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JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2025

Janina Fisher, PhD

Transforming Trauma-Related Resistance and Stuckness

**Monday - Friday: 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT | 30-Minute Break Daily
15-Hour Course | Delivery Format: In-Person or Live-Online**

Coming to therapy is a cry for help, requiring the ability to acknowledge vulnerability. But for those who have been abused, abandoned, or rejected, being vulnerable is associated with powerlessness, humiliation, and violence. Almost every kind of traumatic experience involves incompetence or cruelty perpetrated by other human beings. No matter how much clients sincerely want our help, they cannot control instinctive fight, flight, or submission defenses stimulated in relationships to other human beings.

Should the client commit to therapy or flee? Combat the therapist's every effort? Or "submit" by coming but not fully participating? Seeking help may bring initial relief in a moment of crisis but also inevitably raises doubts: Is it better to trust or avoid trusting?

Whether resistance manifests as a passive aggressive 'no' to every intervention, chronic avoidance, or desperation for help alternating with resistance to accepting it, the underlying dilemma is the same. What we label "resistance" reflects inherent trauma-related conflicts activated by all forms of treatment and all types of therapist.

In this workshop, we will explore the complex relationships between these trauma-related conflicts and stuckness or resistance in psychotherapy. Using techniques drawn from Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, Internal Family Systems, and other mindfulness-based models, participants will learn how to de-code these impasses and help clients work with them as an internal conflict, not a therapeutic issue. When we help individuals "befriend" the resistance, we become part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

Janina Fisher, PhD is a Board member of the Trauma Research Foundation and a patron of the Bowlby Centre in London. A former instructor at Harvard Medical School and international expert on trauma treatment, she is co-author with Pat Ogden of *Sensorimotor Psychotherapy: Interventions for Attachment and Trauma* (2015) and the author of *Healing the Fragmented Selves of Trauma Survivors: Overcoming Self-Alienation* (2017) and *Transforming the Living Legacy of Trauma* (2021). She is best known for integrating neuroscience research and newer body-centered interventions into traditional psychotherapy approaches.

More information can be found on her website: www.janinafisher.com.

Speaker Disclosures

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Course Agenda

Monday:

The many “flavors” of stuckness and resistance: the help-rejecting complainer, passive-aggressive clients, chronic suicidality, clients who are shut down and ‘not there,’ hopelessness and immobility, avoidance, clients who struggle for control.

Tuesday:

Understanding resistance as defensive, not offensive: trauma-related phobias of vulnerability, closeness and distance, visibility and invisibility, hypervigilance and mistrust. How therapy evokes animal defense survival responses.

Wednesday:

Understanding resistance and stuckness as struggles between trauma-related parts: survival responses and strategies, re-framing resistance as adaptive, sharing the dilemma—some parts want help, some fear it, and others fight to resist it.

Thursday:

Overcoming our ‘resistance’ to client resistance: competing agendas of client and therapist, how our minds and bodies respond to client stuckness, how to navigate the client’s fear of closeness and fear of distance. Psychotherapy as “play space,” and the therapeutic benefits of laughter and playfulness.

Friday:

Healing the wounds of the past: internal soothing and comfort for hurt and fearful parts, “negotiated settlements” with protectors, collaborating with parts who resist, enjoying the struggles rather than resisting them, facilitating self-compassion.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Identify the effects of traumatic experience on attachment formation
2. Discuss the role of implicit memory in post-traumatic symptoms
3. Describe manifestations of animal defense survival responses in clients
4. Differentiate common conflicts between survival defenses observed in client relationships
5. Summarize the aspects of psychotherapy that evoke defensive responses in traumatized clients
6. Describe the association between client resistance or stuckness and trauma-related survival defenses
7. Discuss ways of evoking curiosity in stuck or resistant clients
8. Articulate the role of ‘re-framing’ the symptoms in trauma treatment
9. Utilize Sensorimotor Psychotherapy interventions to help clients notice resistance without shame
10. Utilize parts-related interventions to resolve internal struggles and conflicts

Continuing Education

Course Content Level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. This course is open, and content is, suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced. Courses must be completed in one delivery format.

Transforming Trauma-Related Resistance and Stuckness, Course #5623, is approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program to be offered by MAK Continuing Education, LLC, Cape Cod Institute as an individual course. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE course approval period: 4/30/2024-4/30/2026. Social workers completing this course receive 15 clinical continuing education credits.

Psychologists: This course is only eligible for continuing education credits in California, Canada, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

This program is being offered for 15 NBCC credit hours. Please see the CE section starting on pg. 71 for the NBCC Approval Statement.

Please see the [course CE page](#) for a complete listing of course-specific CE approvals.

For a full list of continuing education approval statements please visit <https://www.cape.org/ce-credit>.

Tuition, Registration & Course Formats

Registration:

Visit www.cape.org to register for our In-Person & Live-Online course offerings. All major credit cards are accepted. No cash or check payments will be accepted.

