

**PROSEMINAR IN ETHICAL
AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY**
(80103.45594)

Prof. Elliot L. Jurist

Fall 2009

Office: NAC 8/109

Office Hours: Th 11:30 and by appt.

The purpose of the seminar is to introduce students to a comprehensive range of ethical and professional issues in the field of clinical psychology. In the first part of the course (weeks 1-7), we shall discuss, first, various ethical systems in the history of western philosophy, second, bioethics, third, research ethics, and, fourth, professional ethics, as represented by the APA code of ethics. Students will then be given the opportunity to work in pairs on specialized topics of their choice and present them for class discussion during weeks 8-11. During weeks 12-15, we shall make time to discuss your first clinical encounters on desk duty, have an introduction to the Psychological Center (with an emphasis upon clinic policy and issues concerning diversity), and focus on beginning clinical work (including a preliminary introduction to diagnosis). The seminar is designed to facilitate your entry into the field of clinical psychology and might be conceived, in fact, as an extension of the orientation process.

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this seminar are:

- 1) To learn how to think critically about ethical and professional issues
- 2) To become familiar with the APA Code of Ethics
- 3) To learn in detail about a topic of interest within ethics and take responsibility for presenting it to the class
- 4) To become familiar with how our clinic functions
- 5) To become familiar with issues about the identity and future direction of the program and the field in general
- 6) To become prepared to undertake clinical work
- 7) To learn about diagnosis

Requirements:

- 1) Class attendance is mandatory and participation is desirable and always welcomed (indeed, you should make sure to attend all of your classes and come to program meetings, clinic meetings and colloquia);
- 2) One presentation jointly presented with another student in the class (we will discuss various topics and formulate a schedule over the next few weeks);
- 3) Transcripts of all clinical encounters (which we will review in class);
- 4) No papers or exams

Readings:

- 1) Go to the APA website and print out a copy of the APA ethics code (www.apa.org/ethics); also take a look at the description of 2002 update (www.apa.org/monitor/nov02/ethicscode.html).
- 2) See articles/websites under weekly reading
- 3) See end of syllabus for recommended reading

Grading:

- 1) Attendance (10%)
- 2) Class participation (40%)
- 3) Class presentation (50%)
(A+=outstanding work; A or A-= quality work; B+,B or B-=competent work; C or below=not yet competent work)

First Week: 9/3/09

Introduction to Ethics: An Historical Background.

Aristotelian Ethics Kantian Ethics, Utilitarian Ethics, and Radical Critiques of Ethics

Reading:

- 1) Hand-out on comparing ethical systems

Second Week: 9/10/09

Introduction to Ethics, continued

Third Week: 9/17/09

Introduction to Bioethics: What is Bioethics? The Principles of Autonomy, Beneficence and Non-Maleficence, and Justice

Reading:

- 1) <http://www.bioethics.net/articles.php?viewCat=3>
- 2) <http://www.sewanee.edu/Philosophy/bioethics/principles.html>

Fourth Week: 9/24/09

Introduction to Research Ethics

Reading:

- 1) Nuremberg Code: <http://www.cirp.org/library/ethics/nuremberg/>
- 2) Helsinki Statement: <http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm>
- 3) Belmont Report:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/belmont.htm>

Fifth Week: 10/01/09

Introduction to Professional Ethics: The APA Code

Reading:

- 1) Introduction and Preamble
- 2) General Principles:
 - A) Beneficence and Non-Maleficence
 - B) Fidelity and Responsibility
 - C) Integrity
 - D) Justice
 - E) Respect for People's Rights and Dignity

Sixth Week: 10/08/09

Introduction to Professional Ethics: The APA Code, continued

Reading:

- 1) Hand-out on Test Cases
- 2) Ethical Standards
 - A) Competence (1)
 - B) Human Relations (2)
 - C) Privacy and Confidentiality (3)
 - D) Advertising and Public Statements (4)

- E) Record Keeping and Fees (5)
- F) Education and Training (6)
- G) Research and Publication (7)
- H) Assessments (8)
- I) Therapy (9)

Seventh Week: 10/15/09

Tarasoff-like Cases

- 1) Tarasoff case:

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/psylawseminar/Tarasoff.Greene.htm>

- 2) "The Cop and the Therapist" from the New York Times Magazine

<http://partners.nytimes.com/library/magazine/home/20001203mag-max.html>

Eighth Week: 10/22/09

Student Presentations

Ninth Week: 10/29/09

Student Presentations

Tenth Week: 11/5/09

Student Presentations

Eleventh Week: 11/12/09

Student Presentations

Twelfth Week: 11/19/09

Introduction to Clinic (with Diana Puñales, Director of the Psychological Center)

Clinic Policy and Clinic Forms

Our Patient Population

Reading:

- 1) "Culture and Psychotherapy" in Culture and Psychotherapy: A Guide to Clinical Practice.

