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**Attachment, Perversion, Play and Involvement: Film Screening and Discussion of “An Affair of Love”**

**Presented by Albert J. Brok, Ph.D., CGP and Ellen Gussaroff, Ph.D.**

**When:** Sunday, December 7th, 2014

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, followed by brunch

(Registration begins at 8:45 am)

**Where:** Imperial Point Medical Center
6401 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

**Presentation Description:** (Instructional Level: Intermediate)

Early in the twentieth Century, Freud noted that a major issue confronting mature relationships involved the integration of passion and tenderness toward the same person. This is a theme that was not only relevant in Freud’s time, it is also of current importance in a culture that consciously values marriage but is increasingly tilting toward identification with the bifurcation of desire and love. In our 21st Century Western Culture, goals and desires of individuals often clash with the goals and desires of the couples these individuals form. Boredom and complacency characterize many long-term relationships while enduring relationships (with involvement compromised of love, desire, play and imagination) are thought by some to be impossible. While individuals seeking a relationship, are often lacking or unaware of the emotional tools necessary to form an ongoing relationship. Many are organized by what the speakers have termed malignant individualism as opposed to benign individualism. This program explores this general set of issues from a number of perspectives highlighted by the film “An Affair of Love” award winner for best actress (Nathalie Baye) at the Venice film festival 1999. It is in French with English Subtitles.

**Presenters:**

Albert J. Brok, Ph.D. is past-President, Section I Div 39, of the American Psychological Association (2012 -2013), a member of the faculty at Derner Institute, Adelphi University and Director Group and Couples Training, Training Institute of Mental Health, New York. He is also a member and ongoing presenter with the Cineanalises (film and analysis) Group, and the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association in Buenos Aires,
Argentina. He belongs to various international organizations and is Visiting Faculty, Kazakhstan Psychoanalytic Assoc. Almaty, Kazakhstan, and Guest Presenter at the Madrid Psychoanalytic Association (APM). He is bilingual in Spanish and English. Dr. Brok has co-authored three books on three distinct topics: aging, cinema and cultural identity, and combines individual and psychoanalytic group therapy. He has also presented and published numerous articles on such issues as Disavowal versus Denial, Internalization of Cultural Norms, Issues of identification, and many other topics in the general analytic field.

**Ellen Gussaroff, LCSW, Ph.D.** is the Co-Director of the Couple Therapy Program, a Training Analyst, and Senior Supervisor at the Training Institute For Mental Health in New York. She was the Co-Director of the Introductory Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program and the Senior Supervisor and Training Analyst at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health. She was also Adjunct Associate Professor at Fordham University’s Graduate School of Social Work. She maintains a full time private practice as a Psychoanalyst and Psychotherapist, working with individuals, couples and families. Her recent presentations include, “Identification Fragmentation in the Case of a Self Mutilating Patient,” “Transference Enactments in the Paradox of Silence or Always the Audience, Never the Show,” presented in Norway, 2002, at the IFPS FORUM, and “Child Depression and The Silent Mother” at the International Psychoanalytic Association in Prague, Czech Republic.

**OBJECTIVES:**

After attending this intermediate-level program in full, participants will be able to address such questions as:

1. How can one differentiate attachment from involvement?
2. What is the role of perversion in stifling play?
3. Can fantasy and reality interpenetrate a couple rather than be neutralized by them? Can a relationship become a play space as well as a workspace? And how is that different from a “Perverse” space?
4. Can one completely know one’s partner, or is this a myth that allows us to avoid the gap of desire and hide behind the safety of “knowing.”
5. And finally, are current Western relationship values the products of a culture buttressing narcissistic interests, media addiction and disbelief in the work of involvement?

**LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:**

**DIRECTIONS:** From 1-95 take the Cypress Creek Road Exit, Exit 33 (east) until you reach Federal Highway (US1). Turn left (north). The hospital is located approximately 1/4 mile on the left (west) side of the road.

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