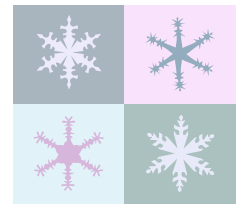


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FEATURED FRIDAY WORKSHOP 9am-4pm

February 24, 2012

The Psychology of Erotic Desire in Couples

Esther Perel, MA, LMFT

Why does sexual intimacy so often fade for couples who claim to love each other as much as ever?

Can we want what we already have?

Does transition to parenthood need to spell erotic disaster?

The story of intimacy and sexuality in committed modern couples is one that often tells of dwindling desire and weakening of erotic connection. The absence of fantasy, the proliferation of pornography and affairs, as well as a lack of understanding of the nature of erotic desire all contribute to couple's impasses. Fear of abandonment, entrapment, and the familial feelings between partners often shape the blueprints of our intimate attachments and decrease erotic desire in couples.

In this workshop, Perel will demonstrate how to invert traditional therapeutic priorities by using the sexual relationship as a lens into the couple's interpersonal dynamics. She will explore transference and countertransference when working with sexual issues and describe innovative strategies to help couples unlock sexual blocks. Combining formal teaching, clinical case examples and video vignettes, this workshop draws on attachment and psychoanalytic theory as well as on family systems and body oriented approaches in application to married, unmarried, heterosexual, and same sex couples.

Book signing event to follow workshop.



Esther Perel, M.A., L.M.F.T., bestselling author of **Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence** translated into 24 languages. *2009 book award from the Society for Sex Therapy and Research*, is a master trainer, therapist and workshop leader. She is fluent in 9 languages and is an acknowledged international authority on couple therapy, cross-cultural relations, and culture and sexuality. She serves on the faculty of The International Trauma Studies Program, The Ackerman Institute for the Family, as well as the Scandinavian Institute for Expressive Arts Therapy. She has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Today Show, CBS and CNN This Morning, and has also been featured in publications like The New Yorker, New York Magazine, The Washington Post, The Atlantic Monthly, and The Guardian. For more information please visit <http://www.estherperel.com/>.

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