

Monday, June 4-8, 2012  
Austin, Texas

## **Therapeutic Assessment Immersion Course: Essential Concepts and Skills Training**

A workshop co-sponsored by the Therapeutic Assessment Institute and  
the Society for Personality Assessment

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This training week is designed for psychologists and advanced psychology graduate students who wish to gain in-depth knowledge about Therapeutic Assessment. The training is a first step for individuals who want to achieve certification in Therapeutic Assessment. Dr. Finn and his colleagues will lecture on the essential concepts and skills involved in Therapeutic Assessment of adults, children, adolescents, and couples. Then participants will view video examples presented by members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute that illustrate each step in a Therapeutic Assessment: Initial Sessions, Standardized Test Administration, the Extended Inquiry, Assessment Intervention Sessions, Summary/Discussion Sessions, and Follow-up Sessions. Following each didactic portion, attendees will participate in structured role-plays in which they will practice the essential skills of Therapeutic Assessment with guidance from the workshop faculty. Role-plays will be tailored to focus on the types of clients that are of most interest to workshop participants. Attendees of this training may apply to take part in the Advanced Training Workshop in October 2012.

### **Objectives**

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- discuss the concepts of self-verification and disintegration anxiety and how they apply to psychological assessment
- discuss how research in neurobiology relates to psychological assessment
- assist clients in forming questions during the initial sessions of a psychological assessment
- conduct an extended inquiry following a standardized administration of various psychological tests
- plan and conduct an assessment intervention session
- plan and conduct a summary/discussion session
- describe client-friendly forms of written assessment feedback
- conduct an assessment follow-up session

### **Schedule**

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day from June 4 – June 8. There will be a lunch break each day. Lunch is available for purchase in

the Hotel as well as places within easy walking distance at Arboretum Restaurants <http://www.io.com/house/shop.html>. On Friday evening, there is an optional dinner for everyone. Applicants to the training are advised that the training is time consuming, emotionally arousing, and challenging, and that it is not feasible to schedule other things (e.g., report writing, phone calls with clients, family outings) while the training is going on. Attendees will have homework each night and will be busy each day all day.

### **Continuing Education Credit**

This workshop qualifies for 33 hours of Type I CE credits for psychologists. The Society for Personality Assessment is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. SPA maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

### **Prerequisite Training**

This workshop is open to psychologists and advanced graduate students. Participants should have previous basic training in psychological testing, and will be provided with readings prior to the workshop to help them prepare. Professionals with previous training and experience in Therapeutic Assessment are also encouraged to attend, as the most current information and techniques will be presented in this training.

### **The Lead Presenter**

**Stephen E. Finn, Ph.D.**, founder of the Center for Therapeutic Assessment, is a licensed clinical psychologist in practice in Austin, TX, a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, and Senior Researcher and Director of Training at the European Center for Therapeutic Assessment at Catholic University of Milan, Italy. He has published 50+ articles and chapters on psychological assessment, psychodiagnosis, and other topics in clinical psychology, and is the author of *In Our Clients' Shoes: Theory and Techniques of Therapeutic Assessment* (Erlbaum, 2007), *A Manual for Using the MMPI-2 as a Therapeutic Intervention* (1996, University of Minnesota Press), and (with Hale Martin) *Masculinity and Femininity in the MMPI-2 and MMPI-A* (2010, University of Minnesota Press). Dr. Finn is also editor, with Constance Fischer and Leonard Handler of *Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment: A Casebook and Guide* (Wiley, 2012). Dr. Finn is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and of the Society of Personality Assessment, for which he served as President in 2002-2004. Dr. Finn is the recipient of the 2011 Bruno Klopfer Award from the Society of Personality Assessment, for distinguished lifetime contributions to the field of personality assessment.

### **Therapeutic Assessment**

**Therapeutic Assessment** is a semi-structured form of collaborative psychological assessment developed by Stephen Finn and his colleagues at the Center for Therapeutic Assessment. Therapeutic Assessment can be used for many of the same purposes as traditional psychological assessment: diagnostic clarification, treatment planning, and treatment evaluation. However, in addition, research has shown that Therapeutic Assessment can be a powerful therapeutic intervention for clients and their families, reducing symptomatology, increasing

self-esteem and self-compassion, and promoting positive relationships between family members. For more information about Therapeutic Assessment, visit the TA website: [www.therapeuticassessment.com](http://www.therapeuticassessment.com).

### **The Therapeutic Assessment Institute (TAI)**

**The Therapeutic Assessment Institute** was formed in 2009 to promote and coordinate training in Therapeutic Assessment. The members of the TAI are psychologists from varied backgrounds, who have studied and practiced Therapeutic Assessment in a variety of settings. The TAI supervises certification in Therapeutic Assessment. Currently there are TAI members in Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States.

### **Location**

The training will take place at the Embassy Suites Austin Arboretum <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=AUSESES>. Directions to the hotel and pick up information for Austin airport is available on the hotel web site. A personalized group web page has been set up with event information:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/AUSESES-TAI-20120531/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/AUSESES-TAI-20120531/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The Group Name is TA Immersion Course 2012 and the Group Code is TAI. Hotel room reservations may be made on the web page.

### **Housing**

A special rate of \$139 for single or double occupancy has been negotiated for workshop participants at the Embassy Suites Austin Arboretum, 9505 Stonelake Boulevard, Austin, TX, 78759. Rooms may be reserved at the workshop rate for dates June 1 through June 10, 2012. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly (512-372-8771 or 1-800-362-2779) and referring to the three letter code **TAI**. Reservations may also be made online at the personalized group webpage mentioned above. *All reservations must be received by May 12, 2012.* Reservations received after the due date will be honored on a space available basis at the prevailing best available rate.

### **Comments from Previous Attendees**

“RUN, DON’T WALK to this training!”

“This course helped me rediscover why I am a psychologist”

“Excellent faculty—engaging, accessible, brilliant”

“The faculty managed to create a rich, warm group where we could gain expertise and learn from our successes and failures”

“This was the best training I have been to in 25 years of practice”

“You not only learn TA, but enhance your skills as a therapist, and discover a lot about yourself as a psychologist and as a person”

## Registration Form

### Therapeutic Assessment Immersion Course

(Please mail this form to arrive by April 13, 2012 for the early registration rate and May 18 for the regular registration rate)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please enroll me in the June 4-8 workshop. I have enclosed a check for the amount checked below. The registration fee includes extensive handouts and refreshments during breaks.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1500: Early registration, mailed to arrive by April 13, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1750: Registration after April 13, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_ I also wish to attend the dinner on the evening of June 8th and have added an additional \$60 to my check.

Dinner preference (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ non-vegetarian

The final deadline for registration is **May 18, 2012**. We reserve the right to deny participation to any applicant or to cancel the workshop for any reason. If you cancel and notify us before May 18, you will receive a full refund of your fee. Cancellations between May 18 and May 25 qualify for a 50% refund. Due to the limited number of workshop spaces, if you cancel for any reason after May 25, 2012, none of your registration fee will be refunded.

Please make checks payable to "Stephen E. Finn."

Return this form with your check to **Stephen E. Finn, 4310 Medical Parkway, #101, Austin, TX, 78756-3331**.

You will be sent a verification of your registration. If you have questions, or wish to discuss whether the workshop will fit your needs, please email Dr. Finn at [sefinn@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:sefinn@mail.utexas.edu) or call him at 512-329-5090.