CLDL 623: Clinical Process and Technique III
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This course, the third in the technique sequence, will aim to elucidate the technique and technical issues which typically arise in the process of psychoanalytic psychotherapy. Aspects of therapeutic action including transference, countertransference, reconstruction, development of an observing ego, identification with the benign superego of the therapist, defense interpretation, moment to moment listening, and neutrality will be explored in an effort to accomplish this above stated goal. Papers will be reviewed in chronological order, thus providing historical scaffolding for understanding the evolution of psychoanalytic thinkers over the course of the last 100 years. The students will rotate in presenting the highlights of the assigned readings. Students will also rotate in presenting clinical material which will be discussed by the class.

Course Objectives:
1. Students will be able to identify the factors that are mutative in the psychoanalytic process.
2. Students will develop a more consolidated understanding of the technical approaches characteristic of a psychoanalytically oriented psychotherapy.
3. Students will be able to recognize how aspects of therapeutic action impact technique and vice versa.
4. Students will be able to understand the evolution of ego psychoanalytic thinking on the topic of therapeutic action.

Evaluation
Grades will be based 50% on class participation including presentation of highlights of assigned readings and case presentations, and 50% on written assignments.

Assignment I is due the day you present your case presentation for the first time. It should be no longer than 8 pages and include the following: a brief history; an assessment of the ego strengths and weakness of the patient; a description of the course of treatment for the patient so far.

Assignment II is due the last day of class. It is to be no longer than 10 pages. Utilizing clinical material from the case you presented earlier in the semester, and the knowledge you have gained from your experience in the course, demonstrate your understanding of the ways in which technique has contributed to therapeutic action and therefore therapeutic change. The paper should contain direct quotes illustrative of the process between you and your patient.

Attendance and Late Policy Prompt and regular attendance is expected. I anticipate that you will contact me if you will be late or absent. More than one absence may result in a lowered grade.

Class I-January 24, 2013

Class II- February 7, 2013

Class III February 21, 2013

Class IV March 7, 2013

Class V March 23, 2013

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