

Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2011—Austin, Texas

**The Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS):
Practical Clinical Training and Case Illustrations**

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Robert E. Erard, Ph.D., & Philip Erdberg, Ph.D.*

More than 90 years since its introduction, the Rorschach remains one of the most powerful methods for studying personality in action, but it is time to bring it into the 21st century. This two-day workshop will prepare participants to start using the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS). R-PAS is a new, evidence-focused Rorschach system based on the latest available research. R-PAS emphasizes those aspects of test performance that have the strongest empirical foundation, the most transparent connections with underlying psychological processes, the greatest utility as rated by experienced Rorschach users, and the most reliable normative comparisons. Because R-PAS is designed to make interpretations that are meaningful and experience-near for the client, it lends itself well to therapeutic and collaborative assessment. Participants will examine the new, online scoring program; learn the standardized R-PAS format for presenting and reviewing results; receive training and practice in the principles and procedures for generating interpretive inferences, and see how to use the standardized profile output when providing personally meaningful feedback for clients. We also address the advantages and challenges of using the R-PAS in applied clinical practice. Welcome to the future of the Rorschach!

Objectives

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the empirical and conceptual foundation for variables in R-PAS
- Recognize the value of "performance assessment" as a foundation for clinical interpretation
- Learn how to implement standardized administration procedures, including how to optimize the length of Rorschach protocols and ask effective clarification questions
- Practice coding protocols to gain proficiency with R-PAS scores
- Understand how new normative reference standards will improve clinical inferences
- Practice applying R-PAS interpretive procedures and guidelines to clinical cases
- Recognize how the standardized results format can be used in providing meaningful feedback to clients

Schedule

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2. A buffet lunch will be available for purchase each day at your own expense.

Continuing Education Credit

This workshop qualifies for 14 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.

Prerequisite Training

This is an intermediate level workshop. It is open to mental health professionals and graduate students training to be mental health professionals, but it does assume some prior familiarity with Rorschach-based assessment.

Pre-Order the R-PAS Examiner and Technical Manual

Attendees can pre-order copies of the R-PAS Examiner and Technical Manual when registering for the workshop for the special discount price of \$59.99, which is a savings of 25% over the standard price. Purchased Manuals will be distributed on the first day of the workshop.

Presenters

Gregory J. Meyer, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Toledo, where he has been since 2003. Before this he was at the University of Alaska Anchorage and also the University of Chicago Medical Center, where he was the director of the inpatient and outpatient Psychological Assessment Service. He is the Editor of the *Journal of Personality Assessment* and has served in that role since 2002. His research focuses on psychological assessment, with an emphasis on the integration of personality assessment methods. Much of his work has addressed performance-based measures of implicit processes, most notably the Rorschach. He has made seminal contributions to the published literature in this area, as well as in psychometrics and assessment more generally. On four occasions the Society for Personality Assessment has given him Distinguished Contribution Awards for articles in the published literature. He is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association and the Society for Personality Assessment.

Donald J. Viglione, Ph.D., is a Professor at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in San Diego. He started at AIU in 1983 and served for 17 years as a Program Director for clinical psychology doctoral programs. As a researcher, instructor, and practitioner, he has focused in the area of psychological assessment. He has published more than 50 professional papers on the Rorschach and other assessment instruments. As an instructor, he has taught assessment courses to graduate students and to a variety of national and international audiences. As a practitioner, he has conducted and supervised psychological evaluations of children, adults, and couples for a wide range of educational, psychiatric, forensic, and professional development/career enhancement reasons. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Assessment Psychology and a Fellow of the Society for Personality Assessment.

Joni L Mihura, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Toledo (UT) where she teaches and supervises students in personality assessment. She is the Clinic Director in UT's doctoral training program in Clinical Psychology. She is a Fellow of the Society for Personality Assessment (SPA), and has served on SPA's Board of Trustees. She has also served as a U.S. delegate to the International Rorschach Congress and as a member of John Exner's Rorschach Research Council. Dr. Mihura is a Consulting Editor on the *Journal of Personality Assessment* and the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*. She has received early career awards from SPA (the Beck Award) and the American Psychoanalytic Association. Dr. Mihura runs a personality assessment lab at UT with Dr. Greg Meyer, whose graduate students are active in academic and clinical aspects of personality assessment. She has been a presenter of workshops about R-PAS in the U.S. and other countries, as well as many other presentations and publications on personality assessment.

Robert E. Erard, Ph.D. is Clinical Director of Psychological Institutes of Michigan, P.C., where he practices clinical and forensic psychology. He is president of the Society for Personality Assessment, a former delegate to the International Rorschach Congress, a past president of the Michigan Psychological Association, and a former representative to the APA Council. He is a recipient of the APA Heiser Presidential Award and the Michigan Distinguished Psychologist Award. He is also a Fellow of SPA, MPA, and APA. He is a Clinical Case Editor for the *Journal of Personality Assessment*, an Assessment Section Head for *Psychological Injury and Law*, and an editorial board member on the *Journal of Child Custody*. Dr. Erard has published 25+ articles and chapters on the Rorschach and other performance-based assessment techniques, expert testimony based on psychological assessment, ethical and legal concerns surrounding assessment practice, and other topics in psychology. He has made over 100 professional presentations on psychological assessment and related matters.

Philip Erdberg, Ph.D., is a diplomate in clinical psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology. He is a past-president of the Society for Personality Assessment, the 1995 recipient of the Society's Distinguished Contribution Award, and the 2001 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Forensic Mental Health Association of California. Dr. Erdberg is on the faculty of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and is an assistant clinical professor at the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine. He is the assessment and research director at the Masonic Center for Youth and Families in San Francisco.

