

The Place of Love & Erotics in Psychoanalytic Practice

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& Virtual via Zoom

Program Description

The centrality of love and sexuality in our work will be illustrated through the use of clinical vignettes, including a variety of erotic fantasies and transferences that can emerge in treatment. The ways in which the analyst should attend to countertransference feelings will be discussed in order to understand and interpret the material. Clinical vignettes will be presented that involve erotic transferences and respective countertransference difficulties.

About the Speaker

Andrea Celenza, PhD, is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and Assistant Clinical Professor at Harvard Medical School. She is also Adjunct Faculty at The Florida Psychoanalytic Center. She has written numerous papers and four books on love, sexuality and psychoanalysis. She has two online courses and her work has been recognized with The Karl Menninger Award, The Helena Deutsch Prize, and The Simonds Prize. Her writings have been translated into Italian, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Chinese, and Farsi. Her third book, entitled, *Transference, Love, and Being: Essential Essays from the Field*, was published in 2022 by Routledge and was nominated for the Gradiva Award. Her fourth book, published by Routledge in 2024 is *Erotic Transferences: A Contemporary Introduction*. Dr. Celenza is in private practice in Lexington, Massachusetts, USA.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Describe different forms of eroticism and how they might be actualized in clinical practice.
2. Acquire greater comfort in the identification and exploration of countertransference and its uses in clinical practice.

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