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Northeastern Society for Group Psychotherapy

The 27th Annual Regional Conference
June 13, 14, & 15, 2008
Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

# Excellence in Leadership: Understanding Ourselves & Others in Groups

# **Special Presentation**

Groups Gone Wild: Therapists Gone Missing?

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# Welcome to the 27th Annual Conference

he Conference Committee enthusiastically invites you to join us for our 27th Annual Conference at Wellesley College. A dedicated group of physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers and other professionals interested in addressing both personal and professional issues of mental health and self awareness have spent the past year putting together three days of exciting and challenging learning opportunities.

Given this election year, our organizing theme invites participants to look at and think about how we lead, how we are led and how we wish to be led. Our hope is that we who participate in the conference will gain a greater understanding of ourselves and of those with whom we work as we consider the groups of family, work, friends, community, country and world in which we all exist. As is always true of our conference, there is much to learn in the didactic portions of the presentations. The richness of the conference however, often comes from the experiential learning. This type of learning provides opportunities for using ourselves and others to further develop our professional skills and our understanding of the clinical work we do. It also offers opportunities for deeper understanding of others and of ourselves in all of the groups to which we belong, whether as leaders or members.

Please review this brochure and register early to take advantage of the various opportunities offered. Discounts are offered for early registration. If you are not a member of NSGP, consider becoming one to take advantage of member rates as well as to be part of a dynamic and diverse group of people interested in group work. We look forward to seeing you and learning with you.

Kim McNamara and Jim Leone

# for the Conference Committee

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Friday, June 13, 2008		Saturday, June 14, 2008		Sunday, June 15, 2008		
8:00 - 9:30	Registration — Continental Breakfast	7:45 - 9:15	Registration — Continental Breakfast	9:00 - 9:45	Registration — Continental Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:30	Institute Opening/ Orientation	8:00 - 5:30 8:00 - 9:15	<b>CGP Program</b> Special Presentation		Business Meeting Morning Workshops	
9:45 - 12:15 12:15 - 1:45	Institute Session I	9:30 - 9:45	Welcome	10:00 - 5:45	CGP Program	
1:45 - 4:30	Institute Session II		Morning Workshops Lunch	12:45 - 2:30 1:15 - 2:30	Lunch Special Presentation	
4:30 - 5:00 5:00 - 6:45	Refreshment Break Institute Session III		Afternoon Workshops Social Hour		Demonstration Group Social Hour	
	Evaluations Social Hour					
7:45 - 9:00	Special Presentation			* CGP course	schedule listed separately.	

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# Special Presentation

Friday, June 13, 7:45 – 9:00 pm, Saturday, June 14, 8:00 – 9:15 am & Sunday, June 15, 1:15 – 2:30 pm Participants attend all three sessions

# Groups Gone Wild: Therapists Gone Missing?

kay. Admit it. There have been times when you've thought, "I don't want to go into that room. I'm terrified (or angry or ashamed or confused). I don't want to lead the group tonight. I don't even like this group anymore. They're always complaining about the group. They're very angry at each other. I hope they don't come after me. Maybe a few of them won't show. I don't feel so good."

Groups can be difficult for a variety of reasons. Some groups can go absolutely wild. All therapists have feared this at some point. Indeed, some individual therapists avoid leading groups to avoid such an experience. Many group therapists faced with such groups feel unknowledgeable, unskilled, or unhinged. Not uncommonly, therapists are at times paralyzed into inaction or propelled into enactment. Through the use of video clips of groups in chaos, we will illustrate such groups, highlight typical—and at times, problematic—therapist reactions, and illuminate therapeutic interventions that can resolve these situations, rather than simply survive them. [Rated R: Sexual content, adult language, nutty presenters.]

# Chair:

Joseph Shay, PhD, CGP, FAGPA

Dr. Joe Shay is a teacher in many venues, including McLean/Mass General Hospital, NSGP, and the Psychoanalytic Couple and Family Institute of New England. He has published *Odysseys in Psychotherapy*, J. Shay & J. Wheelis eds (2000), *Complex Dilemmas in Group Therapy*, L. Motherwell & J. Shay, eds. (2005), and *Psychodynamic Group Psychotherapy*, J.S. Rutan, W.N. Stone, & J. Shay (4th edition, 2007).

# **Co-presenters:**

# Eleanor F. Counselman, EdD, CGP, FAGPA

Dr. Eleanor Counselman is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry (Psychology) at Harvard Medical School, and is also on the faculty of Mass General Hospital's Center for Psychoanalytic Studies and the MGH Center for Group Psychotherapy. She teaches as well with NSGP, and the Psychoanalytic Couple and Family Institute of New England. She is the Past Editor of the Group Circle, and is President-elect of NSGP

**J. Scott Rutan, PhD, CGP, DFAGA,** Past-President, AGPA. Dr. Rutan is a member of the Senior Faculty of the Boston Institute of Psychotherapy, and is co-founder of that organization. He has been author and co-author of many articles and several books.

