In this digital age, things change faster than we do. It’s our ethical, professional responsibility to keep up. Using clips from popular movies, such as Good Will Hunting, Deconstructing Harry, What about Bob, and many other movies, the course will cover the ethical and clinical complexities of traditional boundaries, such as gifts, self-disclosure, touch, home visits, bartering, home office, dual and multiple relationships and other boundaries. The course will also cover some of the most potent issues of digital ethics, such as therapists Googling clients, clients Googling therapists, use of video-conferencing with clients, practicing across state line, responding to clients’ negative reviews on Yelp, and some of the basics of telemental health. The course will review the most important aspects of the psychology of the web and how the Internet has changed our culture, our relationships and...our brains.

Educational Objectives:

• Define boundary crossings, boundary violations and dual relationships.

• Review current standards of practice and codes of ethics in regard to boundaries in therapy.

• Identify avoidable and unavoiable boundary crossings in different communities and different settings.

• Identify the current main digital ethics concerns for mental health practitioners.

• Review how to include boundary concerns in the Informed Consent for Treatment.

• Present sound treatment plans and clinical records concerning boundary crossings and dual relationships.