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PUBLICATIONS

- Review of “**Paternity as Function: Structuring the Religious Experience**” by Vassilis Saroglou, The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2002, Vol. 56, No. 2.
- Review of: “**Erotic Justice: A Liberating Ethic of Sexuality**” by M. M. Ellison, The Journal of Pastoral Counseling, 1998, Vol. 1, No. 2.
- “**The Impact of Male God Imagery on Female Identity Meaning**”, The Journal of Pastoral Care, Fall 1993, Vol. 47, No.2.
- “**The Self Perpetuating Nature of Patriarchy**”, Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology, November 1988, Vol. 16, No. 2.
- “**Ruth: The Dangers of the Heart**”, (co author with Curtis Abbott) People of Faith, St. Louis, UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, 1985.

GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

“**Object Relations Theory and Pastoral Psychotherapy**”: This two semester course teaches the fundamentals of object relations and personality development theory. It focuses on clinical practices that address relational patterns typically used by people diagnosed with personality disorders. It enhances basic clinical skills and the ability to build and track therapeutic relationships. It integrates a critique of psychotherapeutic practice from both theological and feminist perspectives.

“**Pastoral Care**”: Discusses the purpose and scope of pastoral care. It focuses on pastor’s and caregiver’s intervention skills. It addresses crisis situations for individual, families, and groups, and specific chronic dysfunctions that sometimes prevail in parishes and community groups. Students use case material and role plays to expand their response capacities. The course includes presentations about prevention planning and implementation, building healthy communities, and strategies to address problematic dynamics.

“**Pastor as Counselor**”: This course addresses the potential of pastoral relationships to heal characterological and relational wounds. It outlines basic theories of personality development and effective pastoral and therapeutic interventions with a variety of personality styles, gender issues, and relational dynamics. It also discusses interpersonal dynamics in parish communities and suggests ways to cultivate wholeness.

“Dealing With Religious Themes in Therapy”: Uses Rizzuto’s theory to discuss God representation development in the context of religious experience, transitional space, and intrapsychic dynamics. Offers practical insights for exploring clients’ religious lives and for understanding the intrapsychic interrelationship between religious experiences and personality development.

“Women’s Issues in the Helping Professions”: Focuses on recurrent themes that women confront in helping professions and the historical antecedents to these themes. Addresses the meaning of mothering as it is redefined in these professions and uses the early mother-infant relationship to develop a methodology and techniques for helping professionals.

“The Mother Archetype”: Focuses on the impact of mothering and nurturing forces on the development of religious experience, morality, and the identity of males and females. Explores historical and current mythological presentations of Gods that belie mothering influences. Discusses the implications of this theory for therapists working clinically with ‘mother issues’. This course has been taught in numerous settings including to students at the C. G. Jung Institute, Zurich Switzerland, June 03.

WORKSHOPS

OFFERED TO THERAPISTS, PHYSICIANS, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND CORPORATIONS

- Relational Tones of Good Leadership
- Mother: A Source
- Effective Communication in the Work Place
- Working with Borderline, Narcissistic & Schizoid Dynamics
- Advanced Object Relations, Self Psychology and Pastoral Psychotherapy
- Mid-Life Transitions
- Typical Projections on Leaders; Professional Ethics in a Relational Context
- Clinical Supervision: Counter-transference as a Teaching and Mentoring Tool

LEADERSHIP

FOR SPECIALIZED GROUPS

- Group supervision of students and therapists
- Support and therapeutic group for family members of murder victims
- Trauma recovery and reflection group after 9/11
- Communication group in workplace environment
- Group process for hospice professionals