

## PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA THROUGH A FORENSIC PSYCHOANALYTIC LENS

A 30-hour course for advanced clinicians



**TWENTY VIDEO RECORDED SEMINARS LED BY GILBERT KLIMAN, M.D.** *Dr. Kliman has been the principal psychiatric expert in over 350 psychological damage cases.* 

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This is a disturbing series, not for the faint of heart. Many of the evaluees pour out their suffering and traumatic memories — at times in ways which less experienced interviewers are likely to find extraordinary and educational, though painful to see and hear. Lessons for social justice and the progress of civilization may be derived from the close study of this material.

-Gilbert Kliman, MD

### 1) July 19, 2018:

#### Early Childhood Trauma

Video 1: A treatment session with preschool child who witnessed recent domestic violence in their biological family.

Video 2: Forensic interview of a child victim of a violent burglary and rape. This preschooler's behavioral enactment is seen as a form of trauma narrative.

#### 2) July 26, 2018:

### Early Childhood Trauma

Video 1: A Haitian baby who was raped in an earthquake refugee camp. She manifests numbness and mutism.

Video 2: A bereaved fouryear-old boy whose father has been fatally shot in the head. He manifests behavioral enactment by insisting on protecting his head until the interview progresses.

#### 3) August 9, 2018:

### Early Childhood Trauma

Forensic interview regarding father/daughter incest, including negligent parentchild supervision in a drug rehabilitation facility. The seminar series is introduced. Dr. Kliman speaks about evaluating detained refugee children vs internal refugees from our own terrors, abuses and neglects. We first view a treatment session in which a child is seen minutes after his mother has been injured in a domestic violence episode. Then we study the behavioral enactments of a five-year-old girl who was molested by an intruder.

An immigration attorney discusses a pro bono project in a Texas Facility. Discussion of the video of a raped and now mute Haitian baby who was assaulted in a refugee camp.

The concept of Iconic Memory is introduced. A bereaved boy whose father has been murdered is shown being interviewed. The applicability to asylum seeker cases becomes evident as we realize that Central American refugees are trying to escape such experiences.

There is an extensive discussion of psychological damages due to incest. Interviewing techniques are illustrated in a forensic case involving negligent supervision of a father and little girl who reside together in a drug rehabilitation facility. The pre-adolescent child eloquently expresses her memory.

### 4) November 1, 2018: *Ruptures of Attachment*

Video 1: Forensics in asylum seeking: separation at the border; further forced separations; evaluator's countertransference.

Video 2. Forensics in foster care: sexual abuse and severe cruelty by a foster mother to 3 brothers.

### 5) November 15, 2018

# Forensics regarding institutional negligence

Video 1: Sexual abuse in residential group foster care

Video 2: Separation of asylum seeking fathers and sons without due process

Traumatic dreams of a separated child.

Video 3: A negligent group residential care victim goes to jail and is redeemed by a good teacher-student relationship with a prison employee Dr. Kliman describes evaluating 5 asylum seeking fathers and 5 sons in a private detention facility and reflects on his own countertransference.

Discussion of the psychological damages to a boy in foster care. The index child was abused in two different foster homes. He is the oldest of three brothers. All three were subjected to severe humiliation, beatings, fractures, forced feces eating, and sexual abuse — all by the foster mother.

Focus on the parallels between asylum seekers in a private jail at the U.S. border, with institutional abuse in the US by examining a victim of negligence and sexual abuse in residential treatment.

Similarities of this case are explored with aspects of experience reported by a father from Central America. The father that indicates he was removed from his son twice without due process. Discussion of the evaluation with the son who has terrifying recurring dreams of his father being killed and ICE Soldiers with big dogs.

The seminar moves on to discussion of a residential facility victim who became a drug dealer. The facility almost destroyed him, but a supportive teacher in prison helped save the man

### **Original Date and Topic**

### **Details of Seminar**

### 6) <u>November 29, 2018</u> Transgenerational trauma

Video 1: Asian refugee mother Refugee was raped and Child was raped a generation later.

Video 2: Autistic teenagers in residential care are cruelly treated.

Psychological damages requested from institution Extraordinary negligence and hostility deeply inflicted on helpless children. Interview of an Asian refugee mother of a 5-year-old girl, molested in a kindergarten class by a group of five-yearolds. Her teacher was negligent and falsified attendance records. Sixty complaints were leveled against the teacher. The mother is a refugee escaping genocide. Mother remembers extraordinary transgenerational parallel to rape of her daughter with her own childhood rape at age 7 by a teenage boy in a hammock.

Demonstrative Medical Evidence of Behavioral Enactment: Focus on two autistic children that were neglected and abused at a residential care center. The Center was a criminal institution in the sense that it billed the U.S. Government for services that were not rendered. It falsified credentials of personnel. In the Center there were people who were reported to give cold showers to screaming and distressed autistic children. Staff reportedly would have sex with each other while working and would take the children on unauthorized trips out of the facility sometimes to their private homes. One child reported by multiple informants to be hung upside down and used as a human pinata, whacked by the staff. The first video is of a child who was about 15 years old, sent to the facility in the midst of a bitter custody dispute. She spent most of the year in this facility and her psychological damages are the subject of the current litigation.

