

JCY 5116 FREUD: CASE HISTORIES

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Tues 1:00-3:00 in Comp Lit seminar room (3rd floor Bader)

Office hours Thurs 10-12 (or by appointment)
Northrop Frye #317

SEQUENCE OF READINGS

Jan 9 [class cancelled – make-up class TBA at end]

Please read: Freud, “An Autobiographical Study” (on Blackboard)

Jan 16

“On Beginning the Treatment” (on Blackboard)

“Remembering, Repeating, and Working Through” (on Blackboard)

Jan 23

Josef Breuer, “Fräulein Anna O,” in *Studies in Hysteria*

Freud and Breuer, “On the Psychical Mechanism of Hysterical Phenomena”

Jan 30

Interpretation of Dreams (“Dream of Irma’s Injection”), pp 96-121 (on Blackboard)

Supplementary readings:

-Didier Anzieu, *Freud’s Self-Analysis* (Hogarth Press, 1986, pp. 131-155

-Elizabeth Bronfen, “The Navel of Freud’s Inaugural Dream,” in *The Knotted Subject: Hysteria and its Discontents* (Princeton UP, 1998), pp. 53-98

-Jacques Lacan, “The Dream of Irma’s Injection,” ch 13-14 of *Seminar II: The Ego in Freud’s Theory and in the Technique of Psychoanalysis 1954-1955*, pp. 146-171

-Samuel Weber, “The Meaning of the Thallus,” in *Legend of Freud* (Stanford UP, 2000), 101-120

Feb 6/13

“Fragment of an Analysis of a Case of Hysteria (Dora)”, in *The Psychology of Love*

Supplementary readings:

Freud, "On Transference Love" (on Blackboard)
Jacques Lacan, "Presentation on Transference" in *Ecrits*, trans. Bruce Fink (Norton, 2002) pp 176-183
Charles Bernheimer and Claire Kahane, eds., *In Dora's Case: Freud—Hysteria—Feminism* (Columbia UP, 1990). The whole collection is outstanding, but see in particular:
-Hélène Cixous and Catherine Clement, "The Untenable"
-Neil Hertz, "Dora's Secrets, Freud's Techniques"
-Suzanne Gearhart, "The Scene of Psychoanalysis: The Unanswered Questions of Dora"
-Jacqueline Rose, "Dora - fragment of an analysis"
-Toril Moi, "Representation of Patriarchy: Sexuality and Epistemology in Freud's Dora,"

Feb 20 – READING WEEK

Feb 27

"Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-Year-Old Boy" ('Little Hans'), in *The 'Wolfman and other Cases*

Supplementary readings:

Freud, "On the Sexual Theories of Children," in *The Psychology of Love*

Mar 6 /13

Freud, "Notes Upon A Case of Obsessional Neurosis" ('Ratman'), in *The Wolfman and Other Cases*

Supplementary readings:

- Jacques Lacan, "The Neurotic's Individual Myth." *Psychoanalytic Quarterly* 48 (1979), 405–25.
- Eric Laurent, "How to recompose the Names-of-the-Father?" *International Lacanian Review*. <http://lacancircle.net/archives.html>
- Patrick Mahony, *Freud and the Rat Man* (Yale UP, 1986)
- José Brunner, "Wordly Powers: A Political Reading Of The Rat Man," *American Imago* 58 (2001)
- Avital Ronell, "The Sujet Suppositaire: Freud and Rat Man" in Jonathan Culler, ed., *On Puns* (Blackwell, 1988)

Mar 20/27

Freud, "From the Prehistory of an Infantile Neurosis" ('Wolfman'), in *The 'Wolfman' and other Cases*

Supplementary readings:

- Maria Torok, Abraham Nicolas, *The Wolf Man's Magic Word: A Cryptonymy*, 1986

- Jacques Derrida, “Fors: the English Words of Nicolas Abraham and Maria Torok,” introduction to *The Wolf Man’s Magic Word*
- Gilles Deleuze/Félix Guattari, “1914: One or Several Wolves?,” in *Thousand Plateaus: Capitalism and Schizophrenia*
- Ned Lukacher, “Primal Scenes: Freud and the Wolfman,” in *Primal Scenes: Literature, Philosophy, Psychoanalysis* (Cornell UP, 1988)
- Lee Edelman, “Seeing Things: Representation, the Scene of Surveillance, and the Spectacle of Gay Male Sex,” in *Homographesis : essays in gay literary and cultural theory* (Routledge, 1994)

April 3

Freud, “Psychoanalytic notes on an autobiographical account of a case of paranoia (Dementia Paranoides),” *The Schreber Case* (Penguin, 2003)

Supplementary readings:

- Daniel Paul Schreber (1903). *Memoirs of My Nervous Illness* (New York Review of Books, 2000)
- Jacques Lacan, *The Psychoses: The Seminar of Jacques Lacan Book III, 1955-56* (Routledge, 1993)
- Eric Santner, *My Own Private Germany: Daniel Paul Schreber's Secret History of Modernity* Chicago UP
- David Allison, ed., *Psychosis and Sexual Identity: Toward a Post Analytic View of the Schreber Case* (SUNY Press, 1988)
 - Another excellent collection; see especially the following essays:
 - Michel de Certeau, “The Institution of Rot”
 - Alphonso Lingis, “The Din of The Celestial Birds or Why I Crave to Become a Woman”
 - Jean-Francois Lyotard “Vertiginous Sexuality: Schreber's Commerce With God”
 - Janine Chasseguet-Smirgel, “On President Schreber's Transsexual Delusion”

Make-up class TBD

“Analysis Terminable and Interminable” (Blackboard)

TEXTS:

The case histories are spread out over 4 volumes, which have been ordered at Bob Miller Book Room (180 Bloor St W.)

- Freud, *The Wolfman and Other Cases* , trans Louise Adey Huish (Penguin, 2002)
- Freud, *The Psychology of Love*, trans. Shaun Whiteside (Penguin, 2006)
- Freud and Breuer, *Studies in Hysteria*, trans. Nicola Luckhorst (Penguin, 204)
- Freud, *The Schreber Case*, trans. Andrew Webber (Penguin Classics)

Supplementary texts are easily available, and I will post some on Blackboard. For those who wish to consult additional texts by Freud, the entire *Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud* is accessible online through the [Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing Web](#) (UTOR login required). Many other psychoanalytic writers can also be found on this site; it is a goldmine.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

- 1) One seminar presentation (group work) (notes sent out to class via Blackboard one day before, and individual reflection pieces (5 pp) submitted one week after): 30%
- 2) One final paper (15 pp): 60% (due end of semester)
- 3) Participation: 10%