Advanced Training in Therapeutic Assessment: 
From Theory and Observation to Hands-on Clinical Experience

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

Workshop Faculty: Stephen E. Finn, Ph.D., and Members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute

Participants in this workshop will take part as assessors in a Therapeutic Assessment of an actual client while being closely supervised by Stephen Finn and members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute. This workshop is a Level 3 training for those pursuing certification in Therapeutic Assessment, and applicants must have previously attended either: 1) a Therapeutic Assessment Immersion Course, or 2) at least one Level 1 (Introductory) and Level 2 (intermediate, live assessment) workshop. A total of 5-9 applicants will be selected and will be formed into 2-3 assessment teams, each of which will assess an adult, child and family, adolescent and family, or couple client. Each group will be paired with a member of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute who will collaborate with the workshop members and guide each assessment. Stephen Finn will serve as the primary workshop instructor and consultant on each case. Following the workshop, participants will work via email to complete written feedback to be sent to their clients. Besides working with their own assigned clients, participants will hear each day about the other clients being assessed as part of the workshop. This structure gives participants the opportunity to learn about Therapeutic Assessment with diverse types of clients.

Objectives
At the end of the workshop, participants will:
• have hands-on, supervised experience conducting a Therapeutic Assessment with an adult, child, family, or couple client
• have practiced how to conduct an initial session of a Therapeutic Assessment
• have practiced how to conduct extended inquiries of standardized psychological tests
• have practiced how to plan and implement a formal assessment intervention session
• have practiced how to plan and conduct a summary/discussion session
• be able to discuss how techniques of Therapeutic Assessment can be used with different types of clients
• know more about their own countertransference to clients and about clients’ transference to them
• receive feedback from certified practitioners of Therapeutic Assessment and workshop participants who have observed participants’ clinical interactions with clients
• establish a collaborative relationship with members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute that can continue as participants practice Therapeutic Assessment in their own work setting
Schedule
The workshop will be held from 9:00 am to 6 p.m. from November 10-14, 2014 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2014. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day and are included in the workshop fee. On Saturday night November 15, participants are invited to join all of us at a local restaurant for a celebration dinner (at their own expense)---spouses and significant others invited.

Continuing Education Credit
This workshop qualifies for 47 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.

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 60+ 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 co-editor, with Constance Fischer and Leonard Handler of Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment: A Casebook and Guide (Wiley, 2012). Dr. Finn received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1984 from the University of Minnesota. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Division 12) 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.

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 with Stephen Finn and practiced Therapeutic Assessment in a variety of settings. The TAI oversees certification in Therapeutic Assessment. The members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute are Stephen Finn, Filippo Aschieri, Lionel Chudzik, Hilde de Saeger, Diane Engelman, Barton Evans, Francesca Fantini, Marita Frackowiak, Jennifer Imming, Jan Kamphuis, Melissa Lehmann, Lena Lillieroth, Hale Martin, Noriko Nakamura, Dale Rudin, Isidro Sanz, Pamela Schaber, Justin Smith, and Deborah Tharinger.

Workshop Fee
Tuition for the workshop is $2600 and half of this must be received by October 1, 2014 with a completed application form (attached). The workshop fee includes lunch and refreshments each day, written materials, and most importantly, close supervision by Finn and members of the Therapeutic Assessment Institute of attendees’ clinical work.
Location
The training will be held in central Austin, Texas at a location to be determined.

Housing
We have negotiated a special rate of $94 a night (single / double King suite) for workshop participants at Hotel Allandale www.hotelallandale.com. The hotel will provide transportation for workshop participants to and from the workshop site each day. Reservations must be made and confirmed by credit card on or by August 25, 2013. Specify that you are attending the event with Stephen Finn. Rooms are very basic hotel suites (each with a kitchen). We can recommend more luxurious hotels if you wish one.

Time Commitment
Applicants to the training are advised that the training is time consuming, tiring, emotionally intense, and challenging, and that it is not feasible to schedule other things (e.g., 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.

Application Form
To apply, fill out the attached application form and mail it with credit card information or with a check made out to "Stephen Finn" for the non-refundable deposit of $1300 by October 1, 2014. Mail to:

Stephen Finn
Center for Therapeutic Assessment
4310 Medical Parkway, Suite 101
Austin, TX 78756-3331
USA

You will receive a confirmation of your application. Participants from outside the USA may contact Stephen Finn at sefinn@mail.utexas.edu for information about paying by bank transfer. If you are accepted to participate in the workshop, you will be notified by October 15, and your final payment of $1300 will be due on November 1. If you are not accepted for the workshop, we will immediately return your deposit. Also, because of the limited number of participants in the course, once your deposit or full tuition is paid, we are unable to refund it for any reason, even if you are unable to attend the course, unless we have another qualified applicant to take your place. We reserve the right to deny participation to any applicant.

Comments from Previous Participants
“This training was life changing, both professionally and personally…”
“I was bowled over by experiencing the power of Therapeutic Assessment first hand”
“The competent and supportive faculty created a safe environment where we and our clients could grow a great deal in a short period of time…”
“I feel ready to take this model back to my practice and start building referral sources.”
“I hope to repeat the training next year with a different type of client”
Application Form – Advanced Training in Therapeutic Assessment - 2014

Name*__________________________________________________________

Degree*_________ Institution________________________________________

Please describe your current work activities:____________________________________

Address*__________________________________________________________

City*_________ State*_________ Zip Code*_________ Country*_________

Telephone1*_________________ Telephone2_________________ Fax____________

Languages spoken fluently_________________________ e-mail*____________________

Previous Experience in Therapeutic Assessment*

Attended the TA Immersion Course?* (circle one) No Yes _____
If yes, year*

Level 1 (Introductory) workshops attended (give location and year): ____________
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Level 2 (Intermediate, live assessment) workshops attended (location and year): _______
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Other TA Training (describe, give dates): ________________________________
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If accepted into the workshop, what type of client would you prefer to assess?*
(Rank all you are willing to assess, with “1” being your top choice. Please do not rank clients you don’t want to assess. We hope to give you your first or second choice.)

___ Adult individual ___ Child 4-12 and family ___ Adolescent and family ___ Couple

Please list tests you feel competent using in a psychological assessment (cont. on back):

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*Required information.

Mail this form to arrive by October 1, 2014. You will be sent an email confirmation of your application. Those accepted for the workshop will be notified by email on October 15, 2014. Those paying by credit card, please complete and mail the attached form.
Credit Card Information

Once we receive this information, we will bill your credit card $1300 for the first half of the registration fee. We will contact you again for permission to bill the remaining $1300.

Type of Card _____MC   _____Visa   _____ American Express

Card Number _________________________________________________________________

Expiration Date (mmyyyy)_______________ CC Code _____________________________

Name on Card______________________________________________________________

Billing Address________________________________________________________________

City________________ State ______ Zip Code _____________ Country__________

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Signature                                      Date