

Rorschach Updated Reading List

Bruce,

You might be interested in the attached reading list.

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-----Original Message----- From: Rorschach_List@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Bruce G. Seidner Ph.D. Sent: Sat 8/13/2005 8:36 AM To: Rorschach_List@yahoogroups.com Subject: Re: [Rorschach_List] updated course readings

Steve,

I had to giggle at the premise of your question. Like pornography, "I know it when I see it" but this is not an argument for sheltering students. It is, in my view, very important to present this work to students. As well as the much less entertaining, but equally bad, Cult of Personality.

I worked on a long term adolescent unit at Menninger Foundation and developed a keen appreciation and fondness for the developmental struggles and defences of teenagers. I can be furious and exasperated by teens, to be sure, but I can honestly say that I have never since been offended by them.

I have had challenging and narcissistic graduate students, also very adolescent in their stridency and defensiveness, that are exasperating. But they are not all that hard to contain and manage. And they keep things lively. I enjoy finding ways to engage them and remain nurturant. (Bright psychopaths are another story.)

Introducing Wood's book to graduate students is a very good idea and I have recommended it regularly to students. It is a fun read, chock full of contemptuous anecdotes, self aggrandizing and pretentious statements, poor reasoning, and egregious errors. That said, it is earnest and has become a fixture among attorneys who need to "destroy" one's testimony. It is not unlike the adolescents I love and who challenge pretense and keep us humble about what we know and don't know.

I don't know that I would make it required reading when there are articles that present the substance of their arguments in fewer words and do not reward the publisher for putting this crap out, but all in all I really enjoyed the experience of reading it and highly recommend it.

Reminded me a lot of being back on the Hill Top Unit in Topeka :-D.

Bruce

At 02:46 PM 8/12/2005, you wrote: What would be wrong with some of Wood's stuff (or something like it - perhaps more credible), just to know and understand the enemy?

Steve

Quoting Jamie Loving <JLLoving@comcast.net>:

I am updating the syllabus for my Rorschach course (once semester, covering all bases, with Rorschach only) and want to make sure I am not overlooking any articles that could be used as readings. Now, in addition to the workbook and volume 1 as required texts, plus Weiner's Principles book as a recommended text, I assign these articles:

-Exner (2002) - the update on norms collection -
Finn (1996) on feedback and conceptualizing MMPI vs. Rorschach findings -

Lilienfeld, et al. (2001) - the Scientifica American article, as part of the discussion of 'the debate' -Meyer, et al. (2002) -

the IR reliability mega-study -Meyer, Mihura, & Smith (2005) - on reliability of interpretive statements -

Piotrowski, et al. (1998) - getting old but still vaulable re: the impact of managed care on assessment -SPA white paper (2005) -

Weiner (1997) - on current status of the Rorschach. Again getting old, but too good to let go

Does anyone include other articles worth adding? Thanks in advance for any help.

- Jamie

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