## **Everything**

You Thought You Knew About Boundaries...

# **Is About to Change**

Attend this exciting and stimulating workshop that will challenge you to re-examine what you thought you knew about boundaries, identity, and how people change.

You'll discover how human identity operates as an adaptive system and you'll learn the central role of systemic boundaries in managing that system.

You'll go home with a briefcase full of insights, ideas, and tools that will help you change lives forever.

## The Boundary Problem

Everyone has boundaries. They're essential in our lives. They hold things together and keep us safe, but they also have a downside.

Most boundaries operate outside our conscious awareness. They direct behaviors, emotions, and thoughts based on deep-seated beliefs learned long ago.

In the beginning, these boundaries were adaptive. However, for many people, their boundaries no longer work to make their lives better. Too often, those old boundaries make their lives worse and prevent growth and change.

Since they are unaware of their boundaries, they keep engaging the same old program and keep getting the same destructive results with no idea why.

## The System Is The Solution

Identity and boundaries work together as a system. The boundaries exist to protect identity by preventing change. They do this because change is perceived as a threat to the system. Change, even change for the better, will be resisted.

Many destructive behaviors, emotions, and thoughts are driven by these powerful boundaries that keep your clients trapped in an endless loop of being who they've always been and doing what they've always done.

Learn to teach your clients to take charge of their boundaries and create DEEP CHANGE in the core of their being. Their deepest, most negative beliefs about themselves can change for the better and their lives will become happier and more satisfying as a result.

The System is Real Hope for Real Change!



& Presented by Psychologist, Dr. Steve Ater



# Boundaries, **Identity** and the Path to **Deep Change**

A NEW Approach For Helping **Troubled Clients** 

# **A Program Developed**



The System Boundaries, Identity and the Path to **Deep Change** 

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- NEW ideas for your most challenging clients and their most persistent problems
- Learn NEW skills, powerful tools, fresh insights for DEEP CHANGE
- ADAPTABLE and easily integrated, makes what you already do more effective
- A UNIQUE and MODERN psychological approach merged with the science of interdisciplinary systems theory

"Don't miss out on this opportunity to attend a presentation Dr. Ater! Excellent teaching skills, humor, and commitment to helping others grow as clinicians all come together with this incredible opportunity to learn powerful tools you can put to use right now."

- Dr. Deric Raysten, Psychiatrist Former President, Idaho Psychiatric Association

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# **Goals of This Course**

- Establish an understanding of systems science and grasp the essential role of boundaries in working with complex adaptive systems like human beings.
- Internalize the Universal Principles of the Human Boundaries **Model** that form the foundation for theory and practice in this approach.
- Employ understanding of "Ideas-of-Self" as the systemic building blocks of human identity, especially how Ideas-of-Self and their boundaries operate together as mutually defining and mutually reinforcing elements of the identity system.
- Explore how Ideas-of-Self use powerful boundaries to maintain their own stability and existence by fighting against the threat of change.
- Learn the skills needed to hack the identity system leveraging the system's own boundary rules to help even the most complex and challenging client create deep change they never thought possible.
- Discover the nature, importance, and implications of the five boundary personalities that shape each of us and how the different boundary personalities affect our interaction with others in predictable ways.
- Develop new understanding of how the identity and boundary systems of one person interact with those of another and how to apply this knowledge to improve relationships and capacity for mutual problem-solving.
- Acquire powerful new therapeutic skills, concepts, tools, and techniques including: the boundary constriction point, true choice, moments of meaning, boundary networks, the proto Idea-of-Self, the Relational Triad, PIT Stop Communication, the three boundary interactions, the Normal Relationship Cycle, systemic forgiveness, victim and villain.

# **Course Outline**

PART ONE: Systems, Boundaries, and the Operations of the Human Boundaries Model

#### **Understanding Systems and Boundaries**

Systems Theory - Thinking Systemically Popular Myths about Boundaries Integration and Exclusion: The two functions of systemic boundaries Kinds and Qualities of Systemic Boundaries Limitations of Systems Research to Psychological Applications

#### Foundations of the Human Boundaries Model

The Universal Principles of the Human Boundaries Model The Four Purposes of Human Boundaries The Five Boundary Personalities Identity, Ideas-of-Self, and the Proto Idea-of-Self

## **PART TWO: Practical Applications of the Human Boundaries Model**

## **Identity** and Change in the Human Boundaries Model

Practice Ethics and Application of the Human Boundaries Model Creating and Facilitating Change with the Human Boundaries Model True Choice + Moments of Meaning = Deep Change The Change Map The Boundary Constriction Point

#### Better Relationships with the Human Boundaries Model

The Black Box - Seeing differently in a world of complex systems The Three Boundary Interactions: synchrony, trespass, violation The Relational Triad and the Normal Relationship Cycle Fearless Selflessness P.I.T. Stop Communication

#### **Healing from the Past**

8 R's of Forgiveness Victim and Villain - The challenge of self-forgiveness





# **Speaker**



Psychologist. Dr. Steve Ater

A dynamic speaker with an interactive approach to learning, Dr. Steve Ater brings to his programs a belief that they should be both stimulating and fun.

Dr. Ater graduated from Ohio State University before earning his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology and Neurorehabilitation followed by additional postdoctoral training in Child and Family Psychology.

He specializes in psychotherapy including individual and relationship therapy as well as clinical neuropsychology. Dr. Ater also enjoys working in leadership development, organizational culture, and organizational change - domains perfectly suited to application of the principles of the Human Boundaries Model.

He has been developing the Human Boundaries Model for over a decade and is thrilled for any opportunity to teach others this exciting breakthrough in the practice of psychotherapy.



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