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Presentation

Parsing the Poetics of Place in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy

Adam Phillips characterizes patients as “failed artists of their lives.” Patterns of coping that once were adaptive are now unresponsive or irrelevant to their current circumstances. It is as if they are writing the same story over and over without a fresh piece of paper. Philip Bromberg compares psychoanalytic treatment to a poem. If we imagine the ultimate goal of psychoanalytic psychotherapy as a better rendering of the self in the world, how can we use the lens of aesthetics to understand creative transformation in analytic work? How can an awareness of perceptual phenomenology help us see more deeply into the ways we interact with the world we inhabit? How can embodying the dimension of space as well as that of narrative time help us more fully apprehend the associations, allusions, metaphors, and rhythms of therapeutic dialogue? How can vitalizing spatial poetics help us work with the communicative collapse that often signals traumatic grief? Using poetry, literature, photographs, and clinical case material, this presentation will explore the spatial poetics of therapeutic care.

2 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts, Social Workers, and Psychologists

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe how practitioners can use the lens of aesthetics to understand creative transformation in analytic work, and (2) use an awareness of perceptual phenomenology to see more deeply into the ways people interact with the world.

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