The attachment, neurobiological and object relations perspective of the Masterson Approach to the diagnosis and treatment of the Borderline, Narcissistic and Schizoid Disorders of Self.

The Masterson Approach is a form of psychoanalytic psychotherapy which integrates developmental, attachment, and object relations theory with recent findings in neuro-biological research. It yields a detailed understanding of the different character-structures, and of the most effective ways of treating them, that is, the Masterson Approach allows for a clear method of doing psychotherapy, one which is applied differently with different kinds of clients. The Masterson Approach also includes both shorter-term and more intensive treatment options, depending on the resources of the client. In combination with the various benefits for the client the Masterson Approach also provides the therapist with clarity about how to locate and understand the specific developmental difficulties of the client; effectively track how these difficulties are evident in the course of the therapy; support the making of developmentally sensitive and sound interventions based on the particular intra-psychic structure of the client, and lastly, gauge whether interventions are leading to progress. During the three day program emphasis will be on;

1. The basic developmental and empirically derived concepts of the Masterson Approach.
2. Differential diagnosis of the personality disorders.
3. Treatment of both the clinging and distancing borderline disorders of self.
4. Dealing with severe acting out, feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, suicidality and projective identification.
5. Treating and understanding the manifest, devaluing and closet narcissistic disorders of self.
6. Treating and understanding the pure, pseudo-narcissistic and pseudo-borderline schizoid disorders of self.
7. Trauma in the personality disorders.

Preliminary timetable
Day 1 7th of June 2012: Borderline Disorder of Self

8:30-9:00 Welcome: Chris Stasiuk, M.A.,R.C.C. and Loray Daws Ph.D.,

9:00-10:30 Central Concepts in the Masterson Approach Judith Pearson. Ph.D

10:30-11:00 Tea

11:00-12:00 Differential Diagnosis in the Masterson tradition- Carolyn Bankston, LCSW

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 The Borderline Disorder of Self- Theory and technique Judith Pearson PhD

14:30-15:30 Case Example of a Borderline Disorder of Self- -Loray Daws, PhD

15:30-16:00 Tea
16:00-17:00  Dealing with severe acting out suicide, non-compliance, passive aggressive behavior, hopelessness, helplessness and projective identification.  
William Griffith M.A.

17:00-17:30  Closing by Faculty  
Moderator: Steven Reed, PhD

Day 2: Narcissistic Disorders of Self
8:30-9:00  Overview of day 1  
Joe Farley MFT.

9:00-10:15  Theory and technique- the Narcissistic Disorder of Self.  
Jerry Katz, LCSW

10:15-10:45  Tea

10:45-12:00  The Case of David (DVD)- Dr Masterson at work treating a Closet Narcissistic disorder of Self.  
Joe Farley, MFT

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-14:00  Holding the Manifest Narcissistic Disorder of Self- the narcissistic triad and the mirroring interpretation of narcissistic vulnerability. A Case presentation by Loray Daws, PhD

14:00-15:00  Sustained analytic presence in the work with devaluing narcissistic disorders of self. A Case presentation by Loray Daws, PhD

15:00-15:30  Tea

15:30-16:30  Treatment of Trauma in a Disabled Narcissistic Patient."  
Candace Orcutt, Ph.D

16:30-17:30  Panel and Closing by IMI faculty.  
Moderator: Dr Judith Pearson

Day 3: Schizoid
8:30-9:30  Overview of day 2  
Joe Farley, FMT.

9:00-10:15  The schizoid: theory and technique  
Dr Judith Pearson

10:15-10:45  Tea

10:45-11:45  Differential Diagnosis- Autistic spectrum disorders and the schizoid.  
Murray Schane, MD
12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-14:00  Defense or Communication? The Dilemma of a Schizoid Artist. By Candace Orcutt, PhD

14:00-15:00  Therapeutic intervention in treating the Schizoid disorder of Self- A case study by C. Bankston, LCSW.

15:00-15:30  Tea

15:30-16:45  Trauma and schizoid personality disorder  Steven Reed, PhD.

16:45-17:30  Panel and Closing by IMI faculty.