Psychoanalytic Training, Year III
Winter 2017-2018
Development II
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The seminar will address aspects of development from the Oedipal period through latency. We will discuss theoretical concepts of concerning the psychological activities of this period of time. The impact of external events on the course of development, as might be seen in treatment of adults will be examined, as well as individual variations of psychic structure.

November 30: In the Frying Pan

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to describe the characteristics of the oedipal child.


Dec 7: Playing for Real

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to assess the differences between models of the psychological function of play in middle childhood.


Dec 14: Out of the Frying Pan into the Cooler

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to recognize the features of latency functioning and to explain different theoretical approaches to understanding that functioning.


Knight, R.(2014) “A Hundred Years of Latency: From Freudian Psychosexual Theory to Dynamic Systems Nonlinear Development in Middle Childhood” JAPA 62 00.215-235. [Available in the library. Check the reading folder or request from library@bpsi.org]


Dec 21: The Unthinkable and the Unbearable.
Cognition and Affect in Parental Loss in Latency

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to describe cognitive limitations and the management of affect and conflict in children who lose a parent in latency.


Jan 4: All in the Family

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to describe different roles of members within a family.


January 11: He, She, or Ze

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, participants will be able to describe the classic notion of gender identity formation and to trace the change in our conception of it.

Ehrensaft, D. (2014) “Listening and Learning from Gender-Nonconforming Children” PSC 68:28-56. [Available in the library. Check the reading folder or request from library@bpsi.org]

Fast, I. (1990), “Aspects of Early Gender Development: Toward a Reformulation” Psychoanalytic Psychology; 75: 105-117,

Jan 18: Modern Family Part 1—Adoption

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will be able to define different approaches to understanding the impact of adoption on the developing child.


Jan 25: Modern Family Part 2—Divorce

Learning Objective: At the end of the session, the participant will identify three areas of development affected by parental divorce.
