Contemporary Freudian Society

Freudian Theory I

Mondays, 6-7:30
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This course will focus on the development of Freud’s thought from 1883-1919. We will begin with an overview of the birth of psychoanalysis up though his reformulation of the topographic model. The technique papers will be reviewed. The course finishes with Freud’s paper on narcissism, the expanding recognition of the role of identification and object relations, and finally with further speculations about unconscious processes.

Learning Objectives:

1) Become familiar with Freud’s early work which led to his reformulation of the topographic model.
2) Begin to engage with and discuss Freud’s psychoanalytic concepts and ideas.
3) Begin to integrate and apply these same concepts within one’s own practice.
4) Begin to develop a critical understanding of Freud’s ideas in light of subsequent theoretical developments.

Assessment of Learning Objectives:

1) Come to class having read the assigned readings. We will have a close reading of the text in each class – it is the only way to meaningfully engage with these admittedly dense and complex readings. To this end we will discuss strategies to better grasp these abstract concepts.
2) There will be opportunities for students to make short case presentations in class.
3) I have organized the reading list to include both “assigned” and some recommended readings. Students will be responsible for the “assigned” readings. I have also included “recommended” readings as an aid to more deeply engage with the readings at some future time, these papers are NOT required readings and will not be reviewed in class.
4) Each student is required to submit a final paper of 3-5 pages double spaced and can focus on one or two key ideas studied during the course. These ideas should utilize clinical examples from one’s own practice.
The paper is due on the final class and can be emailed to chriskido@gmail.com.

**Week 1: Freud and the Birth of Psychoanalysis**  
*(Assigned)*  

*(Recommended)*  

**Week 2: Studies on Hysteria (Breuer and Freud, 1893-1895)**  
*(Assigned)*  


*(Recommended)*  

**Week 3-4: Dreams**  
*(Assigned)*  

*(Recommended)*  


Week 4:

Week 5-6: Infantile Sexuality

Week 7: Anality

Week 8-9 Technique Papers
(Assigned)


(Recommended)

Week 10: Narcissism