

THE DALLAS SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOLOGY

VISITING PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

PRESENTS

Lacan, Melancholia, The Death Drive and *Into the Wild*

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Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Credits: 3 hours of CEU/CME

Location: Texas Health Resources University Dallas
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Drawing on the conceptual resources provided by Lacanian accounts of melancholia and the death drive, and by means of reference to the well-known film *Into the Wild*, this presentation hopes to open up new ways of thinking clinically about melancholia.

The presentation will focus on a case of melancholia, which is explored via the above resources, and which foregrounds a series of clinical themes – the inability to mediate relations of intimacy, the over-proximity of a ‘real’ object, the wish to go off-grid and jettison a given symbolic identity – not obviously associated with Freud’s classic account of melancholia.

Learning Objectives:

1. Appreciate the particularity of melancholia as a distinct diagnostic category.
2. Apply a series of Lacanian ideas of the death drive.
3. See how crucial facets of the diagnostic category of melancholia and of the Lacanian notion of the death drive illuminate case material.

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Registration:

Online at www.dspp.com or onsite at 8:00 AM the day of the workshop. Cost of the workshop is \$35. Please email Ken Trevino at kennethtrevinophd@gmail.com if you will be registering on the day of the workshop. Breakfast and coffee to be provided.

Target Audience:

This program is appropriate for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, other mental health professionals, psychology and social work interns, medical students, master level and postdoctoral mental health clinicians, nurses, teachers and professionals and academics in mental health disciplines.

Accreditation:

This activity was planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. This activity provides 3 hours of professional development for psychologists. DSPP maintains responsibility for the content of this program. DSPP is approved by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners and Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors to provide continuing education credits to licensees. Licensed Social Workers and Licensed Professional Counselors will be provided 3 hours of continuing education credits for this activity.

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