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# THE CALL OF DARKNESS: MANAGING SUICIDALITY IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Instructor: Lawrence Hedges PhD, PsyD, ABPP

6 hours Continuing Education Credit for Psychologists, MFTs, LCSWs  
Fee \$180, Pre-registration is suggested.

**Note: this single class satisfies both the California licensing board's mandated suicide prevention class as well as the law and ethics requirements.**



Lawrence Hedges, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP., began seeing patients in 1966 and completed his training in child psychoanalysis in 1973. Since that time his primary occupation has been training and supervising psychoanalysts and psychotherapists individually and in groups on their most difficult cases. He was the Founding Director of the Newport Psychoanalytic Institute in 1983 where he continues to serve as supervising and training analyst. Throughout his career Dr. Hedges has provided continuing education courses for psychotherapists throughout the United States and abroad. He has consulted or served as expert witness on more than 400 complaints against psychotherapists in 20 states and has published 19 books on various topics of interest to psychoanalysts and psychoanalytic psychotherapists, three of which have received the Gradiva award. During the 1909 centennial celebrations of The International Psychoanalytic Association his 1992 book, *Interpreting the Countertransference*, was named one of the key contributions in the relational track during the first century of psychoanalysis. In 2015 Dr. Hedges was distinguished by being awarded honorary membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association for his many contributions to psychoanalysis.

## Class Tour 2019-2020

LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

For registration go to [Wright Institute's website](http://WrightInstitute.com)

BEVERLY HILLS, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

For information & registration call (310) 474-2505

ORANGE, OCTOBER 26, 2019

SANTA BARBARA, APRIL 4, 2020

ORANGE, DECEMBER 14, 2019

CARLSBAD, APRIL 25, 2020

RIVERSIDE, JANUARY 25, 2020

ORANGE, MAY 9, 2020

ORANGE, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

WOODLAND HILLS JUNE - 2020

SACRAMENTO, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

ORANGE COUNTY AUGUST 15, 2020

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## Course Description:

This intermediate to advanced course for mental health professionals begins with the awareness that our ability to predict suicide is little better than chance and that at present there are no consistently reliable empirically validated treatment techniques to prevent suicide. However, Dr. Hedges will demonstrate that in the past three decades much has been learned about the dynamics of suicide and many promising treatment approaches have been advanced that are slowly yielding clinical as well as empirical results.

Dr. Hedges will present the groundbreaking work on suicidality of Freud, Jung, Menninger and Shneidman as well as the more recent work of Linehan, Kernberg, Joiner and the attachment theorists along with the features in common that these treatment approaches seem to share. He will put forth a Relational Listening approach regarding the origins of suicidality in a relational/developmental context and will consider their implications for treating, and managing suicidality.

**Learning Goals:** At the conclusion of this class participants will be able to:

- Define what Edwin Schneiderman means by “psychache”.
- Describe Joiner’s interpersonal approach to understanding and managing suicide.
- Explain the difference between “mourning” and “melancholia”.
- State how the attachment-abandonment developmental dynamic can lead to instrumental suicidality.
- State how the connection-withdrawal developmental dynamic can lead to lethal suicidality.
- Explain what can be learned in a “suicide autopsy”.
- State the difference between “a cry for help” and “a cry of pain”.

### Continuing Education Certificates and Credits

This year’s programs are co-sponsored by The Newport Psychoanalytic Institute. The exact number of credits awarded is equal to the number of contact hours for each event and is specified on the Syllabus and the Registration Form. The Newport Psychoanalytic Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Newport Psychoanalytic Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content. The California Board of Behavioral Science recognizes Continuing Education Credits awarded by providers approved by the American Psychological Association to Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers and LPCCs.

### About The Listening Perspectives Study Center

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There are no commercial interests or conflicts of interest involved in this Continuing Education class. Full attendance and completed course evaluation are required for Continuing Education credit for class. The knowledge and usefulness of the material presented in this class is based upon research and is limited to the contexts discussed. No experimental or dangerous procedures are part of this class.

The Listening Perspectives Study Center is committed to ensuring that our programs are accessible to participants with disabilities. Contact the center with your request and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

**Los Angeles, September 28, 2019**

**Wright Institute, 10:00-5:00**

New Center for Psychoanalysis  
2014 Sawtelle Blvd. Los Angeles, ca 90025

**Beverly Hills, February 22, 2020**

**(Beverly Hills Women's Club), 9:00-4:30**

**Orange, October 26, 2019**

**Best Western, 9:00-4:30**

720 the City Way, Orange 92868

**Santa Barbara April 4, 2020**

**Pepper Tree Inn , 9:00-4:30**

3850 State St., Santa Barbara 93105

**Orange, December 14, 2019**

**Best Western, 9:00-4:30**

720 the City Way, Orange 92868

**Carlsbad, April 25, 2020**

**National University, 9:00-4:30**

705 Palomar Airport Rd., Carlsbad 92011

**Riverside January 25, 2020**

**Quality Inn, 9:00-4:30**

1590 University Ave., Riverside 92507

**Orange May 9, 2020**

**Best Western, 9:00-4:30**

720 the City Way, Orange 92868

**Orange, February 1, 2020**

**Best Western, 9:00-4:30**

720 the City Way, Orange 92868

**Woodland Hills, June? , 2020**

**Sacramento February 8, 2020**

**Hampton Suite, 9:00-4:30**

Sacramento, CA

**Orange County, August 15, 2020**

**Newport Psychoanalytic Institute 9:00-4:30**

Orange County