Location

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn – Austin/Northwest Arboretum, 8901 Business Park Drive, Austin, TX, 78759, (512) 343-0888 (phone).

For those attendees from out of town, we have negotiated a special rate for rooms at the Holiday Inn of \$109 (single or double occupancy). Rooms may be reserved by calling 877-719-8291 and mentioning the group code (“CTA”), the dates, and the hotel, or by going online to: [Center for Therapeutic Assessment<http://ihotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&GPC=CTA%20&hotelCode=AUSNW&PMID=99801505>](http://ihotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&GPC=CTA%20&hotelCode=AUSNW&PMID=99801505) All reservations must be received on or before March 18, 2011. Reservations received after the cutoff date will be honored on a space available basis at the prevailing best available rate.

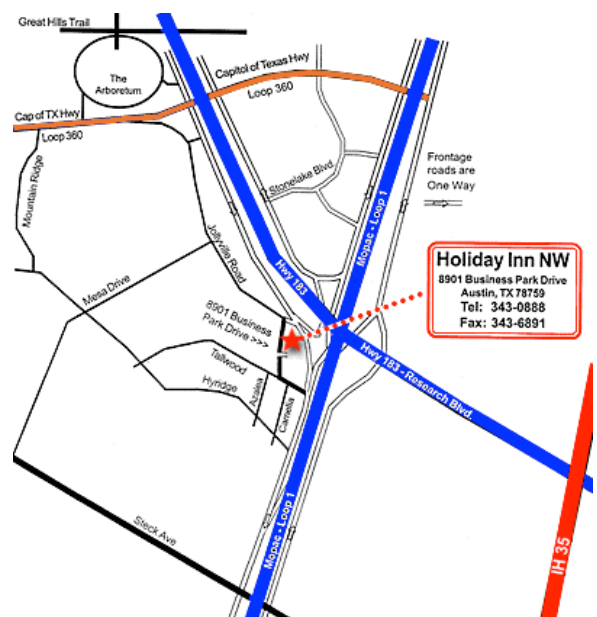
Directions

From IH-35

Exit 183 North. Take 183 North to Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360) exit. Turn left at first light and cross over 183. Turn left at the next light, now on the south bound frontage road of 183. Move to center lane. As frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right on Business Park Drive.

From Hwy. 183 Heading South

Exit Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360). Stay straight through the first stop light (Loop 360). Move to center lane and following frontage road. As the frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right onto Business Park Drive.



From Hwy. 183 Heading North

Exit Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360). Turn left at first light and cross over 183. Turn left at next light, now on the south bound frontage road of 183. Move to center lane. As frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right on Business Park Drive.

From Loop 1 (Mopac) Heading South

Exit Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360), move into the right lane and turn right at the first light (Capital of Texas Hwy.). Take Capital of Texas Hwy. for 4 lights crossing over Hwy. 183. After crossing over Hwy. 183 and turn left at next light, now heading South on the frontage road of Hwy. 183. Move to the center lane. As frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right on Business Park Drive.

From Loop 1 (Mopac) Heading North

Take Hwy. 183 North exit and stay in the right exit lane for Hwy. 183 North. Take Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360) exit. Turn left at first light and cross over 183. Turn left at the next light, now on the south bound frontage road of 183. Move to center lane. As frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right on Business Park Drive.

From Austin Bergstrom International Airport

Once exiting the airport you will take Hwy. 71 West. Once on Hwy. 71 West, stay in the right hand lane and look for the Hwy. 183 North exit. Follow Hwy. 183 all the way to Capital of Texas Hwy. (Loop 360) exit (about 10-15 minutes). Turn left at first light and cross over 183. Turn left at the next light, now on the south bound frontage road of 183. Move to center lane. As frontage road bends right, you will pass the hotel and then turn right at the next street onto Tallwood Drive. First street turn right on Business Park Drive.

Registration Form

The Rorschach Performance Assessment System

(Please mail this form to arrive by March 18, 2011)

Name _____

Degree _____ Position _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

e-mail _____

_____ Please enroll me in the April 1-2 workshop. I have enclosed a check for the amount checked below. The registration fee includes handouts and refreshments during breaks.

_____ \$250: Non-student, registration mailed to arrive by March 1, 2011

_____ \$300: Non-student, registration after March 1, 2011

_____ \$125: Student, registration mailed to arrive by March 1, 2011

_____ \$150: Student, registration after March 1, 2011

Optional:

_____ \$59.99: R-PAS Examiner and Technical Manual (to be delivered at workshop)

_____ Total amount

The final deadline for registration is **March 18, 2011**. We reserve the right to deny participation to any applicant or to cancel the workshop for any reason. If you cancel and notify us before March 18, you will receive a full refund of your fee. Cancellations between March 19 and March 25 qualify for a 50% refund. Due to the limited number of workshop spaces, if you cancel for any reason after March 25, none of your registration fee will be refunded.

Please make checks payable to "Center for Therapeutic Assessment."

Return this form with your check to **Stephen E. Finn, Center for Therapeutic Assessment, 4310 Medical Parkway, #101, Austin, TX, 78756-3331**.

You will be sent a verification of your registration. If you have questions, or wish to discuss whether the workshop will fit your needs, please email Dr. Finn at sefinn@mail.utexas.edu or call him at 512-329-5090.