### 7) December 6, 2018 Pain and Suffering

Male asylum seeker Male child of asylum seeker Psychological damages due to pain and suffering while in detention Review of a Demonstrative Medical Evidence video of an asylum seeker, who faced seven months of incarceration and separated from his son. Even though the evaluee has no initial psychological complaints, not every evaluee will present the examiner with a psychological disorder. Preliminary psychological opinion review. Evaluee is recommended to have a suit of pain and suffering from wrongful treatment.

### 8) December 13, 2018

# Public health in the corrections system

Southern Poverty Law Center Autism Klinefelter's Syndrome Asylum seekers Separation of father and son Evaluator's body language

### 9) <u>December 20, 2018</u>

# Deposition of a psychiatric expert

Video 1: Deposition of an expert: Residential care neglect; Autistic child wanders off

Video 2: Asylum seeker's son

Dr. Wheeler, a Public Health Physician in charge of the correction systems for the state of California joins the seminar concerning the physical well-being and infectious disease problems in the correction system. A representative of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Laura Rivera - an attorney, joins.

Ongoing observations are shared of non-verbal body language and autonomic nervous system responses to professional discussion of traumatic experiences.

This seminar follows up with another non-verbal child from a residential treatment Center. The little boy who is shown is considered in light of his intellectual disability as part of a disorder known as Klinefelter syndrome. In which the victims of this genetic mutation disorder have very small genitals.

Dr. Kliman interviews an asylum seeker separated from his son. In this forensic interview Dr. Kliman requests for the first time that a videographer be present to record Dr. Kliman's posture, actions, facial expressions, body language as the evaluee's.

What it is like to be deposed in an adversarial procedure. A young woman who at age 18 -19 with a mental age of 3 or 4 - is a plaintiff against a residential treatment home. It was supposed to provide her with residential care and constant supervision of her personal safety as she had a history of wandering off from safe premises. Instead, the young woman was neglected. She has a condition called Phelan Mcdermid Syndrome – a chromosomal disorder which produces autism and profound intellectual disability due to deletion of one part of chromosome 22. The young lady was

	supposed to be in constant care. She was wrongfully taken to a hotel by her caretakers who wanted to attend a public celebration. In the room with her was a former child abusing felon, an adolescent boy of 15 and sharing the bed with her was an incontinent peer who also had intellectual disability. The caretakers left her alone and she went out into the street. When she left the facility, she wandered around naked and was brutally sexually assaulted by a man with a knife. A nearby bank video camera recorded the attack. Dr. Kliman's own deposition is reviewed.
	Discussion of a video concerning the son of the asylum- seeking man discussed the week before.
10) January 3, 2019	
) <u> </u>	Two prior cases are revisited –
Father and son asylum seeker	
separated	First is the case of a father and son allegedly wrongfully separated. The case contends that the government has
Governmental harm	conducted harmful activities against many asylum seekers
Ephebophilia	by a deliberate second separation. The damages were warned against, foreseen by multiple professional societies
Lpheoopinna	that warned against forced separations of parents and
Drug abuse following	children. Case is approached from a strategic and clinical
childhood sexual abuse	point of view.
	The second case is an interview of a woman who is now drug addicted and prostituting as a result of a childhood molestation by a teacher. She is severely drug addicted, found with a gun with no license on two occasions. As a psychoanalytically informed and compassionate yet objective listener, During the interview Dr. Kliman is able

to induce a state of recall about events that were at age 14-16. The young lady was a victim of an ephebophile- one who sexually abuses children at the dawn of their sexuality.

### **Original Date and Topic**

### 11) April 4, 2019

# Countertransference in forensics

Middle School girls abused by teacher

A deeper than usual psychoanalytic point of view is presented about testimony concerning psychologically damaged plaintiffs. This case provided countertransference complexities and difficulties for the interviewer as an examiner and a testifier – difficulties which might encounter in

Long duration child abuseVideo of depositiona) Stumblingb) Gaining control over the deposition

### 12) April 18, 2019

Asylum seeking woman in 2009

A pair of children were groomed in a middle school and high school by a teacher. The teacher had seven years of sexual relationships with each of the two girls. Each discovered the other was a partner of the teacher and cut off the relationship, feeling betrayed. Each decided in her own way to identify, thereafter, as lesbian.

Testimony of Gilbert Kliman. (Deposition of GK January 22, 2019). The video shows the difficulty of giving testimony, making mistakes but ultimately gaining control of the testimony. How can the knowledge of this video be applied to other systems?

