

**PT 187 Psychoanalytic Ethics**  
**Fall 2020**  
**Ms. Dorsey**

**Course Description:** This course focuses on the clinical ethical issues that have arisen within psychoanalysis since its inception. Such issues as “wild” analysis, extra-analytic contact, neutrality, countertransference, the use of induced feelings, parameters and third-party involvement will be discussed. Various recommended approaches will be studied. Special circumstances that occur when analysts work in non-analytic settings will be considered from an ethical perspective.

**Methods of Evaluation:** Class participation, logs, written assignments and final paper.

**Text:** (2011) In the Interest of the Patient: An Ethics for Psychoanalysis. Modern Psychoanalysis: 36, 2.

**Class 1, September 11, 2020:** Overview

Mackay, N. (2011) Foreword: professions, ethics, and codes of ethics. In text above, pp.135-138.

Dorsey, E. (2011) Introduction. Text above, pp. 139-140.

Meadow, P.W. (2011) Why a psychoanalytic code? Text, pp. 141-157, and Ethical thought and instinctual life. Text, pp. 158-175.

**Class 2, September 25, 2020:**

Continued discussion of overview. Find and review ethics codes of major groups in psychoanalysis and in your licensed field, if applicable. **Compare and contrast them in a written essay.** This required assignment is due at the time of the class.

**Class 3, October 9, 2020:**

Dorsey, E. (2011) Dilemmas in search of a code. Text above, pp. 176-211. Overview, transference, countertransference.

**Class 4, October 23, 2020:**

Celenza, A. (2007) This couldn't happen to me and When is a couch just a couch? In Sexual Boundary Violations: Therapeutic, Supervisory and Academic Contexts. New York: Jason Aronson. pp. 15-26 and 43-53.

Continued discussion of clinical dilemmas. Boundary issues, extra-analytic contact, self-disclosure.

**Begin selection of topic for final paper.**

**Class 5, October 30, 2020:**

Dilemmas continued. Confidentiality, third party involvement, the impaired analyst. **Submit written prospectus for final paper.**

**Class 6, November 6, 2020:**

Snyder, J. (2011) The dangers of an ethical code. In text above, pp. 212-238.

**Class 7, November 20, 2020:**

**Workshop on papers in progress. All students present.**

**Class 8, December 4, 2020:**

Dangers and abuses of ethical codes, continued discussion.

**Submit annotated bibliography of literature to date for final paper.**

**Class 9, December 11, 2020:**

Meadow, P.W. (2011) Toward a code specific to psychoanalysis. In text above, pp. 239-253.

**Class 10, December 18, 2020:**

Toward a code, continued discussion.

**Final paper due.**

**Class 11, January 8, 2021:**

**Half the class presents final papers.**

**Class 12, January 15, 2021:**

**Final paper presentations.**