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The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Portland and the Returning Veterans Project

Invite you to Attend

"Two War-Torn Soldiers: Combat-Related Trauma through an Intersubjective Lens"

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Registration at 8:30 am; Event at 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

OHSU Auditorium, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland, Oregon

Presenter: Russell Carr, M.D.

Discussant: Larry Christensen, Ph.D., Psy. D.

Case Presentation: TBD/Therapist from the RVP

Moderator: Virginia Terhaar, Ph.D.

In spite of the multiple ways described for treating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a consensus on a definitive treatment remains elusive. With the increase in combat-related PTSD and suicides within the American military in recent years, a treatment modality is needed that addresses a traumatized service member's sense of separateness and shame.

Commander Russell Carr is a Navy psychiatrist from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He presents an approach based in intersubjective systems theory that can help therapists understand the traumatic emotional experiences of combat veterans. This treatment approach fits within a military context that necessitates short-term work with patients. Dr. Robert Stolorow's *Trauma and Human Existence*, which he first read while deployed to Iraq as a psychiatrist, fundamentally changed Dr. Carr's understanding of trauma and its treatment.

Larry Christensen, Ph.D., Psy.D. is a training and supervising analyst at ICP and a Portland member. Dr. Christensen will offer a response to Dr. Carr's presentation.

A therapist from the Returning Veterans Project will present a current case to discuss with Dr. Carr.

Virginia Terhaar, Ph.D., a Portland member and ICP training and supervising analyst, will moderate the panel.

Registration information coming in early March!