

foundational concepts in group relations theory

A Lecture Series with
Dr. Sarah Rosenbaum
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Clinical Psychologist

Four Learning Sessions
on Mondays

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7:00 - 9:30 pm ET

Online



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In each session Dr. Rosenbaum will discuss and expand on fundamentals of Group Relations theory, based on assigned readings from foundational texts in GR theory and practice. Some brief experiential exercises and other media may be used to illustrate concepts.

Topics to be covered in this series will include:

- Boundaries, Authority, Role and Task (BART)
- Bion's basic assumptions
- The nature of the unconscious
- Projection, splitting and scapegoating
- The meaning of "Group as a Whole"

Who should attend:

- Anyone who has attended at least one Group Relations Conference or equivalent experience is welcome.

This series may be particularly useful for those who:

- Have not had teaching on GR theory in school or professional training,
- Do not have a background in psychology or a related field,
- Wish to deepen their understanding of the fundamentals of GR theory.

This series is limited to 25 participants to ensure ample opportunity for interaction and discussion



testimonials

2023 participants:

“Really appreciated Sarah's ability to present complex and difficult information in a calm and easy to understand way, without either over simplifying or leaving anyone behind.”

“This was an excellent seminar series. I learned a lot. I was able to provide additional nuance to key concepts and frameworks.”

2022 participants:

“Beyond expectations”

“Extremely useful. A wonderful refresher for me and I learned some new things.”

“Sarah's presentation style is extremely effective, especially her ability to make complex concepts quite understandable without dummifying them down.”

“Thank you for a very informative yet still interactive experiential learning opportunity.”



2021 participants:

“Sarah is an extremely engaging presenter. Her vast repertoire of examples helps in the explanation of various challenging concepts for me. Her way of expression makes concepts so clear for easy comprehension.”

“This seminar series really helped me to make some sense out of the conference experience. It gave me a better language and understanding some basic group concepts”

“Very effective, clarifying and very helpful to make sense of my experiences and current knowledge”



biographies

Dr. Sarah Rosenbaum, Program Director

Sarah (She, Her) has extensive group relations experience, having staffed conferences in multiple roles, including conference director, for over thirty years. She has developed and taught numerous workshops on leadership skills, group dynamics and diversity training in clinical, organizational and community settings. She has provided training in group relations to elected officials, community leaders, graduate students and diplomats, both nationally and internationally. Sarah is a past president and Fellow of the A.K. Rice Institute (AKRI) where she currently chairs its conference committee, a long-time member of the New York Center of AKRI, and a GRI co-creator. She is currently in private practice as a clinical psychologist and organizational consultant in the suburbs of Philadelphia, and a founding member of the DBT Center of Greater Philadelphia.



Carlos Serrano, Administrator

Carlos (He, Him, They) obtained their educational background from Western Washington University and specialized in Sociology and Education and Social Justice. They have recently been working on understanding group dynamics through social analysis that looks at the formation of social organizations, inequalities, and complex intersections of identity, power, and privilege. They have experience in student services and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.





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