February 8th: The Concept of Autistic Transformations**

February 22nd: Autistic Transformations and Bion

February 29th: Autistic States in Neurotic Adult Patients

March 7th: Countertransference Issues in Child Analysis

March 28th: Countertransference Issues in Adult Analysis

April 11th: Technical Parameters in Child Analysis of Autistic States

April 18th: Emerging From an Autistic State

April 25th: Is There an ‘Autistic’ Level to the Oedipus Complex?

May 9th: The Use of the Analyst as an Autistic Shape in Adult Analysis
Power, D. (In press) “Hoodwinked: The use of the analyst as Autistic Shape.” *IJP*. (Dr. Power will be present for this meeting.) [Available in Library]

May 16th: Wrap-up and Reflections