

UO Psychology 607 Graduate Seminar

Winter 2013

Systemic Trauma

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Syllabus (*as of 9 January 2013*)

CRN: 25639

Grading option: Optional

Credits: 2-4

Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:50 PM

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Clinical Elective: We will request this status if anyone in class needs it.

Overview: We will explore theory and empirical research on systemic trauma and betrayal trauma, highlighting emerging research and theory that focuses on the broader contexts and related mechanisms that give rise to trauma, maintain it, and impact responses.

Required books for the course:

- de Rosnay, T. (2007). *Sarah's key*. New York: St. Martin's Press ([2011 paperback or e-edition](#))
- Masson, J. (1993). *Against Therapy*. Common Courage Press ([1993-version](#) or [2012 e-edition](#))

Additional readings: See weekly reading assignments for additional articles. Some will be selected from:

- [Blind to Betrayal](#) by Freyd & Birrell, in press (11 March 2013 Release)
- [JTD Special Issue on MST 2011](#) (Published in JTD 12(3) – spring 2011, “Military Sexual Trauma: Current Knowledge and Future Directions” Special Issue Guest Editors: Carolyn Allard, Ph.D. & Melissa Platt, M.A.)
- [JTD Special Issue on Oppression](#) in press (Scheduled for JTD 14(2) – spring 2013 (currently in

press), "Individual and Societal Oppression: Global Perspectives on Dissociative Disorders", A Special Issue of the Journal of Trauma and Dissociation, Special Issue Guest Editors: Vedat Sar, MD, Warwick Middleton, MD, & Martin Dorahy, PhD)

Course Work: Students will be expected to attend all class meetings, do all assigned readings, and to participate actively in seminar discussion. In addition, each participant will lead a class discussion and, in advance of the class meeting, email to the class discussion questions by the Friday at noon before the Tuesday class. By the Friday at noon following the class, the student(s) leading discussion will email to the class a document including the discussion questions, any other presentation material, and capturing important discussion points from class.

Weekly Reading Assignments

Week 1, January 8: Institutional Response to Sexual Assault

Discussion Leader: Carly Smith

Readings:

- Dale, K.A., & Alpert, J.L. (2007). Hiding behind the cloth: Child sexual abuse and the Catholic Church. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 16(3), 59-74.
- Goodstein, L. (2012, September 7). Defying canon and civil laws, diocese failed to stop a priest. *The New York Times*.
- Kamil, A. (2012, June 6). Prep-school predators: The Horace Mann School's secret history of sexual abuse. *The New York Times*.
- Parent, S. (2011). Disclosure of sexual abuse in sport organizations: A case study. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 20, 322-337.
- Smith, C.P., & Freyd, J.J. (in press). Dangerous safe havens: Institution betrayal exacerbates sexual trauma. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.
- Freyd, J. (2012) webpage: [Institutional Betrayal](#)
- Video: [Conspiracy Of Silence \(The Franklin Scandal\)](#) (view in full prior to first class)

Week 2, January 15: Holocaust

Discussion Leader: Bill Schumacher

Readings:

- *Sarah's Key*, 2011
- Chapter 4 from Freyd & Birrell, 2013

Week 3, January 22: Systemic Trauma in the Mental Health System: Case Study

Discussion Leaders: Christina Gamache Martin, Laura Noll, and Marina Rosenthal

Documentary Screening: [Guilty Except for Insanity](#)

Week 4, January 29: Systemic Trauma in the Mental Health System: Psychiatry & Diagnosis

Discussion Leaders: Christina Gamache Martin, Laura Noll, and Marina Rosenthal

Readings:

- Osborn, L.A. (2009). From beauty to despair: The rise and fall of the American state mental hospital. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 80(4), 219-231.
- Chapters 3, 13, and 14 of Whitaker, R. (2010). *Anatomy of an epidemic: Magic bullets, psychiatric drugs, and the astonishing rise of mental illness in America*. New York: Crown Publishers.
- From Paula Caplan's blog 2012:
 - [human-rights-day-dec-10-freedom-psychiatric-labeling](#)
 - [apa-does-not-care-about-weaponized-diagnosis](#)
 - [apa-refuses-listen-voices-people-hurt](#)

