

The Rutgers DSW Program

Module Title: Human Experience, Part I

Instructor:

Residency: November 2018

Time:

Module Description:

In this module, we build upon the basic concepts introduced in the Introduction to Phenomenology module to consider the question, "What is a person?" This module requires close-reading of the Introduction and Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of John Russon's text *Human Experience: Philosophy, Neurosis, and the Elements of Everyday Life*. We address the following questions: 1) What "traditional prejudices" of Western culture's view of human experience are challenged by taking a phenomenological perspective? 2) What is the phenomenology of individual identity?

Module Objectives:

1. Students will identify and explore the interpretative nature of perception.
2. Students will learn to challenge traditional prejudices about human experience that are not philosophically supported by phenomenological research.
3. Students will develop a phenomenological understanding of the temporal, embodied, and situated nature of human identity.

Required Reading:

1. Russon, J. (2003). *Human experience: Philosophy, neurosis, and the elements of everyday life*. Pp. 1-47. State University of Albany Press: Albany.

(Please come to class prepared with identified passages from the text that felt important for how you understand your clinical work or that challenged how you conceive human experience).

Recommended Reading:

2. Torrance, S. (2009). Contesting the concept of consciousness. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*. 16 (5). Pp. 111-126.