

**Bridging the Divides:
Clinical & Ethical Dilemmas
In Psychotherapy & in Our World**

Advanced Topics in Supervision
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SYLLABUS

| EDUCATIONAL GOALS & LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Goals:

The goals of this course are the following:

1. To discuss the impact of the current political, cultural and psychological divides on our psychotherapy with individuals and families and on mental health
2. To look at current contentious issues from a historical and cultural perspective to facilitate understanding and empathy
3. To discuss our ethical obligations around these issues

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the participants will be able:

1. To discuss the ethical principles that apply to the current controversies over mandatory vaccinations
2. To explain the historical and legal precedents of mandatory vaccinations
3. To address the fears and beliefs- both their own and those of their clients- from a less judgmental stance
4. To explain the Goldwater rule as applied to Donald Trump
5. To explain the differences between “honor cultures” and “dignity cultures”
6. To discuss ethical forms of education and activism to bridge the current divides

| COURSE OUTLINE

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT DIVIDES
2. COVID & VACCINE MANDATES: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE
 - a. Historical perspective on anti-vax movements
 - b. Legal precedents
 - c. How to Address Vaccination Hesitancy
3. THE POLITICAL DIVIDE
 - a. Donald Trump and the Goldwater rule
 - b. The importance of whistle-blowers and activism
4. THE CULTURAL DIVIDE
 - a. Honor Cultures vs. Dignity Cultures
 - b. Changing the Narrative
5. ETHICAL ACTIVISM: How to dissent ethically and effectively