Course Formats:

15-hour course format: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT with a 30 min break daily

12-hour course format: Monday-Wednesday 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m. EDT with a 30 min break daily

8-hour course format: Thursday-Friday 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m. EDT with a 30 min break daily

In-Person Location:

Nauset Regional Middle School, 70 MA-28, Orleans, MA 02653

Live-Online Course Format:

Interactive synchronous online: Live-Online sessions are held via Zoom Meetings. Live-Online courses will include opportunities for interaction with colleagues and faculty members via group discussions, break-out groups, and Q&As.

System requirements: • Operating Systems: Windows XP or higher, MacOS 9 or higher, Android 4.0 or higher • Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher, Google Chrome, Firefox 10.0 or higher • Broadband Internet connection: Cable, High-speed DSL & any other medium that is internet accessible.

Tuition:

Early tuition rates (through 4/1/25)		Full tuition rates (after 4/1/25)		Student pricing*:	
15-hour in-person early:	\$750	15-hour in-person full:	\$800	15-hour in-person:	\$600
15-hour live-online early:	\$625	15 hour live-online full:	\$675	15 hour online:	\$475
12-hour in-person early:	\$650	12-hour in-person full:	\$700	12-hour in-person:	\$500
12-hour online early:	\$550	12-hour online full:	\$600	12-hour online:	\$400
8-hour in-person early:	\$450	8-hour in-person full:	\$500	8-hour in-person:	\$300
8-hour online early:	\$350	8-hour online full:	\$400	8-hour online:	\$200

*Full-time graduate students, doctoral students, and resident physicians must upload documentation at the time of registration to qualify for a reduced tuition

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Cancellation & Change Policy

Up until two weeks (14 days) prior to your course start date: For cancellations (in-person or live-online), you will receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee

Between 14 days and 1 day: Credit may be applied to any 2025 or 2026 Cape Cod Institute course. No refunds will be issued within this time period.

Once your course begins: No credit or refund is available if you cancel on the day of arrival, do not show up, are dissatisfied with the presentation or content, or leave an event early for any reason. No partial credit/CE hours can be given if you need to leave for any reason. We understand that circumstances outside of your control may impact your ability to continue attending your course. Common examples include: situations affecting a participant directly or their travel plans, unexpected injury or illness, and significant connectivity problems; however, we cannot offer credit or refunds for these scenarios.

The Cape Cod Institute is not responsible for participants' travel, lodging, or incidental expenses.

Course Changes:

Before June 1: You may switch your course or the format (in-person or live-online) without a fee. A refund will be provided for the difference in price.

After June 1: Course or format (in-person or live-online) changes made after June 1, will incur a \$50 change fee. There will be no price reduction for switching to a live-online course.

You can notify our staff of your cancellation or change requests at info@cape.org

Please visit <https://www.cape.org/policies> for more information.

Continuing Education Information

Full attendance of in-person and live-online courses is required to meet the standards of accrediting organizations. No partial credits will be provided. CE certificates are distributed by email for both in-person and live-online courses following the conclusion of your course, confirmation of full attendance, and completion of an online evaluation form.

You will receive additional details regarding the online evaluation process at the end of your assigned course. Evaluations must be submitted within three weeks of the end date of your course. You will receive a copy of your certificate of attendance with detailed CE approval statements, once you submit your evaluation. Please check with your regulating body/organization that this certificate is sufficient proof for you to claim continuing education credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours.

Most courses are eligible for 15 credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours. Exclusions will be listed on individual course pages as well as below. Please check individual course pages for course learning objectives.

All courses are open and suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced unless otherwise noted on the course page.

Please contact your licensing board to determine your continuing education requirements and check for reciprocal approvals.

Continuing Education Approvals:

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You can also contact our staff with any CE-specific questions at + 1(203) 781- 6492 or info@cape.org.

Travel Information

All in-person sessions are held at the Nauset Regional Middle School at 70 MA-28, Orleans, Massachusetts. Orleans is a 2-hour drive from Boston or Providence (expect traffic delays on Saturdays). There are scheduled flights from Boston and Providence to Hyannis, a 40-minute drive to Orleans. A car is needed for full access to lower Cape Cod. Biking around Orleans is easily done via the rail trail, and local buses between towns are available.

Cape Cod is about 70 miles long, and 75 miles from Logan Airport in Boston and Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. Driving distances to the Lower and Outer Cape are:

Boston 77 miles; Providence 77 miles; New York City 245 miles; Montreal 355 miles.

