

Western Branch Canadian Psychoanalytic Society
Scientific Program 2009
Saturday, May 2, 2009

THE DR. ELMOR SMIT MEMORIAL LECTURE:

**Process and dilemma in psychoanalysis: Reflections on
recent developments in technique**

Charles Levin, PhD

Psychoanalytic psychotherapy is learned as a *method*, but it also consists of therapeutic *processes* that the method is intended to foster and handle, such as transference, regression, play, working through, and mourning. Ideally, the techniques learned will be well adapted to the processes we wish to initiate. Yet it is in the very nature of a 'process' to exceed our attempts to control, predict, or codify its unfolding properties. This inherent tension between process and precept leads inevitably to technical dilemmas and a great deal of uncertainty in our work, about which we are naturally *ambivalent* (as we are with respect to reality in general). With the aid of clinical examples, this seminar will explore the problem of processes in analysis, suggesting how to welcome and work with the specific difficulties they generate.

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Location: Plaza 500 Hotel
500 West 12th Avenue
Room: Oak D
Time: 9:30am to 12:30 pm
Cost: Members: No charge
Non-Members: \$35.00
Students: \$30.00

Please register by April 15, 2009

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