2021 Biennial Ethics Conference (via ZOOM)

Radical Openness, Otherness, and Ethical Considerations in the Co-participatory Process of Psychoanalysis

Presented By
Anton Hart, Ph.D.

Saturday, May 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Program Description
In order for the analyst to listen closely and potentially be moved by the analysand, the analyst must be open, particularly to what is most foreign in the analysand's discourse, especially in relation to the analysand's negative experience. In recent writing and presentation, Anton Hart has presented the concept of “radical openness”, a dispositional stance that involves the analyst's “taking to heart” the things that the analysand experiences and formulates in relation to the analyst, both familiar and strange, with the assumption that they likely carry truth within them. The radically open analyst aspires to take things that do not personally seem to apply and to live with them as potential truths that are beyond the analyst's tolerable awareness.

Often, as psychoanalytically oriented psychotherapists, we rely on the concepts of projection and transference, as we attempt to make therapeutic use of the experience of feeling misrecognized. Therapeutic dialogues across the borders of diversity can intensify this dynamic. An ethical stance based
on receptivity and inquiry allows us to become more adept, agile, and capable of bearing the unknown in ourselves, as it emerges in the therapeutic dialogue. Importantly, Hart argues that this commitment to receptivity and inquiry provides an ethical foundation for psychoanalytic work that requires a more rigorous commitment than externally derived codes of conduct alone.

Proceeding from a hermeneutic-psychoanalytic orientation, Anton Hart explores the ways that an ethic of curiosity and “radical openness” is particularly important when it comes to matters of difference. This presentation will examine both the resistances to, and the necessity for, psychoanalytic engagement—and prioritization—of issues of otherness, difference and diversity. Following an interactive conceptual and clinical presentation, there will be an experiential component in which registrants have an opportunity to apply the concept of radical openness to their work with patients.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Anton Hart, Ph.D, FABP, is a Training and Supervising Analyst and Faculty of the William Alanson White Institute. He has presented and consulted nationally and internationally on issues of ethics and diversity. He teaches and supervises at several notable psychoanalytic institutes and at Adelphi University. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of Psychoanalytic Psychology and Contemporary Psychoanalysis. He has published papers and book chapters on a variety of subjects including psychoanalytic safety and mutuality, issues of racial, sexual and other diversities, and psychoanalytic pedagogy. In addition, he served as Associate Co-producer for the film, Black Psychoanalysts Speak and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Holmes Commission on Racial Equality in the American Psychoanalytic Association. He is in full-time private practice of psychoanalysis, individual, family and couple therapy, psychotherapy supervision and consultation, and organizational consultation, in New York.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Participants in this workshop will be able to:

1) Describe the concept of “radical openness” and its purpose in the clinical process.

2) Recognize the ways in which the concept of transference may represent a form of resistance to listening as fully and openly as possible to what the patient conveys.

3) Apply radical openness to the challenges of addressing issues of diversity and otherness in the therapeutic process.

4) Identify the limitations of reliance solely on externally based ethical standards in psychotherapeutic practice.

5) Recognize and discuss pitfalls and breakdowns that can occur in diversity-related explorations and find ways to use these in the service of the restoration of open dialogue

6) Distinguish between radical openness and self-disclosure.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
8:15 am Early log in to Zoom available (Technical assistance will be available if needed)
9:00-9:10 am Welcome – Barbara Richmond, M.A., VAPS President
9:10-10:30 am Morning Presentation – Radical Openness, Anton Hart, Ph.D.
10:30-10:45 am Break
10:45-12:00 pm  Morning Presentation continued
12:00-1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00-2:15 pm  Clinical Applications and Experiential Exercises and Discussion
2:15-2:30 pm  Break
2:30-3:45 pm  Clinical Applications and Discussion Continued
3:45-4:15 pm  Closing Comments
4:15-4:30 pm  Wrap up – Stella Marrie, Psy.D.
4:30 pm  Adjourn

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Registration is available only online and includes the option of paying by credit/debit card or check. To register as a member, go to www.vapsvt.org, log in, click the events tab and select 2021 Biennial Ethics Conference with Anton Hart, Ph.D. To register as a non-member, simply skip the log in step and proceed directly to the event page. When you click “Register”, you will be given the option to pay by credit/debit card through our secure PayPal payment processing system, or by check payable to VAPS and mailed to our Treasurer, Katherine Schlageter. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 1607, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

Registration payment questions may be directed to Katherine Schlageter at kathy@kschlageterpsyd.com. Conference inquiries may be directed to Stella Marrie at smarrie1@comcast.net. Please indicate an email address on the registration form for your zoom invitation.

Please note: The registration deadline is Sunday, May 16th. Same day registration is not available for this conference.

Fee Schedule for 2021 Biennial Ethics Conference on May 22th

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*Applies to students currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate program, but does not apply to trainees in post-graduate programs.

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