Last Brown Bag: Dr. Davison

Monday, April 28, 2014: 11:30-12:45 pm—PSC

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Case Conferences and the Dialectics of Science and Practice

Forty years ago Paul Meehl published a classic article entitled “Why I Do Not Attend Case Conferences.” During our recent ADCT interview process, we were fortunate to participate in case conference-like presentations that I believe Meehl would have found a good deal more interesting and useful than what he wrote about two generations ago. In my presentation I will discuss an outline for what I believe can help clinicians hold forth in a case conference setting in ways that can be useful for the presenter, the audience, and ultimately the patient or client. Special attention will be paid to the view that clinical assessment is constructive in an epistemological sense and that it should be inextricably tied to the decisions to be made for and with the patient, most especially the treatment options that are available. I will also argue that ongoing assessment is fundamental to creating and making adjustments in evidence-based interventions, the advantages and limitations of which will also be discussed. Along the way I will integrate what I’ve called the “dialectics of science and practice,” which is a somewhat ponderous way to describe the scientist-practitioner (Boulder) model of clinical psychology, the foundation of most high-quality clinical programs including our own.
Leibovitz Conference

The 24th Annual Leibovitz Research Conference will be held on Thursday, May 8th. It will be held at the PSC. The program starts at 4:30 p.m. with student presentations and is followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. We would be delighted if you could join us for this celebration of our students’ collective accomplishments.

Presenters:
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Justin Hummer
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