

Case 4: Will Hunting and Sean Maguire

Choose ONE of the following:

1. Identify 4 behaviors or techniques displayed by Sean Maguire in the movie *Good Will Hunting*. For each of these, provide a specific description of the behavior, technique, or event which occurred in therapy, and discuss:

- a. What Ethical Codes are violated or implicated?
- b. What alternate behavior or technique would you suggest?
- c. What do you think Dr. Maguire was attempting to achieve with this behavior or technique?

2. Complete a Psychodynamic Case Formulation of the case of Will Hunting. You are writing this either as:

- a. Dr. Sean Maguire who is writing this case after Will's initial counseling sessions(s).
- b. Dr. Sean Maguire who is writing this case after Will has terminated therapy. This formulation has been requested, with Will's permission, by his new therapist.

Use the template posted on the class web site: <http://schatz.sju.edu/ethics/>

Below is a sample template for the case write-up

CASE WRITEUP FORM **Your Name (AKA: Dr. Sean Maguire)**

I. CASE HISTORY (suggested max # of words: 500)

- A. Identifying Information:** Will is a 25-year-old, single, Caucasian man who has no children, lives alone, and has been working in a string of full- and part-time Jobs.
- B. Chief Complaint:** Will was required to seek treatment for impulse control and antisocial behaviors, following a series of arrests. He was given the choice of participating in psychological counseling and vocational counseling, under the supervision of Professor Gerald Lambeau.
- C. History of Present Illness:** Approximately one month ago, Will was required to seek treatment following a series of arrests. At that time, he presented with poor anger control, severe aversion to psychological intervention, and limited insight into the reasons for his behavior. At intake, his symptoms included the following:
 - emotional symptoms:
 - cognitive symptoms:

behavioral symptoms:
physiological symptoms:

The major stressors in Will's life are social ones...

D. Psychiatric History:

E. Personal and Social History:

F. Medical History:

G. Mental Status Check: Will is fully oriented, with no signs of depression or impaired thought control.

H. DSM IV Diagnoses: (see: http://www.psyweb.com/Mdisord/DSM_IV/jsp/dsm_iv.jsp)
Axis I:
Axis II:
Axis III: Alcohol Abuse
Axis IV: Unstable housing and vocation, primary support issues.
Axis V: GAF Current—70. Best in Past Year—80.

II. CASE FORMULATION: [actual word count: 403] (suggested # of words: 500)

A. Predisposing Factors:

B. Precipitating Factors:

C. Perpetuating Factors:

D. Protecting Behaviors

E. Working Hypothesis (summary of Conceptualization)