Psychoanalytic Training, Year II  
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**Psychopathology I: Hysteria and Obsessive- Compulsive Disorders**  
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Freud’s investigations into the structure of Hysteria and Obsessive –Compulsive Neurosis revealed that, from a psychoanalytic point of view, a great variety of psychopathological conditions are usefully understood in terms of a patient’s internal conflicts about and characteristic defenses against unconscious aggression and sexuality. Through unraveling the patients’ symptoms and relationships with their significant others, including traumatic childhood experiences, it becomes possible to achieve a cure of these illnesses.  

In this course we will explore in depth the psychopathologies of Hysteria and Obsessive Compulsive Neurosis. We will read some of the early cases by Freud, such as Emmy von N and The Rat Man, and contemporary discussions of these texts. We will ask the question of how our understanding of Hysteria and Obsessive –Compulsive Neurosis has changed over time or has remained the same. We look forward to learning from each other, and we hope you will bring in your questions with regard to the readings and your case examples from your practice to illuminate these mental conditions.

**SESSION 1 - September 28, 2017: Introduction to Hysteria**

*Please read these papers prior to the first class.*


*Learning objective:*  
*At the conclusion of this session candidates will be able to identify two psychical mechanisms involved in the formation of hysterical symptoms.*
SESSION 2 - October 5, 2017: Hysteria and Trauma


Learning objective:
At the conclusion of this session, candidates will be able to describe the role of trauma in the formation of hysterical symptoms.

SESSION 3 -October 12, 2017: Hysteria (continued)


Supplemental Reading:


Learning objective:
At the end of this session Candidates will be able to describe an unconscious sexual phantasy in each of the Anna O case and Britton’s case.

SESSION 4 - October 19, 2017: Contemporary Views on Hysteria


Supplemental Reading:


Learning objective:
At the end of this session Candidates will be able to identify three factors essential to a diagnosis of Hysteria according to Yarom.

SESSION 5 - October 26, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man

1. Fisch, Marcia (1999 unpublished). Rat Man, The Case. [Available in the library. Check the reading folder or request from library@bpsi.org]
3. We will watch a film of the Rat Man case during class.

Learning objective:
At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to list at least two psychical mechanisms involved in the formation of obsessional symptoms.

SESSION 6 - November 2, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man (continued)


Learning objective:
At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to list two points of difference between Freud’s and Osman’s understanding of the Rat Man case.

SESSION 7 - December 9, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man (continued)


Learning objective:
At the end of this session Candidates will be able to describe the maternal influence on the Rat Man’s pathology and one example of the Rat Man’s transference manifestation subsequent to Freud’s feeding the Rat Man a herring.

SESSION 8 - December 16, 2017: Contemporary Views on Obsessional Neurosis


Learning objective:
At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to identify two early childhood experiences that, according to Brandchaft and Kulish, are common in people who develop obsessive-compulsive neurosis.