The Psychoanalysis of Madness: A Fight Against Perversion

Françoise Davoine has published two books on Don Quixote and the psychoanalysis of madness. She views this “greatest of all novels” as Cervantes’ attempt to find his way out of madness with his “son,” Don Quixote, as his guide. He has been a guide for Davoine as well in her own work with madness and trauma. Her first book on Don Quixote addressed the fight against melancholia; the second, the fight against perversion. Focusing on the second study and using clinical examples, she will discuss the psychoanalysis of madness and trauma—a fight against perversion, enacted in the transference.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe how psychopathology rooted in trauma is enacted in the transference, and (2) describe how the process of verbalizing what had previously been unspeakable is curative.

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