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March 12th 2012: Dealing With Addiction -- Why the 20th Century Was Wrong with Guest Peter Ferentzy, Ph.D.

Our guest today will share his controversial insights into addiction and recovery. Not only has he researched the subject for 20+ years, he knows this topic from the gutter right up to the halls of academe. He will comment on the tragic death of Amy Winehouse in July, 2011 and where the blame for the singer's death should really lie; what addicts have in common with women, blacks and gays; treatment models that are hurting - even killing the addicts they claim to be helping; losing two close friends to overdoses which he feels were attributable to the flawed, governing approach to addiction;

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Featured Guest



Peter Ferentzy

Peter Ferentzy holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Thought from York University. His dissertation is a historical sociology of the origins and recent development of the modern concept of addiction with an emphasis on how it has interacted with ideas about mental illness and compulsions in general. Dr. Ferentzy has studied and written extensively on Gamblers Anonymous, as well as other issues related to pathological gambling. His two most recently completed studies involve: 1. The history of ideas related to addiction with an emphasis on problem gambling wherein special attention is paid to the role of metaphoric conceptualization in the construction of scientific discourse; 2. A street I

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