

Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16, 2011—Denver, Colorado

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

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15, and Saturday, April 16. A light breakfast, lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments will be provided each day.

**Continuing Education Credit**

For a \$10 additional charge, the Society for Personality Assessment will provide 14 hours of 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. Completion of a graduate level course on the Rorschach is recommended for attendees to be able to make best use of this workshop.

## **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 by mail when they are available.

## **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.

**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.

## **Location**

The workshop will be held at the University of Denver in Denver. Details and directions regarding the specific location will be forthcoming.

## Registration Form

### The Rorschach Performance Assessment System

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please enroll me in the April 15-16 workshop. I have enclosed a check for the amount checked below. The registration fee includes lunch each day, handouts and refreshments during breaks.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200: Professional Member of CAS, registration received by March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250: Professional Member of CAS, registration received after March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250: Professional, non-CAS member, registration received by March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300: Professional, non-CAS member, registration received after March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125: Student Member of CAS, registration received by March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150: Student Member of CAS, registration received after March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150: Student, non-CAS member, registration received by March 21, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$175: Student, non-CAS member, registration received after March 21, 2011

The first day is essential training and required of attendees. However, if you are unable to attend the second day of training, which will focus on application of the RPAS to cases, you may deduct \$50 from your total fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ My check reflects a \$50 deduction as I will not be attending the second day of training. I understand that by not attending the full workshop, I will not be eligible for continuing education credit.

#### **\*Continuing Education fee**

I include an additional \$10 in my payment to receive APA approved CE credit

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 CE fee.

Optional:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$59.99: R-PAS Examiner and Technical Manual (to be delivered before July)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount (Please make checks to Colorado Assessment Society)

Return this form with your check to **the Colorado Assessment Society, c/o Rich Mangen, CAS President, 6444 South Quebec Street, Suite 202, Centennial, CO 80111.**

The final deadline for registration is **April 8, 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 by April 1, you will receive a full refund of your fee. Cancellations received between April 2 and April 8 qualify for a 50% refund. Due to the limited number of workshop spaces, if you cancel for any reason after April 8, none of your registration fee will be refunded.

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. Mangen at [rsmangen@comcast.com](mailto:rsmangen@comcast.com) or call him at 303-875-3297.