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**ADULT ATTACHMENT PROJECTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR
September 6th - 17th, 2004**

This seminar teaches the administration and classification system for the Adult Attachment Projective (AAP). There are two steps to becoming certified in the AAP, the completion of 1) the training seminar and 2) reliability. Individuals who wish to learn about the AAP through the training seminar, but who are not interested or undecided about completing reliability are welcome to enroll in the training. For detailed information about the AAP, see www.attachmentprojective.com. For further information contact Prof. Adriana Lis: email: selma.freiberg@unipd.it

Instructors: Carol George, Ph.D. and Malcolm West, Ph.D.

When: September 6- September 17, 2004, Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: LIRIPAC, Via Belzoni 80, 35121, Padova (Italy)

Registration fee: € 1700, Psychologist, doctors, other independent professionals; € 1400, Graduate students. The registration fee includes the two-week training seminar, all materials, and reliability assessment when reliability is completed within 18 months of training.

Registration deadline: June 29, 2004. A space in the training seminar is reserved only when full payment is received. Registration following the deadline will be accepted if space allows.

Refund Policy: The registration fee is fully refundable until June 29, 2004. Registrants who withdraw after this date are entitled to a 50% refund until July 14, 2004. There is no refund for students who miss more than one class meeting or who withdraw after July 14, 2004.

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Adult Attachment Projective

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The Adult Attachment Projective (AAP) is an adult attachment classification system based on the analysis of a set of projective stimuli. The AAP was developed to provide researchers and clinicians with a construct validated measure of adult attachment that 1) preserves the emphasis on mental representation and defensive process that is one of the main components of attachment theory (e.g., Bowlby, 1969; Cassidy & Kobak, 1988; Main, Kaplan, & Cassidy, 1985; Solomon & George, 1996), yet 2) circumvents the limitations of administration and analysis of interview measures.

The AAP system designates four classification groups that parallel those designated using the Adult Attachment Interview (George, Kaplan, & Main, 1984/1985/1996; Main & Goldwyn, 1985/1990/1994/1998). Since most attachment researchers “boil down” their data to major classification groups (F, Ds, E, U) or simply place subjects into secure or insecure groups, the AAP fits the needs of the vast majority of researchers and clinicians who use the adult attachment construct.

Measure. The AAP is comprised of eight drawn pictures: seven attachment-related drawings and one drawing of a neutral scene used as a warm-up. These drawings depict events that, according to attachment theory, activate the attachment system (e.g., example, illness, separation, solitude, death, and abuse). Drawings depict adult-adult dyads, adult-child dyads, adults alone, and children alone.

Administration. Administration of the AAP takes approximately 35 minutes. Beginning with a warm-up scene, subjects are guided through the series by being asked to describe the events in each picture.

Attachment Classification. Subjects are classified into one of four major adult attachment classification groups: Secure, Detached, Preoccupied, and Unresolved. The classification process takes approximately 1 hour per protocol for trained, reliable judges.

Validation of the AAP. Our work with the AAP to date has established interjudge reliability and convergent validity with the AAI. The reliability figures reported here are based on a combined data set that includes a subsample of mothers of Failure to Thrive Infants and their controls participating in a large research project in Toronto, Canada (Dr. Diane Benoit, Principal Investigator), a subsample from the Calgary Depression Study (Dr. Malcolm West, Principal Investigator), and cases to date of participants in an AAP validity study that we are currently conducting. Independent judges blind to AAI classification and all other subject information completed AAP classifications. Trained AAI judges completed AAI classifications. The reliability figures are as follows: AAP interjudge reliability (N = 140) for secure versus insecure classifications, 97% (kappa = .74, $p < .000$); interjudge reliability for the four major attachment groups, 97% (kappa = .82, $p < .000$); AAP-AAI convergence (N = 122) for secure versus insecure classifications, 97% (kappa = .80, $p = .000$); convergence for the four major attachment groups is 92% (kappa = .89, $p = .000$).

Further Reading

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