UO Psychology 607 Graduate Seminar
Winter 2013

Systemic Trauma

Instructors: Jennifer Freyd and Pamela Birrell

Syllabus (as of 9 January 2013)

CRN: 25639
Grading option: Optional
Credits: 2-4
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:50 PM
143 Straub

Course Home Page http://dynamic.uoregon.edu/~jjf/courses/psy607-win13/

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:


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
Course Work: Students will be expected to attend all class meetings, do all assigned readings, and 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:

- 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:

- 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:


**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:**


**Week 9, March 5: Culture & Gender**

**Discussion Leader:** Jen Gómez

**Readings:**


**Week 10, March 12: Facing Systemic Trauma**

**Discussion Leaders:** Nita Halstead and Laura Kaehler

**Readings:**

- Chapters 12 & 15 from Freyd & Birrell, 2013

**About your Instructors**

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