# **Aggression and its Vicissitudes**

Presented by Frank Summers, PhD, ABPP

Saturday, March 12, 2016



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# Location

# **Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC)**

21160 95th Ave South Boca Raton, FL 33428

# **Directions:**

# Via Florida Turnpike

- 1. take exit 75 for FL-808 toward Glades Rd.
- Take FL-808/Glades Rd. west for 1.6 miles (signs for US-441).
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- 4. Arrive at JARC in .5 miles (21160 95th Ave. S).

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### WHEN:

SATURDAY - 03/12/2016 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

8:30 AM REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

# **LOCATION:**

JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE (JARC)
21160 95TH AVE SOUTH
BOCA RATON, FL 33428

- 1. At the end of this presentation the audience will be able to describe the classical view of aggression.
- 2. At the end of this presentation, the audience will be able to describe the Kleinian view of aggression and how it differs or not from the classical position.
- At the end of this presentation, the audience will be able to describe the contemporary psychoanalytic view of aggression and how it differs or not from the classical position.
- 4. At the end of this presentation the audience will be able to distinguish among anger, hostility and rage and demonstrate the clinical technique appropriate to each.

## **SCHEDULE**

8:30am – 9:00am	Registration & Continental
	Breakfast
9:00am - 9:15am	Welcome & Introduction
	Emily Krestow, Ph.D., LMHC
	Linda B. Sherby, Ph.D., ABPP
	SEFAPP Co-Presidents
9:15am - 10:15am	Aggression and Its Vicissitudes
	Frank Summers, PhD, ABPP
10:15am - 10:45am	Discussion
10:45am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Aggression and Its Vicissitudes
	Frank Summers, PhD, ABPP
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Discussion
12:30pm	Complete Learning
	Assessment & Adjourn

This presentation will focus on the analytic approach to the various iterations of aggressivity, especially as they manifest themselves in the clinical process. While the Kleinians and neo-Kleinians such as Kernberg have emphasized the importance of aggressivity, they have not been clear about the distinctions among anger, hostility, aggressivity, rage, and acts of violence. One purpose of this workshop will be to show the importance of differentiating these different psychic states and the clinical implications of so doing.

After reviewing and critiquing the most prominent psychoanalytic theories of aggressivity, an object relations view of aggression will be advanced that borrows from a variety of theories but is synonymous with none. This theory will then be illustrated with copious clinical cases to demonstrate the importance of distinguishing the various types of aggressivity and to show that each form of aggression requires a different clinical understanding and approach. The prominent role of transcendence in the overcoming of unregulated aggressivity will be highlighted, as well as the role of creativity in the therapeutic action in cases of excessive and unregulated aggression.

Finally, these ideas will be applied to the current wave of mass violence sweeping through the United States and Europe. The ever more frequent anonymous mass shootings perpetrated by American citizens against Americans with whom they typically have no acquaintance raise the troubling question of whether the United States is a culture that facilitates such senseless indiscriminate acts of violence, and, if so, why that is. In this section on applied psychoanalysis, the analytic approach to aggression elucidated in the first part will be used to shed some light on the psychology of Middle Eastern radical and violent groups, such as ISIS. The recent wave of terrorism and the hatred of the West among a growing number of Middle Easterners will be approached from a psychoanalytic perspective using the public pronouncements of the leaders of ISIS and other terrorist groups.

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He has published four books and won several professional awards including the Gradiva Award for the best psychoanalytic book of 2013, The Psychoanalytic Vision: The Experiencing Subject, Transcendence, and the Therapeutic Process.

He is also recipient of the Hans Strupp Award for contributions to psychoanalysis and the Distinguished Educator Award from the International Federation for Psychoanalytic Education. An associate editor of Psychoanalytic Dialogues and a member of the editorial board of Psychoanalytic Psychology, Dr. Summers is author of three books on object relations theories, more than 60 papers in professional journals and book chapters as well as dozens of presentations and workshops at both national and international meetings. He has also taught psychoanalytic theory and therapy in courses and workshops across the country and internationally. Dr. Summers maintains a private practice of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy in Chicago, Illinois. A complete list of his publications, presentations, and leadership positions can be found on his website: www.franksummersphd.com