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Washington Area Case Conference

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Please join us as

Sandra Hershberg, MD

presents and discusses

**A Female Gaze in/on the Female Body in Art and Psychoanalysis: How Does the
Work of Artist Paula Modersohn-Becker Challenge Embedded Misogyny?**

Friday, September 13, 2019

12:15-2:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion

Please bring your own lunch

River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD
(the parking lot entrance is on Whittier Boulevard)

The conference is in Room 30
(enter main door, turn left, go through several rooms and down the stairs)

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Presentation: Artist Paula Modersohn-Becker (1876-1907) who in 1905-07, painted her nude body, including her nude pregnant body, as well as images of mothers and babies in the nude, defied centuries of representations of idealized female nudes, nudes painted through the male gaze. It was a remarkable achievement. While she was painting in a mode congruent with what would become the leading edge of modern art, she refused to yield to the pressures of the traditional art establishment of the time, to erase her own subjective knowledge of her body, as no woman artist had painted her own procreative body until that moment. I will discuss the significance of this achievement from the perspective of psychoanalytic theory (with contributions of Balsam, Benjamin, Chodorow, Harris) related to women artists' representing their procreative bodies in art and the philosophical concept of epistemic injustice (Fricker, 2007). This undergirding philosophical notion provides additional understanding of the way prejudicial treatment, of women artists, in this instance, impacts "the injustice that a speaker suffers in receiving deflated credibility from the hearer owing to identity prejudice on the hearer's part." The dissemination of such prejudicial knowledge in the public discourse invariably leads to devaluation and invalidation of the minority group.

Presenter: Sandra Hershberg, MD, is a psychoanalyst and adult and child psychiatrist. She is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis and a member of the Program Committee of The American Psychoanalytic Association. Dr. Hershberg is the Director of Psychoanalytic Training, Founding Member and Training and Supervising Analyst at the Institute of Contemporary Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis in Washington, DC. Dr. Hershberg serves as an Associate Editor of *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context* and is on the Editorial Board of *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*. She has authored papers and made many presentations on the mother/daughter relationship, pregnancy, biography and artistic creativity.

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. Describe how artist Paula Modersohn-Becker's unique vision and subjectivity in depicting her nude body and that of mothers and babies exposed negative cultural bias toward women and their sexuality.
2. Discuss the relationship between the work of Paula Modersohn-Becker and the prejudicial gap in psychoanalytic theory regarding the procreative female body.
3. Describe the philosophical concept of epistemic injustice and its implications for ethical practice with women.

Format of the Case Conference:

- A prepared presentation will include an integration of theory and technique with case illustrations.
- A question and answer period will follow the case presentation.

Registration: Pre-registration is required via WBCP website -www.wbcp.org. For registration assistance, contact the WBCP at 301-470-3635/ 410-792-8060 / 202-237-1854 or (admin@wbcp.org)

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Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Tuition Rates: single conference

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- Members of sponsoring organizations – (WBCP and CFS)
\$40 (2 CME/CE credits)
- Non-Members
\$55 (2 CME/CE credits)
- WBCP and CFS students (PSP students and Institute candidates)
No Charge (2 CME/CE credits)
- Other students (Non WBCP and CFS students)
\$20 (2 CME/CE credits)

No CE/CME needed – No Charge – Pre-registration is still required.

References:

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Balsam, R (2012) *Women's Bodies in Psychoanalysis*. New York:Routledge.

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