

Outline

Learn the DSM-5® Personality Disorder System

- What is personality, where does it come from and where does it go?
- Attachment-the lifelong problem
- Personality pathology: genes vs. family vs. friends vs. fate
- Personality disorders
- Spectrum or category
- Discrete or complex
- Bump in the road or end of the line
- Why can't we all just get along?

“It’s All About Me.” The Challenge of the Hidden Agenda

- The core of the personality disorder: The unchanging agenda
- A review of the DSM-5® personality disorders and their agendas:

Criteria changes:

- Schizotypal
- Narcissistic
- Antisocial (and Psychopaths!)
- Borderline
- Avoidant
- Obsessive-Compulsive
- Trait Specified (PDTS) What is that?
- General Criteria for Personality Disorders
- Levels of Personality Functioning
- Personality Trait Domains

Objectives

- 1 Categorize the essential characteristics of each of the personality disorders in DSM-5® for clinical assessment.
- 2 Determine the “hidden agendas” of each of the personality disorders as they relate to case conceptualization.
- 3 Describe how transference and countertransference can affect clinical management and treatment outcomes.
- 4 Explain the boundary violation traps inherent in each of the personality disorder relationships as it relates to clinical treatment.
- 5 Utilize tools to assess treatability and prognosis early on in the therapy.
- 6 Evaluate the efficacy of various treatment methods for personality disorders including DBT and CBT.
- 7 Manage client’s suicidality, self-injurious behavior and violence with clinical strategies.

Actually, It’s All About You

- Transference & Countertransference
- What does transference and countertransference look like in our work?
- Boundary crossings and boundary violations
- How to tell when you are headed for disaster and how to intervene

What Works and What Doesn’t With Personality Disorders

- Polypharmacy and the borderline client
- DBT, CBT and all the rest-which therapy for whom? What’s the evidence and what’s the truth
- Generic, but incredibly useful, therapy strategies for each disorder
- Are some disorders hopeless?

Nobody Gets Hurt: Violence, Suicide & Manipulation

- Self-injurious behavior
- The frustration of recurrent suicidal behavior
- Suicide risk assessment
- Keeping yourself safe

Limitations of Research and Potential Risks

Live Seminar Schedule

- 7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea  
8:00 Program begins  
11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)  
4:00 Program ends

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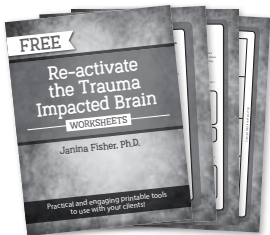
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- Manage suicidality, self-injurious behavior and violence so that nobody gets hurt

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- Therapy strategies for specific personality disorders
- Manage suicidality, self-injurious behavior and violence so that nobody gets hurt
- Learn the hidden agendas of each of the personality disorders
- Assess the efficacy of evidence-based treatment including DBT and CBT

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# PERSONALITY DISORDERS

## The Challenges of the Hidden Agenda

The client whose problems meet the DSM-5® criteria for a Personality Disorder can be the most difficult client in your caseload to treat. They may require more time in therapy, more energy and involvement on your part, experience a greater number of life crises, and create more upset with their family, work, and social systems than virtually any other diagnostic group. Often being “sent” for therapy rather than choosing therapy, their motivation for change may be limited and their personality disorder is likely co-morbid with other exacerbating disorders.

Join Gregory W. Lester, PhD, and take home an integrated approach for working with these challenging clients.

### Take home:

- Evidence-based skills for successful treatment
- Techniques to assess and treat comorbid personality
- A framework for treatment planning
- Skills to assist the client toward greater coping and adaptation

## Speaker

**Gregory W. Lester, PhD,** is a clinical, consulting, and research psychologist with practices in Colorado and Texas. Dr. Lester has presented over 2,000 personality disorders trainings to over 200,00 professionals in every major city in the United States, Canada, and Australia. In his nearly 40 years of clinical practice, Dr. Lester has treated over 1,000 personality disorder cases and has performed psychological evaluations on over 2,500 individuals.

Dr. Lester has served on the graduate faculty of The University of St. Thomas and as a special consultant to The United States Department of Justice. Dr. Lester’s office served as one of the original research sites for the DSM-5® revision of the personality disorders section where he collaborated with Emory University, the New York State Psychiatric Group, The University of Missouri, The University of Kentucky, and the late Dr. Robert Spitzer, chairman of the DSM-3 committee.

Dr. Lester is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Texas Psychological Association, and the Colorado Psychological Association. Dr. Lester is the author of nine books, including *Power with People*, a manual of interpersonal effectiveness, *Shrunken Heads*, an irreverent memoir of his graduate school training, and *Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management of Personality Disorders*, which is the largest-selling front-line clinical manual on diagnosing, treating, and managing personality disorders. Dr. Lester’s research and articles have appeared in publications including *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Western Journal of Medicine*, *The Yearbook of Family Practice*, *The Journal of Behavior Therapy*, *The Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy*, *The Handbook of Depression*, *Transactional Analysis Journal*, *Living Word Magazine*, *The Priest Magazine*, and *The Houston Lawyer*.

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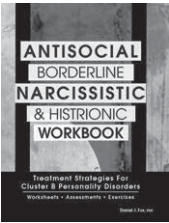


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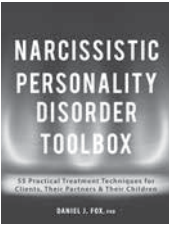
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