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The Colorado Assessment Society is pleased to present:

The Crisi Wartegg System (CWS) and Shame
The Crisi Wartegg System (CWS) and Depression

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Co-Sponsored by the University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional
Psychology

Dates: Friday, May 2nd, 2025 (Shame)
Friday, May 30th, 2025 (Depression)
Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Participants can register for one or both events and CAS will offer a 20% discount if they are registering for both events.

Location: Univ of Denver Ammi Hyde Building - Room TBD (Participants may also attend via Zoom)

Room and Zoom link to be provided to participants closer to event

This program includes 2 CEs. The University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology (GSPP) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. GSPP maintains responsibility for this program and its content.



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CWS and Shame

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May 2, 2025

Shame, “a common and painful experience”, is perhaps one of the least investigated and most neglected aspects in psychodiagnostic and psychotherapeutic work. It is present in numerous forms of psychopathology. Due to its many faces and the various defensive strategies that are implemented by the patient against it, shame is difficult to identify. This lack of recognition or, in some cases, the underestimation of the role played by shame determines complexity in psychotherapeutic treatment and, sometimes, even, its failure. The Seminar, after an introduction to the key concepts of shame and the indices of the Wartegg test that allow its correct identification, will illustrate a clinical case taking into consideration the data of the Wartegg test alone.

Goals and Objectives:

- 1) Describe the main indicators of shame in CWS*
- 2) identify shame inside the indices*
- 3) identify shame through contents*
- 4) Apply CWS interpretive procedures and guidelines to a clinical case.*

Time:

11:30 am -12:00 pm: Lunch

12:00pm -01:15pm: CWS indicators of shame

01:15pm -01:45 pm: A clinical case interpretation

01:45 – 02:00 pm: Questions, comments



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The contributions of the CWS on the assessment of mood disorders and suicidal ideation

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Depression, "the dark evil", "the evil of the century", is undoubtedly one of the most widespread disorders in the clinical field; but, at the same time, mood disorders are also difficult to define given their various forms-- sometimes subtle or dissociated.

Suicidal ideation has always been one of the most controversial, difficult, and problematic clinical phenomena to identify. CWS has researched and applied the IST (Index of Suicidal Tendencies) to the identification of suicidal tendencies, which has proved to be an index of high sensitivity.

The objective of the seminar will be exploration of the utility of the CWS in identification of both mood disordered/ depressive symptoms and suicidal tendencies, achieved through the presentation of many examples of clinical cases and the comparison between CWS and other clinical tools, primarily Rorschach and MMPI-2.

Goals and Objectives:

- 1) Describe the main indicators of depression in CWS
- 2) identify the differences between reactive depression and major depression
- 3) describe the IST (Suicidal Tendency Index)
- 4) Apply CWS interpretive procedures and guidelines to clinical cases.

Time:

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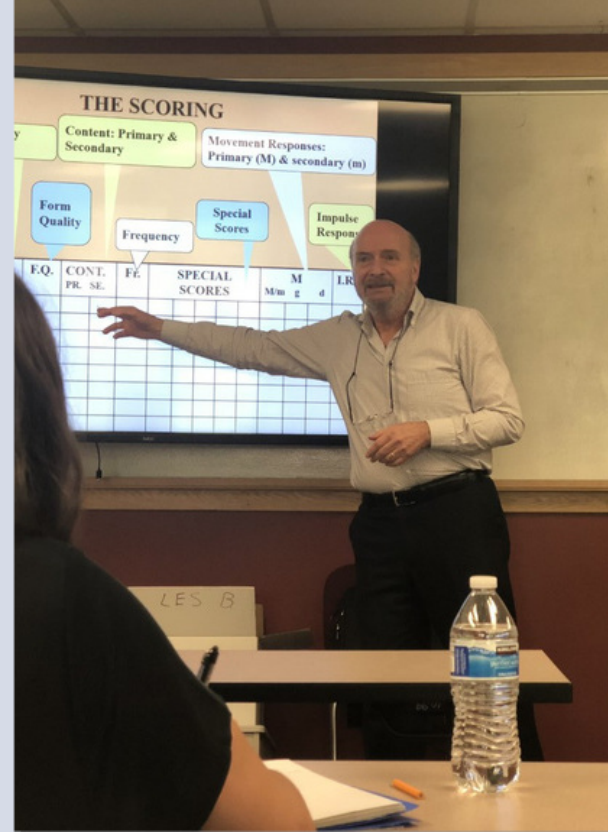
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Registration fees

Participants can attend via a live stream or in person.

In person participants will receive lunch.

Price is per event.

\$50 - Professional Members of the Colorado Assessment Society (CAS)

\$75 - Professional Non-Members of CAS

\$20 - Student Members of CAS

\$35 - Student Non-Members of CAS

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