Personality and Personality Disorders: Foundations of Pathology, Pathways to Health

In psychopathology, few topics are as challenging and controversial as the definition, etiology, course, and treatment of personality disorders. Personality shapes how people perceive, relate to, and think about themselves and others, and, therefore, personality affects most human activities and experiences. Personality pathology is associated with chronic psychological, social, and health problems; with suicide risk; and with co-morbidity with other mental disorders and a poorer prognosis for them.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the American PsychoPathological Association reviews cutting edge and programmatic research on how to best conceptualize, study, and treat personality pathology. Leading experts in personality and personality disorders will report on new perspectives and findings on the epidemiology, genetic and environmental risks, neurobiology, and developmental course of personality pathology. Alternative models of personality disorders will be discussed. How personality pathology impacts the management and treatment of those afflicted and how they should be optimally treated will be considered. During formal presentations and informal discussion periods, an agenda for the next decade of assessment, research, and treatment of personality disorders will be set.

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