Exploring psycho-dynamically and psychoanalytically informed work. Several survivors of asylum seeking who have had a tenure career of terrible things happen to them since they were separated at the US/Mexico Border. A woman who is now in her 40s tried to bring her husband across the border around 2009. She was imprisoned for that effort, placed in jail for a year. Her children were taken from them and placed into foster care. What has happened to them is a very important lesson for us as we meet asylum seekers who are losing their children.

### **Details of Seminar**

### 13) April 25, 2019

# Detention in residential facilities

Criminal administration of foster care homes, seen decades later through testimony of now grown children

14) May 2, 2019

### Loss of Services

Parental services lost

Children's services lost

### **Details of Seminar**

Conglomerate video which will help prepare for what we fear may be coming at the national administration's behest – that is we will be seeing more and more detention in locked and residential facilities in which children are detained and at risk of further traumatization.

Eye-witness testimony about a facility in which there were as many as 75 boys – already traumatized before they were housed in the Kiwanis Vocational Home. Now in their 30s, 40s and even 50s these victims are only now coming forward with an understanding of the harm done to them in that facility; A type I have known all too often in other residential facilities – the harm was that unqualified people succumb to various sadistic, cruel and perverse motives of their own in using the children for sadism and sexual abuse.

Ideas are introduced that experts might need to consider when practicing the forensic aspects of asylum-seeking cases or civil litigation cases involving the involuntary separation of children and their parents. Most forensic experts have very little experience with the idea of the services that parents and children provide for each other and there is a concept at the heart of the cruel separation of parents and children of each other - which we are experiencing in national immigration policy and which we experience in foster care, and imprisonment of children or parents who cannot take care of their children anymore.

We return to the mother of 3 brothers in foster care. Think about what to tell the Department of Social Services about services mother lost when her three children aged 2-4 years old were taken away from her. She was not believed when the children complained to her that they were being abused by the foster parents.

She was pregnant and illegally helped the father of her unborn child cross the border. She was caught and sentenced to prison for a year. During that time, the father of the unborn child would molest her, that set the motion of the removal of the children and sent to foster care.

Focus on the services separated parents and children lose and the consequences: Pain, suffering, and psychological changes.

### 15) May 9, 2019

Severe injuries and deaths in a vehicular accident

Case review. It concerns an accident that happened in Seattle sometime in 2015. An amphibious vehicle was conducting a tour on the Aurora Bridge. The axel broke and the vehicle went out of control and hit a bus filled with international students. Four of the students were killed. On the bus were three women, whom Dr. Kliman has evaluated and is the leading expert in the case.

Imagine that this was the train called Ride the Beast in Mexico and coming up from Central America. And on that train, there are many people who are often injured – often they see each other being killed -The people are already frequently traumatized, and then traumatized on the train. And once they make it to the border, they are often traumatized again.

There is some resemblance to what we as asylum seeker experts might experience in court when psychological damage suits are being mounted on behalf of the asylum seekers who are further traumatized in the United States.

### 16) <u>May 16, 2019</u> Sexual Molestation in Sports

Protection needed for adolescent girls in sports

Enlist your thoughts about the multiple uses which might be made of this permitted video which has educational value for teachers, children, school systems and organizations in which there are leaders who may be in positions of power and take advantage of adolescent girls in particular.

This particular plaintiff might have educational value for many responsible authority and potential victims – what could be learned in sex-education classes, parent teacher associations, school administration and possibly other means if we share this video with them.

### 17) <u>May 23, 2019</u> Sexual Abuse and Disability

Abuse of intellectually disabled children

### 18) <u>May 30, 2019</u> *Betrayal*

Grown up child recalls sexual abuse by his own father and then his foster mother

Two-year-old abused by a pediatrician

19) October 2, 2019

Sociopath terrorizes children

20) October 23, 2019

Gilbert Kliman's deposition about the failure of protective services An intellectually disabled target of peer abuse, her case has been favorably settled without a trial –Dr. Kliman performed the evaluation. Her case refers to a rape she experienced at school at age 14. Another student had raped her. He was known to be sexually aggressive. She had an intellectual age of about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.

A grown-up child who was severely abused by his father and then his foster mother. We also look at a 2-year-old girl who was abused by a pediatrician. Dr. Kliman considers that there is something about children which can inspire hatred and cruelty. And psychoanalytic thinking has not caught up with this aspect of our species.

Two young adult siblings recall living with and subjected to molestations and terrorization by a sociopathic murderer. The case gives rise to some profound questions, even of a meta-psychological nature – how is it that our species has within it so many individuals willing to terrorize and even kill children?

The Children's Psychological Health Center's videographer, Mychel McGoy was permitted by the opposition attorney to videotape Dr. Kliman's testimony in a case about two foster children in care in the state of WA for about seven years to be intermittently under the responsibility of social services and foster care. They admit that they should have prevented certain acts of sexual abuse that occurred to two children. Protective services had the opportunity to prevent sexual abuse of an obvious, foreseeable kind.



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---Gilbert Kliman, MD, Medical Director

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