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Dr Donna Orange: Saturday 26th September 9:00am - noon

Zooming live from Los Angeles

Radical Ethics For The Time of Plague

Abstract:

The twin plagues we are living now, Covid19 and white supremacy, challenge the foundations of the European/U.S./Australian forms of life we have known until now, require both a radical ethics and a psychoanalytic linking. Forms of unconsciousness, long known to psychoanalysts but now seen to bear malignant consequences, require new names. Radical ethics, born from the Nazi time, can help us to locate our responsibility, both for the past and for the future. One form of work on these problems, ethical reading, can help to make our shared unconsciousness conscious, and question our bystander status.

Speaker Bio

Donna M. Orange, PhD, PsyD, is a psychoanalyst and philosopher living in California. She teaches at the NYU Postdoctoral Program and the Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity, New York. Her books include *Thinking for Clinicians* (2010), *The Suffering Stranger* (2011) and most recently *Nourishing the Inner Life of Clinicians and Humanitarians* (2016).

Dr Nancy McWilliams: Saturday 3rd October 9:30am - 11am

Zooming live from New York

Rethinking Madness: An Argument for a Dimensional View of Psychopathology

Abstract

The intentionally “neo-Kraepelinian” orientation (categorical concepts, with present-versus-absent criteria) of the current DSM and ICD taxonomies are in some ways inconsistent with clinical experience. In the DSM, for example, there are only a limited number of conditions labeled as psychotic. Many clinicians, in contrast, have viewed psychopathology dimensionally, inferentially, and contextually, using the term “psychotic” in broader ways. In that tradition, this talk will argue for a psychotic level of many psychological conditions that bring individuals to treatment, not merely the schizophrenic illnesses and psychotic mood disorders. Emphasis will be put on the clinical value of construing psychopathology dimensionally.

Speaker Bio:

Nancy McWilliams teaches at Rutgers University’s Graduate School of Applied & Professional Psychology and practices in Lambertville, New Jersey. She is author of *Psychoanalytic Diagnosis* (1994, rev. ed. 2011), *Psychoanalytic Case Formulation* (1999), and *Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy* (2004) and is associate editor of both editions of the *Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual* (2006, 2017). A former president of Division 39 (Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association, she has been featured in three APA videos of master clinicians. She is on the Board of Trustees of the Austen Riggs Center. Her books are available in 20 languages; she lectures widely both nationally and internationally.

Prof Beatrice Beebe: Friday 16th October, 11:00 AM- 1:30 PM

Zooming live from New York (or New Jersey)

Urgent Engagement in 9/11 Pregnant Widows and Their Infants: Transmission of Trauma

Beebe, Hoven, Kaitz, Steele, Musa, Margolis, Ewing, Sossin, Lee, 2020. *Infancy*, 25:165–189.

Professor Beebe has asked that prior to attending her seminar, attendees read her book "The Mother-infant Interaction Picture Book: Origins of Attachment" by Beatrice Beebe, Frank M. Lachmann, and Phyllis Cohen.

Abstract:

Children are highly vulnerable to parental trauma but are often forgotten in a disaster. These mothers were pregnant and widowed on September 11, 2001; their infants were in utero. Face-to-face interactions of these 9/11 infants at 4 months and their mothers were compared to a community sample matched on infant gender, mother SES, age and ethnicity.

Findings of heightened engagement in 9/11 dyads, across mother and infant gaze and affect, maternal touch and spatial orientation, documented a mutual vigilance picture described as urgent engagement.

Remarkably, infants and mothers showed similar patterns. In the wake of traumatic loss, these widows and their infants made intense efforts to visually respond and visually re-engage, to maintain positive affect and touch, and to immediately repair any negative moments. Pressure toward visual re-engagement in both partners indicated heightened arousal, because looking away is a central means of down-regulating arousal. This mutual vigilance picture, "urgent engagement," increases our understanding of how vigilance may manifest in face-to-face interaction and increases our understanding of the transmission of trauma.

Both infants and mothers had difficulty tolerating moments of being visually separate, indicating intense need for the partner. Both showed less tolerance of negative patterns and tended to repair any negative behavior in the next second.

These heightened efforts to maintain positive, visual engagement after the 9/11 trauma may be adaptive, but they may tax the system and carry potential risk: working too hard to make it work. This mutually vigilant, hyper-contingent, high arousal pattern of engagement defines the interpersonal transmission of the trauma to the infants. Although theory assumes, and case studies illustrate, devastating effects of trauma in infancy, this work constitutes a rare empirical documentation of the effects of one such catastrophic trauma on mother-infant communication in infancy. The findings have direct relevance for clinical intervention.

Speaker Bio:

Beatrice Beebe Ph.D. is Clinical Professor of Psychology (in Psychiatry), College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University; Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York State Psychiatric Institute. She directs a basic research lab on mother-infant communication. She is faculty at several psychoanalytic institutes, and she has a private practice for adults and mother-infant pairs. She is author or co-author of 6 books and 73 peer-reviewed articles. The most recent book is *The mother-infant interaction picture book: Origins of attachment* (Beebe, Cohen & Lachman, Norton, 2016). For a decade she directed a pro bono primary prevention project for mothers who were pregnant and widowed on 9-11 (Beebe, Cohen, Sossin, & Markese, Eds., *Mothers, infants and young children of September 11, 2001: A primary prevention project*, 2012). A documentary film about her research is available (website of the Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing [PEPweb], *Mother-Infant Communication: The Research of Dr. Beatrice Beebe*, by Karen Dougherty, 2016). She has a half-hour internet talk, Decoding the nonverbal language of babies (<http://www.aei.org/events/decoding-the-nonverbal-language-of-babies/>) and an hour-long internet interview about her work.

(Part one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wzy4ShfgFE>)

(Part two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N50jY6vWEOM>).