Please visit our travel page for specific directions, lodging and travel information: <https://www.cape.org/travel>

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JUNE 30 - AUGUST 22, 2025

JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2025

Amanda Blake, PhD

Embodied Intelligence at Work: Leveraging Mind-Body Science to Enhance Professional Performance
In-Person

Janina Fisher, PhD

Transforming Trauma-Related Resistance and Stuckness
In-Person & Live-Online

Cathy Malchiodi, PhD, LPCC, LPAT, ATR-BC, REAT

Expressive Arts Therapy and Sensory Processing to "Reset" the Nervous System
In-Person & Live-Online

Natasha Prenn, LCSW

Put Deliberate Practice into your AEDP Practice
In-Person & Live-Online

JULY 7-11, 2025

Suzanne Goh, MD, BCBA

Transformative Care for Neurodivergent Individuals: State-of-the-art Therapies to Optimize Health, Development and Wellbeing
In-Person & Live-Online

Gabriella Rosen Kellerman, MD

Tomorrowmind: Building Intra- and Interpersonal Resilience at Work and Beyond
In-Person & Live-Online

Licia Sky

Embodied Awareness: The Art of Presence & Attunement
In-Person

Bessel van der Kolk, MD

Frontiers of Trauma Treatment
In-Person & Live-Online

JULY 14-18, 2025

Lana Epstein, MA, LICSW

Putting It All Together: Combining Somatic and Ego-State Therapies with EMDR
In-Person & Live-Online

Meghan Riordan Jarvis, MA, LICSW

Grief as a Daily Practice: Tools to Educate and Support in Times of Profound Loss
In-Person & Live-Online

Richard Schwartz, PhD & Jeanne Catanzaro, PhD

Internal Family Systems Workshop
In-Person & Live-Online

Stan Tatkin, PsyD, MFT

Introduction to a Psychobiological Approach to Couple Therapy (PACT)
In-Person & Live-Online

JULY 21-25, 2025

Sebastian Barr, PhD

Affirming and Effective Work with Trans and Nonbinary Adolescents and Young Adults
In-Person & Live-Online

Jeanne Catanzaro, PhD

Unburdened Eating: An IFS Workshop for Mental Health Professionals
In-Person & Live-Online

Deb Dana, LCSW

Polyvagal Theory in Therapy: Practical Applications for Treating Trauma
In-Person & Live-Online

Richard Schwartz, PhD

Transformative Healing: An IFS Workshop on Addressing Legacy Trauma
In-Person & Live-Online

JULY 28-AUGUST 1, 2025

Farah Harris, MA, LCPC

The Color of Emotional Intelligence: Leveraging Self-Awareness to Address Inequities in Clinical and Organizational Practice
In-Person & Live-Online

Deborah Korn, PsyD

EMDR Therapy and the Treatment of Complex PTSD in Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse and Neglect
In-Person & Live-Online

Maria Sirois, PsyD

The Fateful Story: How Narratives Shape Health, Growth and Resilience
In-Person & Live-Online

Jeffrey Zeig, PhD & Julie Anné Zeig, PhD

Master Class in Experiential Psychotherapy
In-Person & Live-Online

AUGUST 4-8, 2025

Gloria Burgess, PhD

Sanctuary: Rekindling the Heart of Leadership®
In-Person

James Hawkins, PhD, LPC

Emotionally Focused Therapy: Strengthening Bonds in Couples, Individuals, and Families
In-Person & Live-Online

George McCloskey, PhD

Intervention for Child and Adolescent Executive Function Difficulties
In-Person & Live-Online

8 & 12 HR COURSES - NEW!

AUGUST 4-6, 2025 *12-HR

Jonah Paquette, PsyD

Positive Psychology 2.0: Creating a Life of Meaning, Purpose, and Connection
In-Person & Live-Online

AUGUST 7-8, 2025 *8-HR

Christopher Willard, PsyD

Adapting Mindfulness Techniques for Children, Teens, and Adults
In-Person & Live-Online

AUGUST 11-15, 2025

Bob Anderson

The Journey of Conscious Leadership
In-Person

John Forsyth, PhD & Jamie Forsyth, PhD

Harnessing the Transformative Power of Mindful ACT Therapy: How to Live Well When Life is Hard
In-Person & Live-Online

Pilar Jennings, PhD

Buddhism & Psychotherapy in Conversation: A Healing Partnership
In-Person & Live-Online

Cece Sykes, LCSW, ACSW

Internal Family Systems: Compassion for "Big A" and "Small a" Addictive Processes
In-Person & Live-Online

AUGUST 18-22, 2025

Edward Hallowell, MD with Sue George Hallowell, LICSW

Unwrapping the Gifts: A Strength-Based Approach to ADHD Across the Life Span
In-Person & Live-Online

Rubin Naiman, PhD, FAASM

Healing Our Sleep, Dreams, and Consciousness: An Integrative Approach
In-Person

Ronald D. Siegel, PsyD

What Clinicians Need to Know about Non-Ordinary States: Mindfulness, Compassion, & Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy
In-Person & Live-Online

Eboni Webb, PsyD, HSP

From Chaos to Calm with DBT – A Path to Connection and Emotional Regulation
In-Person & Live-Online

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