

Zoom Gathering—9:00 am
Presentation—9:30 am—12:00 pm

About the Presenter

Sue Kolod, Ph.D. is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the William Alanson White Institute and teaches in its adult certificate program in psychoanalysis. She is Co-Chair of the Committee on Public Information of the American Psychoanalytic Association where she edits the blog Psychoanalysis Unplugged. In addition, Dr. Kolod is the representative from North America to the Board of the International Psychoanalytic Association.

Dr. Kolod has lectured and written about the impact of hormones on the psyche with a particular focus on sexuality, menopause and the menstrual cycle. Her chapter on this subject, *The Circle (Cycle) Game*, appears in the book, *Body-States: Interpersonal and Relational Perspectives on the Treatment of Eating Disorders (2015)* edited by Jean Petrucelli, Ph.D.

Dr. Kolod maintains a private practice in Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York. Since the pandemic she has been working with her patients remotely from Angram, New York.

Learning Objectives

After attending this intermediate-level program, participants will be able:

1. To identify the difference between sexual harassment and hook-up regret.
2. To demonstrate an understanding of 2 types of spectating.
3. To formulate the ways in which male and female hormones influence sexual behavior.
4. To demonstrate and understand of how sex education can help people to stay in the moment of a sexual encounter and not need to disconnect or dissociate.

Topic

#MeToo, while freeing women (and men) to report harassment and abuse mostly without the fear of retribution, has resulted in significant confusion and disorientation for people entering into romantic or sexual relationships. A common thread in many reports of harassment and abuse is that a male “harasser” viewed the encounter as “consensual” and a female “victim” insists she was coerced. If one were to conceptualize a continuum of encounters from rape—on the one end—to sex that is mutually and joyously engaged in by both parties—at the other—the focus of this discussion is the “in-between” or gray areas. Gender differences, sexual fantasy, “spectating” and other dissociative experiences in sexual encounters all contribute to the confusion. Consent may ultimately be about people giving themselves the *right* to “consent,” that is, to think, in the moment about whether a sexual encounter is something they want/desire, and the permission to call it off if they find it is not.

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