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## **Intimacy and Infidelity: Strange Bedfellows**

Presented By: Carl Bagnini, L.C.S.W., BCD

**Saturday, October 12, 2017**

**9:00AM—12:30PM**

Registration: 8:30 am - 9:00 am with Continental Breakfast

### **SUMMARY**

The presentation will connect the psychological-historical and unconscious meanings of romantic love to the challenges of maintaining intimacy in monogamous relationships. Infidelity and its impact on couple relations and treatment will be examined; unrealistic vs. pathological love will be discussed in terms of couple unconscious fit and basic assumptions in pairings. We will explore remedies for the therapist working with the volcanic fallout of triangulated relationships, and present technical assistance when an affair is uncovered before or during treatment. Secret affairs and the therapist's position on handling these will be offered. To enhance the application of treatment concepts we will role play a transcript demonstrating a treatment couple and their therapist dealing with the discovery of a secret affair (we will need three volunteers to read the parts of the couple and therapist). A 20 question handout on affairs will guide the discussion of intimacy and infidelity in clinical work with couples.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. Participants will understand the clinical implications of intimacy and monogamy in couple relations.
2. Participants will learn about containment when infidelity is presented or discovered in couple treatment.
3. Participants will recognize the unconscious function of deception in couples presenting an affair.

**CE Credits: Three (3) CE Credits**

### **THE PRESENTER**

Carl Bagnini, LCSW, BCD is a founding senior faculty of the International Psychotherapy Institute (IPI) and former National Chair of the Object Relations Child, Couple, and Family Therapy Training Program of IPI. He is on faculties of the Adelphi University Gordon Derner postgraduate programs in clinical supervision and couple and marital therapy, and the New York Institute for Psychotherapy Training. Carl has published and coauthored many book chapters and papers on individual, couple, and family therapy, supervision, and related topics, and the book: *Keeping Couples in Treatment: Working from Surface to Depth*. He has practiced and taught for more than forty years, and has been a featured presenter at the major conferences in the United States, Europe, and Panama. He regularly presents by video-conferencing and on Skype. His clinical practice is in Port Washington, New York.

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