Course Description
This course explores the inter-related concepts of Sexuality, Sexualization and Orientation. Readings will cover the history of analytic theorizing on these ideas from the early formulations to contemporary perspectives. The emphasis will be on how we understand and work with these concepts in clinical encounters.

Objectives
1) Provide an overview of the history of the concepts of sexuality, sexualization and orientation in psychoanalytic theorizing.
2) Provide a framework for clinical work with issues of sexuality, sexualization and orientation.
3) Provide the opportunity to explore and critically examine early and contemporary literature on sexualization, gender and sexuality.
4) Provide the student with an opportunity to explore literature relevant to their clinical practice.

Evaluation
This is an elective pass/fail course. If you are taking it for credit, grades will be based 50% on class participation and 50% on individual projects.
Individual project: Choose a paper from the class readings or related area that you have found relevant and helpful in your clinical work. Overview the central ideas of the paper and offer a clinical example of how you used the ideas in a clinical encounter. This paper should be no longer than ten pages.

Text

Class 1: Overview of the concepts of Sexuality, Sexualization and Orientation
Readings:
PEP Archive
Person, E. (2005) Erotic fantasies, self-soothing fantasies and romantic fantasies. Paper presented at Sex in the City, a Conference presented by the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, September 16-17, 2005

Class 2: Early formulations of infantile sexuality, its roll in adult life and the problem of the theory of female sexuality
Readings:


All in PEP

Class 3: Sexualization and its Discontents

Readings:


Class 4: The View from Self Psychology

Readings:

Class 5: Women speak

Readings:


Class 6: Political Wars and Sacred Cows (the tensions between culture and desire and self)

Readings:


Allen, D. (2001) *The role of personality and defense mechanisms in the*
adjustment to a homosexual identity. Journal of Homosexuality, 42(2) 45-62. PDF

Class 7: Lesbians and gay men speak

Readings:


Class 8: Gender, Sexuality and Postmodernism

Readings:


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