PARTICIPANTS
This program is open to all PCFINE members and interested mental health professionals. It is intended for those with beginning to advanced levels of experience.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this program the participants will be able to:

1. List several common complications in treating couples on the brink of divorce.
2. Describe some common countertransference reactions when faced with such a couple.
3. Describe ways of organizing information about such couples that aid in better understanding their underlying dynamics.
4. Describe some techniques for intervening with such couples.

REFERENCES

CANCELLATION POLICY: Full refund if notice of cancellation is received by November 3, 2017.
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COUPLES ON THE BRINK
Scenes from a (Teetering) Marriage
Saturday, November 18, 2017

Fences 2016
Blue Valentine 2010
The Kids Are All Right 2010
This Is Us 2016
In celebration of the 15th anniversary of our Couple Therapy Training Program, the Psychodynamic Couple and Family Institute of New England (PCFINE) will present a conference, chaired by Joe Shay, PhD, focusing on a very common challenge faced by couple therapists.

Many couples arrive at our offices on the brink of separation or divorce. This can result in dicey, if not at times agonizing, experiences for the therapist. What if one member wants out and the other doesn’t? What if they both want out and we think they can work this out? Is one member going through the motions briefly but planning to leave, and have they perhaps come to therapy too late to make any use of it? Does it matter to us if there are children in the picture? What place do the subjective feelings of the therapist hold in the therapy, and how does the therapist manage this additional complexity?

To address how the therapist assesses these situations and intervenes, we will use as a jumping off point the couple Rebecca and Jack from the popular TV drama, This Is Us. We will show video clips from the actual TV show followed by brief excerpts from filmed mock therapy sessions. The roles of Rebecca and Jack and the therapists will be played by PCFINE faculty and alumni. These excerpts, as well as clips from three powerful movies, will serve as a springboard for discussion by several PCFINE faculty members striving to explore the general questions above.

Couples on the Brink: Scenes from a (Teetering) Marriage
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Founder’s Room, Pine Manor College
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