

Character Disorders

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An introduction to the vast field of study in character disorders, this course will focus on the dynamics of masochism, narcissistic disorders, schizophrenic disorders, and dissociative disorders. Papers not found in the required texts will be provided by the instructor.

September 12 - In Introduction to the subject matter of the course

Bollas, C. *Hysteria* Chap 1 (provided), PDM Chap 1 (provided)

Sept 19 Freud, S. "A Child is Being Beaten"

Fearful Symmetry, Chap*1, 2, 3

*McWilliams Chap 12

Sept 26 Fearful Symmetry, Chap 7, 12

Bach, "Sadomasochistic Object Relations" (provided)

Oct 3 Fearful Symmetry, Chap 15

Wurmser, Chap 4,

Stolorow, Narcissistic Function of Masochism (provided)

Oct 10 *McWilliams, Chap 8,

Essential Papers 1, 5

Oct 17 Essential Papers 9, 11, 14

Oct 24 Essential Papers, 17; Bach 1, 2

Oct 31 Bach 3, 7, 8

Nov 7 Karon, *Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia*, pages t.b.a.

Nov 14 Karon, *Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia*, pages t.b.a.

Nov 21 Karon, *Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia*, pages t.b.a.

Nov 28 Howell, Intro, Chapters 1-3

Dec 5 Howell, Chapters 4-6

Dec 12 Howell, Chapters 7-10

Dec 19 Wurmser, Chapters 3, 5, 6

*Recommended reading

Bibliography:

Bach, S. (1985) *Narcissistic States and the Therapeutic Process*. NY: Jason Aronson.

Howell, E. (2005) *The Dissociative Mind*. Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press

Karon, B. & Vandebos, G, (1977) *Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia*. NY: Jason Aronson.

Morrison, A., ed. (1986) *Essential Papers on Narcissism*. NY: New York University Press

Novick, J. and Novick, K. (1996) *Fearful Symmetry*. NY: Jason Aronson.

Wurmser, L. (2007) *Torment Me But Don't Abandon Me*. NY: Jason Aronson.

Helpful, but not required:

McWilliams, Nancy (1994) *Psychoanalytic Diagnosis*. NY: Guilford Press

Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual