

North Carolina Psychoanalytic Society

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Transference and Neurobiology

Presented by

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Transference is a key concept in psychoanalysis, distinguishing the analytic treatment from other forms of psychotherapy. This presentation will place transference into the context of a general psychology of human functioning and link it to the neurobiology of perception. Despite the centrality of transference in psychoanalysis, the concept remains poorly defined and has been discussed in terms of many competing and contradictory perspectives. Little literature exists that views transference as a form of intentional action and perception, and most conceptualizations describe it in terms of emotional, person-oriented reconstitution of earlier attachments or conflicts.

A brief review of the literature within and outside of psychoanalysis which defines transference through the lens of perception and proposes that it is ubiquitous in humans, will be discussed. When not impaired, transference is an adaptive ego function that emerges, along with counter-transference, in the context of any interpersonal situation of significant emotional import. The presentation will give an overview of Dr. Walter Freeman's research on olfaction.



About the Presenter:

David Pincus, D.M.H., an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and is Adjunct Professor at the Medical University of South Carolina.

He is in private psychoanalytic practice and was recently inducted as an honorary member at the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsA) as an Honorary Lifetime Member because of his contributions bridging neuroscience and psychoanalysis. He is also currently director of the new MindBrain Consortium (mindbrainconsortium.com, under construction) at Summa Hospital System in Akron Ohio.

Pincus is a leader in the neuro-psychoanalytic movement, an active member of the Neuroscience, Psychopharmacology and Psychoanalysis Study Group in New York, and the founding director of the Cleveland MindBrain Group which convenes at the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center. He is strengthening the linkages between neuroscience and psychoanalysis through his cross-disciplinary research with psychoanalysts, philosophers, neurologists, bioethicists and others.

In his work as Director the MindBrain Consortium, he is involved in research that could be described as a new 'psychosomatics', with two examples being research into the neurochemistries underlying mammalian attachment and psycho-immunological processes relating to autoimmune disorders.

Pincus is a member of the editorial boards of *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, *Contemporary Psychology* and *Science and Consciousness Review*. His latest publication comes out in this October's issue of *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, titled *A Neurobiological Model of Perception: Considerations for Transference*, and is co-authored by Walter Freeman and Arnold Modell.

Target Audience: Open to mental health professionals and anyone who has an interest in this topic. This program is at an intermediate instructional level.

Conference Schedule:

9:30 am - 10:00 am Check in and refreshments

10:00 am -12:00 pm Presentation and Q & A with David Pincus, DMH

Location: Lucy Daniels Foundation, 9001 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC

Cost: \$45.00 (\$50 at the door)

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Educational Objectives: This presentation should allow audience members:

- 1) To link the psychoanalytic concept of transference to the general psychology of perception
- 2) To frame the psychoanalytic definitional debates regarding transference along three core axes
- 3) To present conceptual and neurobiological arguments for why transference can be viewed from the standpoint of the action-perception cycle.

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