

ALL-DAY CONFERENCE

RACISM AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

RACISM AND THE DELIVERY OF PSYCHOTHERAPY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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DECEMBER 11, 1976

New York University, Loeb Center
566 LaGuardia Place
Washington Square, New York City

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Is the Mental Health Practitioner Exempt From Racial Bias?

Because of their dedication, integrity, and high humanistic values, should we assume that psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, counselors, self-help workers, psychoanalysts, and other practitioners are immune to racist attitudes?

Crucial Question No. 1

Are we on solid ground when we label the phenomenon called racism—a psychological disturbance, a personality flaw, pathology or “sickness?” How valid are these psychodynamic formulations? Do they, perhaps, let racists off the hook?

Crucial Question No. 2

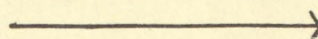
To what extent has the field of mental health ignored or underplayed the significance of race and racial attitudes in the delivery of mental health services? Is it possible that racist views can distort or negate therapeutic processes and programs?

Crucial Question No. 3

These crucial questions, and several others, will be explored at an All-day Conference sponsored by the Long Island Consultation Center and the Long Island Institute for Mental Health.

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To participate, return registration form and fee to:
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MORNING, Dec. 11, 1976

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Overview by
Conference
Coordinator

Elizabeth Lanier, ACSW
Faculty, Long Island
Institute for Mental Health;
Supervisor of Psychotherapy,
Long Island Consultation
Center

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Keynote Address:
Mental Health,
Minorities and the
Challenge of Racism

June Christmas, M.D.
New York City
Commissioner of
Mental Health and Mental
Retardation Services

MORNING PANELS

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Socio-Conditioning
of the White Practitioner
Working with Minority
Group Clients: New
Perspectives

Grace Ganter, D.S.W.
Temple University School
of Social Administration,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Interventions Against
Racism in the Education
of Mental Health
Professionals

Leah Gorman, Ed.D., R.N.
Acting Chief, Psychiatric
Nursing Education Branch,
National Institute of
Mental Health,
Rockville, Md.

Racial Bias and the Availability of Therapeutic Alternatives

Folk Healers as Associate
Therapists

Pedro Ruiz, M.D.
Director, Lincoln Community
Mental Health Center,
Associate Professor of
Psychiatry, Albert Einstein
College of Medicine

Alternative Models
in the Mental Health
Field: Self-help Mutual
Aid Groups; role of the
Paraprofessional

Frank Riessman, Ph.D.
Editor, Social Policy
Magazine,
New York City

Family Therapy in the
Black Community:
Theory and Practice

Harriette McAdoo, Ph.D.
Professor, Howard University
School of Social Work
Washington, D.C.

Research: An Examination
of the Deficiencies in
Research as it relates to
the Black Reality, Past
and Present

Nelson Henry, Ph.D.
Director of In-Service
Training, Bronx Psychiatric
Center; Instructor,
Clinical Psychology,
Teachers College,
Columbia University

Tokenism or Reality:
Recommendations for the
Education of mental
health workers against
continued racist practices

Myron Harris, Ph.D.
Chief, Adolescent
Psychiatry,
Tremont Crisis Center,
Bronx, New York

DISCUSSION of
Morning Panel papers

Chairpersons: Elizabeth
Lanier, ACSW, Conference
Coordinator; Faculty, Long
Island Institute for Mental
Health; Supervisor of
Psychotherapy, Long Island
Consultation Center.

Wilfred Quaytman, Ph.D.,
Associate Conference
Coordinator; Administrative
Director, Long Island Institute
for Mental Health.

LUNCHEON:
12:30-1:45 p.m.

Arrangements will be
handled by Conference
participants on their own.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:00-4:30 p.m.

Workshop A. The Significance of Racial Difference Between
Child and Therapist: A didactic and experiential sharing
of work experience, including examination of (a)
transference and countertransference phenomena, (b)
identifying and handling factors of racism in the
therapy situation, and in the adjunctive work with
child's family.

Workshop Leader: DON HEACOCK, M.D. Chief,
Adolescent Services, Bronx Psychiatric Center

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Workshop B. Family Therapy: When the Family and the Therapist are of different races—special issues that arise in treatment. Presentation and discussion of video-taped excerpts of sessions with families and therapists of differing racial combinations.

Workshop Leader: ROD HILL, Ph.D., Family Therapy Consultant, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Workshop C. The Racially Different Patient in Individual and Group Psychotherapy: Transference and Counter-transference problems for Black and White therapists. A didactic and experiential workshop will explore the question of how therapists' non-awareness of their racial feelings operate to reinforce resistance, and frustrate treatment goals.

Workshop Leader: ROBERT ADDISON, M.S., F.A.G.P.A., Asst. Professor of Psychiatry, N.Y. Medical College; Consultant, Fort Hamilton V.A. Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Workshop D. Raising Levels of Attitudinal Awareness in Therapists. Small group encounters related to increasing therapist effectiveness.

Workshop Leaders: CLEMENTINE A. PUGH, M.S.W., Faculty, Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx, N.Y.; Member, Anti-Racism Coordinating Committee of American Orthopsychiatric Association.

BARBARA P. KINOY, CSW, Ph.D., former executive director Riverdale Mental Health Clinic, Bronx, N.Y.; member, Anti-Racism Coordinating Committee, American Orthopsychiatric Association; private practice, Yonkers, N.Y.

Workshop E. Patient Panel: Small group of patients share and discuss experiences and feelings about working with therapists of different races.

Workshop Leaders: ELIZABETH LANIER, ACSW, Faculty, Long Island Institute for Mental Health; Supervisor of Psychotherapy, Long Island Consultation Center; private practice, Forest Hills, N.Y.

RICHARD C. ROBERTIELLO, M.D., Senior Training Consultant, Long Island Institute for Mental Health; Supervising Psychiatrist, Community Guidance Services, New York City; private practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis, New York City.

4:30-5:00 p.m.
CONFERENCE WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE

5:00-6:00 p.m.
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

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Exact spelling of name as you want it to appear on printed Conference Certificate of Participation:

REGISTRATION FEE:

Before Nov. 15, 1976 — \$35

After Nov. 15, 1976 — \$40

Students — \$15

Registration Fee includes participation in Morning Panels and Afternoon Workshop, as well as a reading list and bibliography, and a printed Certificate of Participation.

Afternoon Workshop Selection — (Workshops A, B, C, D, E.) Indicate first choice and two alternates.

First Choice Workshop _____

Second Choice Workshop _____

Third Choice Workshop _____

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