

Psychotherapy Forum



“Military-Age Males,” “Men in Women’s Bathrooms,” & Other “Boogeymen”:

Hate and Desire in the Consulting Room

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7:30 - 9:00 pm EDT Via Zoom
1.5 CE/CME's Available

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Discussions of racialized gender are often framed in zero-sum terms, as if attending to the violence racialized cis men face somehow detracts from the vulnerability of racialized women and LGBTQ people. However, the sexualized nature of racialized violence reveals that this is not a question of “who suffers more,” but a question of the processes by which racialized violence is enacted. Integrating decolonial and Marxist feminisms, trans of color critique, Black Male Studies, and prototypicality research with a decolonial psychoanalytic reading of Freud and Fanon, this paper argues that an unconscious imago—what Sylvia Wynter called a genre—of the “deviant male” stands at the core of the violence targeting racialized people, whether cis, trans, or non-binary. This fantasy of the deviant male will be shown to scaffold fears of “military age male” immigrants and “men in women’s bathrooms” to empower Racial Capitalist Patriarchy and its “strong men” to position themselves as “protectors of the vulnerable,” even as their policies result in the sexual violation and elimination of vulnerable groups. Case vignettes will illustrate the clinical implications of this model. The political implications of a decolonial psychoanalytic perspective on racialized gender will be outlined.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

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At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. List the blind spots within psychoanalysis as informed by colonial and gender studies.
2. Discuss the role of “deviant males” within the psychology embedded in a capitalist and patriarchal framework.
3. Recite ways psychoanalytic theory can be framed as a liberatory practice.

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