



The Finnish Rorschach Association
for the Comprehensive System r.y.

Kutsu yhdistyksen syysseminaariin 18. – 19.9.2015

“Psychological Testing that Matters: Inference-Making for Treatment Planning”

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Aika: Perjantai 18.9. klo 10.00 – 16.15 / Lauantai 19.9. klo 9.00 – 16.30

Paikka: Tekniskan Salit, Eerikinkatu 2, 6 krs., 00100 Helsinki

Osallistumismaksu: 220 € (alv 0%), hintaan sisältyvät kahvit sekä lounas.

Ilmoittautuminen: taloudenhoitajalle 7.9.2015 mennessä, e-mail: marjut.serguskin@gmail.com.
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ABSTRACT: Psychological testing is most valuable to the extent that it makes a meaningful difference in a person’s treatment. Too often, though, testing falls short as treatment implications described in test reports are generic, unelaborated, or would have been obvious without the time and money invested in the evaluation. In this workshop, Dr. Anthony Bram will present a person- and treatment-centered—as opposed to the more common test-centered—approach to psychological testing aimed to redress this. Synthesizing and updating the method that evolved and was taught in the postdoctoral training program at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, USA from the 1940’s through 2001, this workshop will take participants through *a way of thinking* about testing from the eliciting and clarifying questions posed by the referring colleague through the written report and other feedback. Specific topics include: (1) the concept of treatment-centered diagnosis, (2) principles of inference-making, (3) how to assess crucial ego functions (reality testing, reasoning, emotional regulation, relatedness/alliance potential), linking each to their relevance in treatment planning, (4) how to make use of the patient-examiner relationship as data source and means of hypothesis testing, and (5) use of the inference map as a tool to organize data to refine our formulation and treatment implications. There will be discussion of assessment using Rorschach, TAT, and Wechsler, as well as the patient-examiner relationship, as key data sources. Particular emphasis will be placed on application of the Rorschach Comprehensive system from a psychodynamic perspective.



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PROGRAM:

DAY 1 (18.9.2015):

10:00 – 11:30: Conceptual Orientation

Intro remarks: Brief Historical Context (Menninger/Topeka legacy)
Treatment-Centered Diagnosis
4 Paradigms of "Underlying Developmental Disruption" (Peebles, 2012)
Engaging Referring Colleague to Clarify Questions for Evaluation
Engaging the Patient/Comments about Administration
Data Sources, Principles of Inference-Making, & Intro to Inference Map

11:30 – 13:00: Lunch break (+ FRA board meeting)

13:00 – 14:30: Key Tx-Relevant Ego Functions to Assess, Part 1

(For each: definition; why is relevant; and where to look in the data, emphasizing Rorschach, CS)
Reality Testing
Reasoning

14:30 – 14:45: Coffee break

14:45 – 16:15: Key Tx-Relevant Ego Functions to Assess, Part 2

(For each: definition; why is relevant; and where to look in the data, emphasizing Rorschach, CS)
Emotional Regulation
Sense of Self
Relatedness (with emphasis on assessing alliance potential)
(Also comments/questions/discussion to conclude Day 1)

16:30 – 17:30: FRA meeting (yhdistyksen sääntömääräinen syyskokous)

DAY 2 (19.9.2015):

9:00 – 10:30: Advanced Inference-Making Techniques (emphasis on Rorschach CS sequence of scores & content)

Configurational Analysis
Minisequence Analysis
Worksheet
Case Example

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15: Intro to Assessing "Underlying Developmental Disruption"

Structural Weakness (Ego Deficit)
Maladaptive Character Patterns
Trauma
Conflict & Splits



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12:15 – 13:15: Lunch break

13:15 – 14:45: Case Presentation (with Rorschach CS and other data distributed in advance)

Illustrate Inference Mapping

14:45 – 15:00: Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30: Synthesis & Consolidation

Test Report

Feedback to Patient

Questions/Comments/Discussion

18:00 – 22:00:

***20th Anniversary of the Finnish Rorschach Association for the Comprehensive System (Dinner)
(participation 55e: marjut.serguskin@gmail.com)***

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Anthony D. Bram, PhD, ABAP is a psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Lexington, MA, USA where he conducts psychological testing, psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral therapy, and psychoanalysis with children and adults. Dr. Bram is a Clinical Instructor in Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School and is on the faculty of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. He received his doctorate from the University of Kansas and is a graduate of the Post-Doctoral training program at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka where he was subsequently a Staff Psychologist. Dr. Bram completed adult psychoanalytic training at the Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute, and child analytic training at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. Dr. Bram is a board-certified diplomate in Assessment Psychology, He has been the recipient of a Fellowship from the American Psychoanalytic Association, the Martin Mayman Award (two times) from the Society for Personality Assessment, Award for Research in Psychological Assessment from Psychodiagnostics, Scientific Writing Award from the Menninger Clinic, and the Johanna Tabin Book Proposal Prize from Division 39 of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Bram is the first author of *Psychological Testing that Matters: Creating a Road Map for Effective Treatment* published by the American Psychological Association in 2014.

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