# Lecture & Demonstration Group

Sunday Afternoon, 2:45 - 5:45 pm

# The Johari Window: A View of the Group and the Self

he JoHari Window (see figure) is a useful tool for orienting new members to the work of a therapy group. It suggests from the outset that knowing and being known are central to the therapeutic task; that revealing information about oneself and giving and receiving feedback will be important tasks; and that one can expect to have unconscious material perturbed into awareness by the process of the group. During the work of the group, the diagram and concepts can be used to help members distinguish between their stories about themselves and their experience of self in the present.

In navigating the complex process of a therapy group, members and leaders often

Johari Window model

find a reassuring anchor in simply stated concepts: "it takes one to know one"; "if the fear is present can the wish be far behind"; "all of us feel like new members in this new group." The Johari Window provides a visual map of the complex process of information exchange, an experience that at times can evoke shame and be very disconcerting. The necessary process of disrupting the "known" to make way for learning is not an easy one.

In the presentation of this Demonstration Group, Dr. Hawkins will introduce the concept prior to the group's formation.

After the group has finished the discussants will offer their

comments, and the session will conclude with an audience-wide question and answer period.

# **Demonstration Group Leader:**

**David M. Hawkins, MD, CGP, DFAGPA,** Past President, AGPA, Private Practice, Chapel Hill, NC.

# **Discussants:**

**Suzanne Cohen, EdD, CGP, FAGPA,** Past President, NSGP; Private Practice, Wellesley, MA.

**Peter Taylor, PhD, CGP, SEP,** President, Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society; Private Practice, New York City and Westchester County, NY

# Day-Long Institutes

# Friday, June 13, 9:45 am - 7:00 pm

# **Institutes Are Experiential Groups**

here is no better way to learn about group process than to be in an institute with an experienced leader, a clear contract and reliable boundaries. The secure environment of these small groups allows rich cognitive and emotional learning about both group processes and oneself. Although these groups are not psychotherapy groups, the emotional experience can be intense.

There are two types of institutes. In General Psychodynamic Institutes participants have an opportunity to acquire group therapy skills relevant to leading groups. Special Interest Institutes offer participants a chance to explore a particular theme in greater depth or to learn a new theoretical approach. For Special Interest Institutes, previous participation in a psychodynamic process group is suggested, but not required.

All institutes are one-day events, with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 participants, unless otherwise noted.

Members agree to attend the entire group, to actively participate, and respect the privacy of the other members.

Observers from the Institute Subcommittee will visit the groups briefly but not participate. Basic elements of group dynamics including the contract, resistance, transference and termination will be experienced and explored. Didactic time at the end consolidates the learning.

After attending any of our institutes, participants will be able to discuss their experiences as a member and identify how developmental stages inform group events. For a complete list of objectives for the individual institutes please see our on-line brochure at **www.nsgp.com**.

# General Psychodynamic Institutes

FOR STUDENTS AND CLINICIANS WITH 0 TO 2 YEARS OF GROUP THERAPY EXPERIENCE

**Steven Haut, LICSW, BCD, CGP, FAGPA,** Private Practice, Concord and Boston, MA; Past President, NSGP

FOR CLINICIANS WITH 3 TO 7 YEARS OF GROUP THERAPY EXPERIENCE

Oona Metz, LICSW, CGP, Private Practice, Boston and Arlington, MA

FOR CLINICIANS WITH 8 OR MORE YEARS OF GROUP THERAPY EXPERIENCE

Bonnie J. Buchele, PhD, ABPP, CGP, DFAGPA, Past President, AGPA; Private Practice, Kansas City, MO

# Two-Year Psychodynamic Institutes

Participants are expected to attend both years of a 2-year institute.

1-4 Two-year Institute, First Year

This institute will enable participants to learn the stages of group development over an extended period. We will make use of the here and now, and look at how the group's development continues despite a year's gap. Those who participate this year must commit to attend next year as well.

**Barbara Keezell, LICSW, CGP,** President, NSGP; Private Practice, Brookline, MA

1-5 Two-year Institute, Second Year

This is the second year of this institute, which will again be conducted along classical and object-relational theoretical lines. Members who participated last year are expected to return this year. New members will not be accepted.

**Jerome Gans, MD, FAGPA,** Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Private Practice, Wellesley and Cambridge, MA

# **STANDBY OPTION:**

You may attend an institute for a very reduced fee of \$40 in return for agreeing to give the committee the flexibility to assign you to an institute. You may indicate your first, second, and third choices on the registration form. When possible we will honor your preferences. However, the committee may assign you to another institute, if necessary, to balance institute membership. We will notify you of your assignment any time up until the evening before the conference begins. You need to clearly indicate the number at which we can reach you. If we cannot accommodate you for this standby option, you will have the option to pay the regular fee and choose among the available institutes.

This offer is available on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 10 people.

# Day-Long Institutes

Friday, June 13, 9:45 am - 7:00 pm

# **Special Interest Institutes**

# The Group's Struggle: Belonging vs. Isolation

What blocks members from connection? Some fear the risk of intimacy; others long to belong but fear they won't be accepted. Seeking the safety of isolation, members retreat from emotion into intellect. How can a leader most effectively help members be emotionally present with each other? We will explore the resistance to being open with feelings - about the leader, the process, and each other. The ongoing tension between belonging and isolation will be highlighted.

