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***Washington Area Case Conference***

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**Please join us as**

***Joanna Lhulier, PsyD***  
presents and discusses

**“Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Psychodynamic Community:  
Encouraging Further Connections”**

Friday, May 8, 2020

12:15-2:15 pm Presentation and Discussion

**via Zoom**

Online paid registrants will be sent a Zoom invitation with registration details. After registering to participate via Zoom, you will receive a confirmation email containing meeting login information.

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**Presentation:** As awareness of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) increases, and various treatment modalities gain acceptance and popularity, there is growing concern about what psychodynamic theory and practice can contribute to help individuals with ASD. In order to respond to these concerns, this paper will discuss how dynamically-oriented theory influenced our understanding of ASDs, and then briefly review current scientific findings in an attempt to dispel popular stereotypes about ASD. With this foundation, the author will illustrate how bias has evolved and continues to exist in published dynamically-informed case studies. Additional case material will be presented and specific obstacles such as countertransference will be considered. By recognizing bias and highlighting potential misunderstanding, this paper will argue that dynamically-oriented practitioners can move toward a broader, more diverse conceptualization of autism and individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

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**Presenter: Joanna Lhulier, PsyD**, is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Chevy Chase, MD. She is currently focused on working with adults and teenagers with a range of presenting problems. She also has an interest in teaching and writing and has published in *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, *The American Journal of Psychiatry*, and *Psychiatry*.

**Who should attend?**

The case conference is extended to psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, licensed counselors, mental health students, clergy, and other mental health providers interested in psychoanalytic theory, practice and perspectives.

**Purpose of the Case Conference:**

- Inform clinicians working with a range of client populations.
- Promote peer interaction with therapists and clergy from a variety of clinical settings and mental health disciplines in the community.
- Provide a way to reach those in the Washington mental health community who are seeking opportunities to learn from and with experienced peers.

**Objectives of the Case Conference: Participants will be able to:**

1. Explain how current scientific research on autism disputes popular stereotypes.
2. Assess whether bias exists in published case material.
3. Demonstrate how psychodynamic thinking can be useful in working with individuals with ASD

**Format of the Case Conference:**

- A prepared psychotherapeutic or psychoanalytic case will be presented and discussed from a variety of theoretical points of view.
- A question and answer period will follow the case presentation.

**References:**

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3. Hobson, R.P. (2011). On the Relations between Autism and Psychoanalytic Thought and Practice. *Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*, 25, 229-244. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02668734.2011.604205>
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**Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

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\$55 (2 CME/CE credits)
- WBCP and CFS students (PSP students and Institute candidates)  
No Charge (2 CME/CE credits)
- Other students (Non WBCP/CFS students)  
\$20 (2 CME/CE credits)

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