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Program: Multicultural Issues in Clinical Practice: Challenges and Opportunities

Presenter: Dr. Zonya Johnson

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In this presentation Dr. Johnson will explore the interface between the cultural values of the therapist and the client. The interactions fueled by these differences often go unnamed, and can generate a spectrum of issues in the clinical space. Dr. Johnson suggests that the goal of maintaining a relationally neutral stance in the therapeutic relationship may be both impossible and undesirable from a cultural perspective. From her viewpoint, understanding the cultural context and the role of unacknowledged privilege and bias can be pivotal to generating positive therapeutic outcome.

This seminar is timely, as we are all struggling to deepen our understanding of cultural bias. The meeting promises to be lively, stimulating and useful to therapists in a variety of settings, and hopefully will help clarify aspects of our own fears and prejudices. Please join us. Your participation has helped build a supportive community where we can feel safe speaking openly. We look forward to seeing you.

Dr. Zonya Johnson is Dean of the Sanville Institute, Berkeley, California. She is a Clinical Psychologist with an esteemed background, who has worked as a clinician, consultant, professor, and writer. She began her early work in Boston as an Instructor of Psychology at the Department of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In the 80's, she moved to the San Francisco Bay area. Dr. Johnson was Faculty Chair of the Wright Institute in Berkeley.

In addition, Dr. Johnson maintains a culturally diverse clinical practice of psychotherapy in the Rockridge area of Oakland, with individuals and couples, including work with severely mentally ill patients and substance abusers. As a consultant with graduate students, clinicians and agency administrators she is often recruited to facilitate the process of developing cultural competence. A dynamic speaker, who integrates her knowledge of humanistic, relational and psychodynamic theories, Dr Johnson's presentation promises to be compelling.

Location: 120 Commonwealth Ave., (Between Euclid & Geary) S.F., CA. 94118

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