

Syllabus
PT407: Psychodynamic Techniques
Instructor: B. Thomas Thacker, Ph.D.
Winter 2010
Mondays 5:00-6:30 PM
10 weeks starting March 1, 2010

Course Description:

This course is designed to cover the various schools of psychoanalysis and their unique contributions to the technical challenge in the psychodynamic process. The goal of the class is to teach each student the theory and techniques as developed by the many schools of thought that have evolved over the last hundred years ranging from Freud to more modern trends such as Modern Freudian and Object Relations Theory.

Upon completion of this course the student will have developed a deeper awareness of the analytic process and how intellectual thinking shaped the body of ideas we define as psychoanalysis and psychodynamic thought. This will be accomplished by students reading the course material and through discussions in class.

Text: Makari, George. Revolution in Mind: The Creation of Psychoanalysis. New York: Harper Collins, 2008.

Schedule:

Week1: Introduction

Week 2: A Mind for Science 9-53
City of Mirrors, City of Dreams 53-85

Week 3: The Unhappy Marriage of Psyche and Eros 85-129

Week 4: Vienna 129-179

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Week 10: The Psycho-Politics of Freedom 405-487