Spring 2015  ATP III

Transference/Countertransference Dilemmas in the Treatment of Patients with Character Pathology

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We’re very much looking forward to meeting you and beginning our ten week course on Transference/Countertransference Dilemmas in the Treatment of Patients with Character Pathology. We will start by defining the nature of Character and then spend the remaining classes exploring – through a series of clinically oriented papers and our own clinical material – some common transference and countertransference dilemmas that arise in the work with patients suffering from Schizoid Character, Borderline Personality Disorder, and Narcissistic Pathology. This course should nicely dovetail Dr. Kattlove’s course on Borderline and Narcissistic Character Pathology, allowing us an opportunity to delve more deeply into the clinical manifestations of these “character- types” [Freud, 1916] and some of the technical challenges in our work with these patients. We’ll also be asking each of you (and each of us) to present some clinical material - that touches on the readings for each class - in each of our sessions.

We’re sending you, through snail mail, a copy of the 1st reading by Auchincloss. The other readings that are from books (Not on PEP) (for Weeks II and IV) may be found in the BPSI library.

Week I: April 2, 2015
Review the definition of Character

Week II: April 9, 2015
Examine schizoid factors in the personality of the “schizoid case”
Fairbairn, WRD. (1952) “Schizoid Factors in the Personality” in Psychoanalytic Studies of the Personality. 3-27. NY:Routledge [available in the library].

Week III: April 16, 2015
Borderline Personality Disorder: exploration of hate in the transference

Week IV: April 23, 2015
Borderline Personality Disorder continued: Uses and misuses of confrontation
Week V: April 30, 2015
Counter-Transference Hate

Week VI: May 7, 2015
Counter-Transference Hate continued: its therapeutic function

Week VII: May 14, 2015
Narcissistic Character: Inhibition of passive libidinal wishes

Week VIII: May 21, 2015
Narcissistic Character continued: Defenses against affect and accompanying transference manifestations

Week IX: May 28, 2015
Narcissistic Character continued: Severe forms of Narcissistic pathology – the Antisocial personality disorder

Week X: June 4, 2015
The Analyst’s Narcissism: the vulnerability of the analyst’s idealized self-representation