In this second class on Freud’s cases, we will read the Rat Man and the Wolf Man, and trace Freud’s development of theoretical and technical issues. We will describe how Freud’s cases were written during the sway of the topographical theory and before the structural theory took hold, as well as before the dual instinct theory was put forth. We will analyze his evolving concepts of transference, resistance, and defenses, including projection, as well as early ideas about obsessional neurosis and infantile neurosis. Finally, we will speculate about the unconscious countertransference in these cases, which might have occurred despite Freud’s awareness of countertransference by this time.

Week 1: March 14th  The Rat Man
Guest instructor: Harold Blum


Week 2: March 21st  The Rat Man cont.


Week 3: March 28th  The Wolf Man

Week 4: April 11th  The Wolf Man cont.
Guest instructor: Harold Blum


The Week 5: April 18th The Wolf Man cont.


OPTIONAL READINGS:
