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A seminar with

Dr Allan Schore

Borderline Personality Disorder

**as a Maturational Failure
of the Right Brain**

Wednesday, September 19 2007

7.15 – 9.45 pm

Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, London WC1

introduction

to seminar

Borderline personality disorder (BPD) is a severe disturbance of personality-functioning. It is characterised by affective and impulse-control disturbances, associated with deficits in emotion regulation, as well as a pervasive pattern of instability in self-image and persistent difficulties in interpersonal relationships.

Current models of the aetiology and adaptive dysfunction of BPD are now converging as an attachment disorder that formed in the first years of life. These patients commonly experienced abusive and neglectful developmental backgrounds, a growth-inhibiting relational environment not only for social-emotional development, but for early brain maturation.

Models of developmental psychopathology suggest that borderline attachment histories alter the development of regulatory cortical-subcortical limbic-autonomic circuits of the early developing right brain. In line with these models, a number of recent neurobiological studies now show right brain and orbitofrontal deficits in BPD patients. The clinical relevance of this documented maturational failure for diagnosis and treatment will be discussed in the light of recent research.



Dr Allan Schore

Dr Allan Schore is on the clinical faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine,



and at the UCLA Center for Culture, Brain, and Development. He is author of three seminal volumes, *Affect Regulation and the Origin of the Self*, *Affect Dysregulation and Disorders of the Self*, and *Affect Regulation and the Repair of the Self*, as well as numerous articles and chapters. His groundbreaking integration of neuroscience with attachment theory has led to his description as “the American Bowlby” and “the world’s leading expert in neuropsychanalysis.”

Dr Allan Schore

Dr. Schore's activities as a clinician-scientist range from his theoretical work on the enduring impact of early trauma on brain development to neuroimaging research on the neurobiology of attachment and studies of borderline personality disorder; from his biological studies of relational trauma in wild elephants to his practice of psychotherapy over the last four decades. He leads study groups in developmental affective neuroscience & clinical practice in Los Angeles, Berkeley, Portland, Seattle, and Boulder, lectures internationally, and is a member of the Commission on Children at Risk for the report on Children and Civil Society, *Hardwired to Connect*.

“Allan Schore has become a heroic figure among many psychotherapists for his massive reviews of neuroscience that center on the patient-therapist relationship.”

Daniel Goleman, author of *Social Intelligence*.

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information

Date

Wednesday, September 19 2007

Registration

6.30 – 7.30 pm

Bookstall and light refreshments will be available before the event

Start time

7.30 pm

End

9.45 pm

Venue

Brunei Gallery, SOAS,
London WC1

The Brunei Gallery is located between Malet Street and Thornhaugh Street, in the north-west corner of Russell Square opposite SOAS. The Gallery is a five minute walk from the British Museum.

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