

THE WRIGHT INSTITUTE PRESENTS:



The Psychodynamics of the 2016 Elections—and why Trump and Right-Wing Extremism have Become Popular

Monday, May 2, 2016
6:00PM-8:00PM

Course Level: Intermediate

Fees:

Non WI Students: \$20

WI Alums: \$30

General: \$50

Free for Wright Institute
Faculty/Staff/Collaborative and
Other Supervisors Supervising WI
Students/Training
Directors/Students (space
permitting)

Instructor: Michael Lerner, Ph.D.

Location: The Wright Institute
Rooms 109/110
2728 Durant Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

To Register: www.wi.edu/continuing-education

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Workshop Description:

This course will help us apply a psychological understanding to the rise of right-wing extremism in the US and abroad. The course will be taught from a psychodynamic perspective to help uncover some of the forces shaping the political and psychological lives of many Americans. Dr. Lerner will in part explore how right-wing extremism has become popular as evidenced in the current presidential campaigns.

Please contact us in advance if you require special accommodations on the day of the event.

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After attending this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe a few fundamental psychodynamic concepts relevant to the current American political discourse.
- Understand the ways that the social reality in the larger society, including those that shape the national discourse emerging in the current 2016 election, may be shaping the conscious or unconscious lives of your clients and influencing people throughout our society as they assess what personal and social changes seem "realistic" and which not.

Instructor Bio:

Rabbi. Lerner earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from U.C. Berkeley in 1972, and Ph.D in Social/Clinical Psychology from the Wright Institute in 1977. He is the Executive Director of the Institute for Labor and Mental Health and was the principal investigator of an NIMH research study on psychodynamics of the American working class. He is also the editor of Tikkun magazine published by Duke University Press and Chair of The Network of Spiritual Progressives (www.spiritualprogressives.org). Dr. Lerner is also the Rabbi at Beyt Tikkun Synagogue-Without-Walls in Berkeley, CA (www.beyttikkun.org).

Dr. Lerner is the author of *Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation*; *Embracing Israel/Palestine*; *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back our Country from the Religious Right*; *Spirit Matters*; *The Politics of Meaning*; *Jews and Blacks—Let the Healing Begin* (with Cornel West); *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism on the Left*; *Surplus Powerlessness: The Psychodynamics of Daily Life and Work*; and more.

Credits: 2 CE hours. The Wright Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Wright Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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