Eds. Tseng, W and Strelzer, J. (Washington: American Psychiatric Association, 2001):

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/7350704/Culture-and-Psychotherapy-a-Guide-to-Clinical-Practice-WenShing-Tseng>

Thirteenth Week: 11/26/09 Thanksgiving

Fourteenth Week: 12/3/09

Introduction to Diagnosis and DSM IV (with David Ott, Consulting Psychiatrist)

- 1) Practice guideline for the evaluation of adult

patients:http://www.guideline.gov/summary/summary.aspx?doc_id=9317&nbr=4986&ss=6&xl=999

- 2) DSM, Introduction
- 3) Using the Multiaxial System of the DSM:

http://psyweb.com/Mdisord/DSM_IV/jsp/dsm_iv.jsp

Fifteenth Week: 12/10/09

Introduction to Diagnosis

Issues for Psychologists Using the DSM IV

- 1) Krueger, Robert F.; Watson, David; Barlow, David H. Introduction to the Special Section: Toward a Dimensionally Based Taxonomy of Psychopathology.

Journal of Abnormal Psychology. Vol 114(4), Nov 2005, 491-493

(<http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/abn/114/4/491/>).

- 2) Beutler, L.E., & Malik, M.L. (Eds.), *Alternatives to the DSM*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2000 (<http://www.institute-shot.com/Psychiatric%20Diagnosis.htm>)

Recommended Reading (these sources will be helpful in terms of helping you find a topic for your presentation):

- 1) Appiah, Kwame Anthony. *The Ethics of Identity*. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton, 2004).
- 2) Bersoff, Donald. *Ethical Conflicts in Psychology* (Washington: APA, 1995).
- 3) Blaine, Bruce Evan. *Understanding the Psychology of Diversity* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2007)
- 4) Brabeck, Nancy. *Practicing Feminist Ethics in Psychology* (Psychology of Women Book Series). (Washington, DC: 2000).
- 5) Canter, Matilda; Bennett, Bruce; Jones, Stanley; and Nagy, Thomas (Eds.) *Ethics for Psychologists: A Commentary on the APA Ethics Code* (Washington: APA, 1994).

- 6) Carnochan, Peter. *Looking for Ground: Countertransference and the Problem of Value in Psychoanalysis* (Hillsdale, NJ: Analytic Press, 2001).
- 7) Dean, Tim and Lane, Christopher (Eds.) *Homosexuality & Psychoanalysis* (Chicago: Chicago, 2001).
- 8) Downey, Jennifer and Friedman, Richard. *Sexual Orientation and Psychoanalysis* (New York: Columbia, 2002)
- 9) Edwards, Rem (Ed.) *Ethics of Psychiatry* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 1997)
- 10) Fisher, Celia. *Decoding the Ethics Code: A Practical Guide for Psychologists* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2003).
- 11) Flanagan, Laura Melans; Hertz, Patricia; and Berzoff, Joan. *Inside out and Outside In: Psychodynamic Clinical Theory and Practice in Contemporary Multicultural Contexts* (Northvale, NJ: Aronson, 2002).
- 12) Gilligan, Carol; Ward, Janie Victoria; Taylor, Jill McLean; and Bardige, Betty (Eds.) *Mapping the Moral Domain: A Contribution to Women's Thinking to Psychological Theory and Education* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1990).
- 13) Giordano, Simona. *Understanding Eating Disorders: Conceptual and Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa* (Issues in Biomedical Ethics). (Oxford: Oxford, 2008).
- 14) Hall, Lena (Ed.) *Dictionary of Multicultural Psychology: Issues, Terms, and Concepts* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2003).
- 15) Haybron, Daniel. *The Pursuit of Unhappiness: The Elusive Psychology of Well-Being* (Oxford: Oxford, 2008).
- 16) Koocher, Gerald & Keith-Spiegel, Patricia. *Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions: Standards and Cases* (Oxford: Oxford, 2008).
- 17) Pack-Brown, Sherlon and Williams, Carmen Braun. *Ethics in a Multicultural Context* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2003)
- 18) Pope, Kenneth and Vasquez, Melba J. T. *Ethics in Psychotherapy and Counseling* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007).

- 19) Pope, Kenneth; Sonne, Janet; and Holroyd, Jean. Sexual Feelings in Psychotherapy: Explorations for Therapists-In-Training (Washington: APA, 1993).
- 20) Tjeltveit, Alan. Ethics and Values in Psychotherapy (New York and London: Routledge, 1999).
- 21) Wallwork. Ernest. Psychoanalysis and Ethics (New Haven, Yale, 1991).
- 22) Weiss Roberts, Laura and Geppert, Cynthia. The Book of Ethics: Expert Guidance for Professionals Who Treat Addiction (Center City, Minnesota: Hazelden, 2008).