# WRIGHT INSTITUTE'S DEI OFFICE PRESENTS: Decentering Normative Psychoanalysis: Toward an Anti-Oppressive Praxis



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Friday, June 18, 2021 10:00am – 12:00pm PDT Live via Zoom

Please register by June 15, 2021

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#### **Workshop Description:**

Against the backdrop of the global sociopolitical climate, it becomes even more urgent that we reimagine a Psychoanalytic practice that reflects an ethical commitment to address all oppression, especially in our clinical space. This workshop will take up the oppressive structures in which Eurocentric clinical practice is ensconced and explore how the individual encounter, especially, falls on fault lines that can often unwittingly work in service of further marginalizing and disenfranchising those we seek to help. Special attention will be given to racial traumas, how we even conceive of ability/debility, and how, most insidiously, we may come to be agents of the State. We will explore anti-oppressive theories and interventions toward a collective reimagining of a liberatory psychoanalytic practice.

#### After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify critiques of the field including failures and iatrogenic harm to communities we serve.
- Apply tenets of anti-oppressive clinical practice
- Identify psychoanalytic clinical interventions that address systemic concerns
- Identity contemporary psychoanalytic scholars engaged in anti-oppressive work

#### **Instructor Bio:**



Lara Sheehi, PsyD (she/hers), is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology at the George Washington University's Professional Psychology Program. She is the secretary of the Society for Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychology (APA Division 39), and the chair of the Teachers' Academy of the American Psychoanalytic Association. She is co-editor of Studies in Gender and Sexuality; co-editor

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