Race, Black Bodies, and Psychodynamic Therapy

with Dr. Lisa L. Moore, LICSW, PhD
Associate Professor of Social Work and Family Studies

Friday, October 23, 2020
8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Presented Virtually via Zoom

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Institutionalized forms of oppression have framed the experience of people who are Black in the United States, yet rarely are they examined drawing on Frantz Fanon’s theories, which offer a framework for understanding the dehumanization of Black bodies.

This convening will explore how one identifies fear as it resides in those with power, and suggests approaches for addressing the effects of this fear in the context of clinical practice.

Clinical case study material will highlight how to navigate the impact of institutionalized forms of racism on the inter-subjective and intra-psychic dynamics of clinical work. In addition, we will explore the processes that contribute to the manifestation of fear as pathological.

Conference Objectives:
- Identify and distinguish presentation of mental health symptoms as responses to various forms of racism versus those emerging due to organic mental health concerns.
- Identify the stages of dehumanization that shape dominant forms of oppression by individuals and institutions.
- Discuss Fanon’s theories and the application of psychodynamic theories in clinical practice cross-racially.

Dr. Lisa L. Moore, LICSW, PhD
Dr. Lisa L. Moore is an Associate Professor of Social Work and Family Studies at St. Olaf College where she is the Director of Family Studies. Her active areas of scholarship address the intersections of race and psychoanalytic theory, and the use of auto-ethnography to explore the experiences of being a black adoptive mother. Her additional areas of scholarship address the intersections of race, gender, housing, and families. She has a particular interest in how family relationships are navigated in response to policies in affordable and public housing and land retention.

Dr. Moore has maintained a private psychotherapy and consultation practice over the past twenty years working with individuals, families, relationships, and groups serving people of color, particularly women of color, and LGBTQ communities. Her consultation work has primarily centered around addressing issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education and community-based non-profit organizations.

She resides in Northfield, MN and maintains her clinical practice in Minneapolis, MN.

Kyle “Guante” Tran Myhre, Poet, Activist, Educator

Kyle “Guante” Tran Myhre is an MC, two-time National Poetry Slam champion, activist and educator. His work explores the relationships between identity, power, and resistance. Whether deconstructing traditional notions of masculinity, challenging dominant narratives related to race and racism, or just telling stories about the different jobs he’s had, Guante strives to cultivate a deeper, more critical engagement with social justice issues, one based in both empathy and agency.

Guante completed his Masters studies in 2016 at the University of Minnesota with a focus on spoken word, critical pedagogy, and social justice education.

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