

Response to Commentary

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Thank you for your thoughtful reflection on the article, your description of your experience as a trainee and intern, and your suggestions for necessary elements that need to be added to the core curriculum of Rosen trainings and future continuing education offerings. I think the best way to move forward is to request that the All Teachers Group (ATG), which includes all certified Rosen teachers worldwide, tackle the need to design specific training content that addresses basic issues of dealing with the unconscious to better inform and prepare newly-trained and inexperienced practitioners in these areas. Training components could include:

- the presence and function of projection, transference, and counter-transference in the clinical alliance;
- the role of emotional, psychological, and somatic boundaries;
- altered states of consciousness;
- facilitating recovery from trauma and/or abuse;
- appropriate and safe closure for sessions;
- additional topics per ATG suggestions and ideas.

You may write to Rosie King, Chairperson of the ATG, rosieking@cruzio.com to offer proposals and present your ideas concerning specific topics you want to see included in the future.

Also, we would like to create effective access to mediation and conflict resolution tools and support systems for all members of the Rosen community worldwide. This was discussed at the 2008 Leaders Conference and a small volunteer group has offered to explore Marshall Rosenberg's work on nonviolent communication as a starting place. I am sure that they would be delighted to have others interested in building this resource for the Rosen world join in their efforts. I believe that the contact person is Deborah Marks at yuhudeborah@hotmail.com.

I encourage you to get involved and to make your voice heard. For the Rosen community to become truly democratic, it is important that each member is empowered to present his or her point of view and creative input. Greater participation can only make our profession stronger and more vital.