

**Syllabus**  
**PT 185a Clinical Experience in Institutional Settings**  
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**(PT 185-1) Tue. 3:45-5:25**  
**(PT 185-2) Wed. 5:30-7:10**  
**CMPS: 75 Clock Hours**  
**NYGSP: 5 Credits**

**Course Description**

Taken with fieldwork placement, this course integrates understanding of basic psychoanalytic psychopathology - including the vicissitudes of primitive conflicts and defenses - with student experiences of observing patients in mental hospitals or other placement settings. All aspects of the fieldwork placement experience, from administrative procedures to interacting with patients, are discussed in this seminar.

**Objectives**

The student will be able to:

- develop a working knowledge of modern psychoanalytic theory through:
  - a. establishing a rudimentary relationship with three patients in the field work setting; and
  - b. observing and describing how each patient speaks (and behaves) to communicate his/her dynamics in the terms of transference and resistance; and
  - c. observing and describing the patient's symbolic and unconscious verbal and nonverbal communications.
- observe and describe his/her reactions to the patient and an understanding of those reactions.

**Method of Evaluation**

- Ongoing presentation of cases throughout the three semester sequence
- Personal logs (written in class)
- Participation in class process
- Fieldwork placement forms, submitted weekly
- Final paper

**Text**

Spotnitz, H. (1999). *Modern psychoanalysis of the schizophrenic patient* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). New York, NY: Human Sciences Press.

**Assigned Readings**

**Class 1**

Spotnitz, H. (1985). Recognition and understanding of resistance. In *Modern psychoanalysis of the schizophrenic patient* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) (pp. 142-162). New York, NY: Human Sciences Press.

**Class 2**

Margolis, B. D. (1986). Joining, mirroring, psychological reflection: Terminology, definitions, theoretical considerations. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 11*, 19-35. (PEP)

**Class 3**

Spotnitz, H., & Meadow, P. W. (1976). The analyst intervenes. In *Treatment of the narcissistic neuroses* (pp. 142-175). New York, NY: Manhattan Center for Advanced Psychoanalytic Studies.

**Class 4**

Winnicott, D. W. (1975). Primitive emotional development. In *Through paediatrics to psycho-analysis* (pp. 145-156). New York, NY: Basic Books. (PEP)

**Class 5**

Laub, L. (1990). From symbolic communication to narcissistic transference. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 15*, 237-253. (PEP)

**Class 6**

Spotnitz, H., & Meadow, P. W. (1995). Toward an understanding of emotional contagion. In *Treatment of the narcissistic neuroses* (Rev. ed.) (pp. 69-90). Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson.

**Class 7**

Meadow, P. W. (1987). The myth of the impersonal analyst. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 12*, 131-150. (PEP)

**Class 8**

Lidz, T., Masterson, J., Spotnitz, H., & Volkan, V. (1977-78). Emotional communication and countertransference in the narcissistic and borderline disorders: A symposium. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 2*, 149-179. (PEP)

**Class 9**

Searles, H. F. (1963). Transference psychosis in the psychotherapy of chronic schizophrenia. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 44*, 249-281. (PEP)

**Class 10**

St. John, R. (2001). Transference and countertransference contributions toward understanding the phenomenon of institutionalization of schizophrenic patients. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis, 29*, 17-32. (PEP)

**Class 11**

Epstein, L. (1987). The problem of the bad analyst feeling. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 12*, 35-45. (PEP)

**Class 12**

Liegner, E. (2003). The silent patient. *Modern Psychoanalysis, 28*, 69-85. (PEP)

### **Additional Recommended Readings:**

- Ahumada, J. (1990). On narcissistic identification and the shadow of the object. *International Review of Psychoanalysis*, 17, 177-187.
- Baker, R. (1993). The patient's discovery of the psychoanalyst as a new object. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 74, 1223-1233.
- Bateman, A. (1998). Thick- and thin-skinned organizations and enactments in borderline and narcissistic disorders. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 79, 13-25.
- Buie, D. H., Meissner, W. W., Rizzuto, A. M., & Sashin, J. I. (1983). Aggression in the psychoanalytic situation. *International Review of Psychoanalysis*, 10, 159-170.
- Etchegoyen, R. H. (1985). Identification and its vicissitudes. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 66, 3-18.
- Haas, S. (1990). *Hearing voices: Reflections of a psychology intern*. New York, NY: Penguin Books.
- Keller, M., & Baker, L. (1991). Bipolar disorder. *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*, 55, 172-181.
- Margolis, B. (1983). The contact function of the ego: its role in the therapy of the narcissistic patient. *Psychoanalytic Review*, 70, 69-81.
- McLaughlin, J. (1991). Clinical and theoretical aspects of enactment. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 39, 595-614.
- Meadow, P. W. (1991). Resonating with the psychotic patient. *Modern Psychoanalysis*, 16, 87-103.
- Meissner, W. (1991). *What is effective in psychotherapy: The move from interpretation to relation*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson.
- Myers, W. (1987). Actions speak louder. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 56, 645-666.
- Porter, R. (1987). *A social history of madness*. New York, NY: Dutton.
- Rinsley, D. (1989). *Developmental pathogenesis and treatment of borderline and narcissistic personalities*. Part I. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson.
- Robbins, M. (1998). The adaptive significance of destructiveness in primitive personalities. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 36, 627-652.
- Robbins, M. (2002). The language of schizophrenia and the world of delusion. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 83, 383-406.
- Roughton, R. (1993). Useful aspects of acting out: repetition, enactment and actualization. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 41, 443-472.
- Spotnitz, H. (1967). Techniques for the resolution of the narcissistic defense. In B. Wolman (Ed.), *Psychoanalytic Techniques* (pp. 273-289). New York, NY: Basic Books,
- Stone, M. H. (1986). *Essential papers on borderline disorders: One hundred years at the border*. New York, NY: New York University Press.
- Vermote, R. (2002). The nature of the problems of psychoanalysis with so-called "difficult" patients. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 83, 689-694.
- Willick, M. S. (1990). Psychoanalytic concepts of the etiology of severe mental illness. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 38, 1049-1081.
- Willick, M. (2001). Psychoanalysis and schizophrenia: a cautionary tale. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 49, 27-56.