

Abnormal Psychology Syllabus - Spring 11

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Required Readings

Whitaker, R. Mad in America
Nemiah, J. Foundations of Psychopathology
Laing, R.D. The Divided Self
Greenberg, I Never Promised You a Rose Garden
Terr, L. Unchained Memories

Appearing on "Resources"

Atwood, G. "Shattered worlds/psychotic states"
Atwood, G. "Psychotherapy is a human science"
Atwood, G. "The abyss of madness"
Atwood, G. "Philosophy and psychotherapy"
Atwood, G. "The unbearable and the unsayable"
Atwood, G. "The dark sun of melancholia"

Assignments and Examinations

The first reading assignment, to be completed by the middle of March, includes the books by Whitaker, Nemiah, and Laing; and also the Atwood essays: "Shattered worlds/psychotic states," "Psychotherapy is a human science," and "The abyss of madness." An objective (multiple choice) exam will take place either just before or just after Spring Break.

The second reading assignment, to be completed before the end of classes in May, includes the books by Greenberg and Terr, and the Atwood essays: "Philosophy and psychotherapy," "The dark sun of melancholia," and "The unbearable and the unsayable." The final examination, multiple choice in format, will take place during the regularly scheduled finals period.

Discussions for Extra Credit

Small amounts of extra credit are available to students who very actively participate in the discussion section of the Sakai site, where there will be questions posted each week. There will also be a number of in-person discussions, led by my undergraduate teaching assistants, that will take place on weeknights at Tillett Hall- times and places to be announced. Extra credit will be given to those who attend and contribute actively.