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## ***SATURDAY MORNING CASE CONFERENCE:***

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# ***PSYCHODYNAMIC WORK WITH ADDICTION***

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (EDT)

VIA ZOOM

2 CE/CME'S AVAILABLE

**Case Presentation by Jon Venitz, LSW; Discussant Frederic Baurer, MD;  
Moderator Bridgett Bollin, LCSW**

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In this latest installment of our case conference series, targeted at early career clinicians and those looking to learn more about psychodynamic approaches to therapy, **Jon Venitz, LSW** will present from their work with an adult patient in residential treatment, a setting that introduces special challenges to the traditional therapeutic frame (e.g. the therapist having case management responsibilities, triangulation with other staff, etc.)

**Discussant Fred Baurer, MD**, psychoanalyst and PCOP faculty member, will provide an overview of key concepts for working psychodynamically with patients struggling with addiction. Process material will be discussed with an emphasis on 1) case formulation, 2) use of countertransference and transference as a source of insight into the patient, and 3) clinical interventions, including concrete examples of “what to say, when” from a psychodynamic lens that attendees can apply to their own clinical work. In the question and answer period that follows, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss the case with Mx. Venitz and Dr. Baurer.

Upon registering, attendees will receive a copy of Dr. Baurer’s paper, *Psychodynamic Treatment with the Addicted Person* (2021) to familiarize them with this approach.

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### About the Presenter

**Jon Venitz, LSW (they/them)** is a social worker based in Philadelphia, PA. They are a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. They have worked as a psychotherapist in a variety of settings, including outpatient community mental health, college counseling, and residential substance abuse treatment. They currently work with the LGBTQ+ community in Philadelphia and are interested in harm reduction, the intersections between psychoanalysis and community mental health, and the impacts of institutional violence and social marginalization on the psyche.

### About the Discussant

**Dr. Fred Baurer** is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Temple University School of Medicine. At Wesleyan, Fred learned to cultivate spontaneity through the medium of improvisational dance, which informs his clinical work to this day. He completed psychiatric residency at the Institute of PA Hospital and psychoanalytic training at the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute. Fred pursued his interest in addiction psychiatry at the Strecker Program under the mentorship of Dr. Donald Gill. With the closing of the Institute in 1997, Fred remained on site as the facility transformed into the Kirkbride Center, where he was instrumental in developing addiction treatment services, in particular integrating pharmacologic approaches, including methadone, with psychosocial and psychotherapeutic modalities. He has served as president of the PA Society of Addiction Medicine and has worked extensively with physicians in recovery from addiction. He is a faculty member and Supervising Analyst at PCOP.

Addictions and psychoanalysis are not common bedfellows, but Fred has devoted his career to the melding of these. Through clinical work and teaching, he has learned to work with substance using patients through a psychoanalytic lens. He teaches classes and seminars in this approach through PCOP, and published a paper describing this approach in 2021. He seeks to engage his patients as partners in a collaborative process, believing that people recover from addictions when they join this partnership and become pro-active in their recovery, not so much when they are passive recipients of care. Since retiring from Kirkbride, Dr. Baurer has devoted himself to intensive psychotherapeutic and psychoanalytic work with addicted and non-addicted patients. He continues to teach, mentor, supervise, and serve on committees of PCOP.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of psychodynamic case formulation.
2. Describe elements of psychodynamic psychotherapy technique related to working with patients struggling with addiction.
3. Describe common countertransference/transference feelings that arise when treating patients struggling with addiction.

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