Week 5, February 5: Systemic Trauma in the Mental Health System: Psychotherapy

Discussion Leaders: Xiaoning Sun and Kate Gilliam

Readings:

- Pages 24-84: Preface & Introduction of *Against Therapy* (Masson, 1993 & 2012)
- Pages 248-320: Chapter 8, Conclusion, & Afterword of *Against Therapy* (Masson, 1993 & 2012)
- Read one more chapter of your choice in *Against Therapy* (Masson, 1993 & 2012)

Week 6, February 12: Torture in the Name of Good

Discussion Leader: Briana Hailey

Readings:

- Pope, K.S. (2011). Are the American Psychological Association's detainee interrogation policies ethical and effective? *Zeitschrift Fur Psychologie*, 219(3), 150-158.
- Putnam, F.W. (2013). The role of abusive states of being in interrogation. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*. Advanced online publication.

- Reddy, L.F., & Spaulding, W.D. (2010). Understanding adverse experiences in the psychiatric institution: The importance of child abuse histories in iatrogenic trauma. *Psychological Services*, 7(4), 242-253.
- Hammer, J.H., Springer, J., Beck, N.C., Menditto, A., & Coleman, J. (2011). The relationship between seclusion and restraint use and childhood abuse among psychiatric inpatients. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 26(3), 567-579.
- Frueh, B.C., Knapp, R.G., Cusack, K.J., Grubaugh, A.L., Sauvageot, J.A., Cousins, V.C. . . . Hiers, T.G. (2005). Patients' reports of traumatic or harmful experiences within the psychiatric setting. *Psychiatric Services*, 56(9), 1123-1133.

Week 7, February 19: Military Sexual Trauma

Discussion Leaders: Melissa Platt and Sarah Harsey

Documentary Screening: [Invisible War](#)

Week 8, February 26: Military Sexual Trauma

Discussion Leader: Kristen Reinhardt

Readings:

- Allard, C.B., Nunnink, S., Gregory, A.M., Klest, B., & Platt, M. (2011). Military sexual trauma research: A proposed agenda. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, 12(3), 324-345.
- Luterek, J.A., Bittinger, J.N., & Simpson, T.L. (2011). Posttraumatic sequelae associated with military sexual trauma in female veterans enrolled on VA outpatient mental health clinics. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, 12, 261-274.
- Turchik, J.A., McLean, C., Rafie, S., Hoyt, T., Rosen, C.S., & Kimerling, R. (2012). Perceived barriers to care and provider gender preferences among veteran men who have experienced military sexual trauma: A qualitative analysis. *Psychological Services*. Advanced online publication.

Week 9, March 5: Culture & Gender

Discussion Leader: Jen Gómez

Readings:

- Gómez, J.M. (under review). Cultural betrayal trauma theory.
- Fawole, O.I. (2008). Economic violence to women and girls: Is it receiving the necessary attention? *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 9(3), 167-177.

- Krishnan, S. (2005). Gender, caste, and economic inequalities and marital violence in rural South India. *Health care for women international*, 26(1), 87-99.
- Franiuk, R., Seefeldt, J.L., Cephess, S.L., & Vandello, J.A. (2008). Prevalence of rape myths in print journalism: The Kobe Bryant case. *Violence Against Women*, 14(3), 287-309.

Week 10, March 12: Facing Systemic Trauma

Discussion Leaders: Nita Halstead and Laura Kaehler

Readings:

- Chapters 12 & 15 from Freyd & Birrell, 2013
- Mejia, P., Cheyne, A., & Dorfman, L. (2012). News coverage of child sexual abuse and prevention, 2007-2009. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 21(4), 470-487.
- Burns, D., Hyde, P., & Killett, A. (2012). Wicked problems or wicked people? Reconceptualizing institutional abuse. *Sociology of Health and Illness*. Advanced online publication.
- Wurtele, S.K. (2012). Preventing the sexual exploitation of minors in youth-serving organizations. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(12), 2442-2453.
- Kleinman, T. (2012). The “best interest” standard versus changing the standard to assure child safety. *Trauma Psychology Newsletter*, 7(3), 5-7.
- Zook, K.B. (2012, November 16). Of fantasy sluts and real-life survivors. *Women's Media Center*. Retrieved from <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/>

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