

**DISSOCIATION, SPLITTING, AND CLOSET NARCISSISM: SYLLABUS ORI COURSE**

**SECOND SEMESTER, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2020**

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**First Week Readings:** For the first class in the beginning of January please read two chapters in

“The Dissociative Mind” by Elizabeth F. Howell. Intro and Chapter 1: pp. 1-37

Also, pp. 82 to 91 on Ronald Fairbairn and splitting/dissociation, related to his original 1952 papers on

Endopsychic Structure. In addition pp. 219-,228, on “Narcissism: A Relational Aspect of Dissociation”

**Second Week’s Readings:** James Masterson’s writings in his book “The Emerging Self” on psychic splits in psychic structure and Closet Narcissism, Chapter 3, pp. 109-113, and chapter 9, pp. 217-227.

**Third Week’s Readings:** two papers by Annie Reich in 1940 and 1953, which relate to the clinical phenomenon of the “Closet Narcissist,” defined by Masterson:

“Extreme Submissiveness in Women” and “Narcissistic Object Choice in Women”

**Fourth Week’s Readings:** Melanie Klein’s 1946 paper “Notes on Some Schizoid Mechanisms”.

In: “*The Writings of Melanie Klein, Vol. 3: Envy and Gratitude and Other Works, 1946-1963.*”

New York: Free Press, pp. 1-24. Also published in London by Hogarth

**Fifth Week’s Readings:** “*Psychic Retreat*” by John Steiner, pp. 1-63: "A theory of psychic retreats" "Psychic retreats: a clinical illustrations," "The paranoid-schizoid and depressive positions," "Review: narcissistic object relations and pathological organizations of the personality," "The recovery of parts of the self lost through projective identification: the role of mourning"

**Sixth Week’s Readings:** **D. W. Winnicott** “Ego distortion in terms of true and false self. In “*The Maturation Process and the Facilitating Environment*. New York: International Universities Press, 1965, pp. 140-152.

“Psychic Structure and the Capacity to Mourn: Why Narcissists Can’t Mourn,” by Susan Kavalier-Adler, in two journals, “*Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy*” and later in “*Mind Consilliums*” the ORI online journal.

**Seventh Week’s Readings:** paper on “Trump’s Rallies, Woody Allan’s “Blue Jasmine, and the Psychohistorical Impact of Closet Narcissism” given on the Plenary Panel of the International Psychohistorical Association May 22, 2019, to be in 3 Volumes of Selected Papers of Susan Kavalier-Adler,” in press with International Psychoanalytic Books

Second reading: “My Graduation is My Mother’s Funeral: Transformation from the Paranoid-Schizoid to the Depression Position in the Fear of Success and the Role of the Internal Saboteur,” by Susan Kavalier-Adler, *International Forum of Psychoanalysis*, 2006.

**Eighth Week's Readings:** Reading in Michael Balint's *"The Basic Fault,"* 1979, New York: Brunner Mazel

pp. 11-27 "the two levels of analytic work," "the area of the basic fault," "The area of creation"

pp. 138-147 "The various forms of therapeutic regression," "pp. 159-172 "Therapeutic regression, primary love," and "the basic fault"

**Ninth Week:** Two chapters on "The Case of Laura" in *"Mourning, Spirituality and Psychic Change: A New Object Relations View of Psychoanalysis,"* London: Routledge, 2003, Gradiva Award winner from National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis 2004, .

pp. 119-219

**Tenth Week:** 3 chapters on "The Case of June" in *"Mourning, Spirituality and Psychic Change...,"* Closet Narcissist Dynamics in relation trauma and preoedipal trauma (Kavaler-Adler)

pp. 81-148.