We’re 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 explore – 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 Trauma, Schizoid Character, Borderline Personality Disorder, and Narcissistic Pathology. We hope this course will dovetail with your seminar 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.

**Week I: March 26, 2020**

**Countertransference**


Freud S. (1910) *The Future prospects of psycho-analytic therapy*. Vol XI, pp 143-144. [PEP Web Link](#)


**Learning Objective:** At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to identify one difference between Heimann’s and Freud’s conceptions of countertransference.

**Week II: April 2, 2020**

**Countertransference, Continued**


**Learning Objective:** At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to identify one current psychoanalytic concept of countertransference as described by Gabbard.
Week III: April 16, 2020
The Patient who is Withdrawn, Hard to Reach, or Hard to Love

Recommended Reading:

Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to identify one treatment issue utilized in the approach to the withdrawn patient.

Week IV: April 23, 2020
Trauma

Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to define two discrete psychoanalytic approaches to dealing with traumatized patients, as described by L. Brown.

Week V: April 30, 2020
Counter-Transference Hate

Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to identify one possible etiology of antagonistic feelings that arise in the treatment of a patient with Narcissistic character pathology.

Week VI: May 7, 2020
Borderline Personality Disorder: Hate in the Countertransference


Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to discuss Maltzberger’s clinical approach to dealing with countertransference hate.

Week VII: May 14, 2020
The Erotic Transference
The Erotic or Eroticized Transference/Countertransference and The Pressure to Action

Recommended Reading:

Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to define erotic transference and countertransference.

Week VIII: May 21, 2020
Communication through destructive action

Recommended Reading:

Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to identify one example of destructive acting out and one theoretic implication for its clinical treatment.

Week IX: May 28, 2020
Narcissistic Character
Narcissistic Character: Defenses against affect and accompanying transference manifestations


Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to define narcissistic character pathology and identify one manifestation in the transference.

Week X: June 4, 2020
Narcissistic Character. Continued
Severe forms of Narcissistic pathology – the Antisocial personality disorder


Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this session, the student will be able to define antisocial personality and identify one implication for clinical intervention with one prominent symptom.