**Gregory MacColl, LCSW, CGP,** Private Practice, Forest Hills and Manhattan, NY

# Systems-Centered® Training for Groups: Functional Subgrouping as a Method for Change

In Systems-Centered groups, members learn functional subgrouping to explore rather than explain their experiences. Functional subgrouping normalizes members' experiences and facilitates conflict resolution. Leaders reduce defenses in a specific sequence, allowing the group to move more easily through the phases of development and increasing the group's problem-solving capacity and sense of humor.

Dorothy Gibbons, LCSW, Private Practice, Philadelphia, PA

**Douglas P. Johnson, PhD, CGP,** Director, Counseling Center and Peer Education Program, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

# **We Are All Therapists — We Are All Patients**

This institute will focus on how group members can influence the effective functioning of the leader. The flexibility of the roles of the members and the leader permits the monitoring of boundaries and the contract, allowing the group to function as the agent of change.

**Lena Blanco Furgeri, LCSW, EdD, FAGPA, CGP,** Private Practice, New York City; Center for Group Studies, NY, NY

# The Depth and Power of Somatic Experiencing: Applications for Group Psychotherapists

Somatic Experiencing is a therapeutic approach that facilitates re-establishing one's natural capacity to self-regulate activation, relaxation, and social engagement. We will explore how basic concepts of SE can help group members and leaders deepen the felt experience of self and other, mind and body, and the interpersonal field of groups.

Peter J. Taylor, PhD, CGP, SEP, President, Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society; Private Practice, New York City and Briarcliff Manor, NY

Roger Saint-Laurent, PsyD, CGP, SEP, Private Practice, New York City and Briarcliff Manor, NY

# Working with Psycho-Spiritual Issues in Group Psychotherapy

Does spirituality have a place in group psychotherapy? Until quite recently, it has not been perceived as a legitimate focus of the psychodynamic therapeutic endeavor. Yet spirituality lies at the heart of our human experience, and for many of our clients and patients, it is a fundamental element in their striving to find meaning, purpose and healing in their lives. This institute will: (a) attempt to explore the spiritual dimension in the lives of the participants and leaders, and in the dynamics of the group; and (b) develop a conceptual and practical basis for working with spirituality and spiritual issues in group.

Robert L. Weber, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Faculty, Harvard Medical School-Massachusetts General Hospital Initiative on Spirituality and Psychotherapy, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA

# **Gender, Sexuality and Shame**

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Often our earliest experiences with families and peers polarizes gender and sexuality into constricting dichotomies: masculine/feminine, gay/straight. We feel shame rather than healthy affirmation of our diversity. This institute will explore and support our diverse sexuality and gender. Validation of diversity in groups encourages our internal complexity as well. All genders and sexual orientations are encouraged to attend.

Steve Cadwell, PhD, CGP, Private Practice, Boston, MA

# Discovering the Leader in You

Often our ability to be the leader we want to be is diminished by our difficulty in owning all parts of ourselves. This experiential institute will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about and work with their disowned parts and their leadership style in an interpersonal context. Particular attention will be paid to the effect of gender on leadership.

Kathleen Hubbs Ulman, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Director, Center for Group Psychotherapy, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Private Practice, Boxford, MA

# Certificate of Group Psychotherapy

Saturday, June 14, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm & Sunday, June 15, 10:00 am - 5:45 pm

# CGP Certificate Program

# **Principles of Group Psychotherapy**

his program is designed to provide a basic understanding of the theory, principles, and applications of group psychotherapy. This 13-hour didactic and discussion presentation will cover group process and dynamics, types of group psychotherapies, clinical and ethical issues, group psychotherapy research, and the history of group psychotherapy. At the conclusion of this program, participants who attended all five sessions will be awarded a certificate designating successful completion.

### **Moderator:**

CGP

**Annie Weiss, LICSW, CGP,** Faculty, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy; Faculty, Boston College; Private Practice, Newton and Cambridge, MA

NOTE: This program meets only the 12-hour course-work requirements for the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists (CGP). There are two additional requirements for CGP listing. They are as follows:

- 300 hours of group psychotherapy experience as a leader or co-leader accrued during or following clinical graduate training;
- 75 hours of group psychotherapy supervision accrued during or following clinical graduate training.

# Foundations of Group Psychotherapy Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:00 – 10:15 am

**John Moynihan, LICSW,** Faculty, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work; Private Practice, Brookline, MA

# Group Dynamics and Group Process Saturday, June 14, 2008, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm\*

Annie Weiss, LICSW, CGP, Faculty, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy and Boston College; Private Practice, Newton and Cambridge, MA

C-3 The Change Process in Group Psychotherapy Saturday, June 14, 2008, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Mark Fanger, EdD, CGP, Private Practice, Newton, MA

C-4 The Group Leader
Sunday, June 15, 2008, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Julie Anderson, PhD, CGP, Private Practice, Brookline, MA

**C-5 Demonstration Group** (see page 2 for description) Sunday, June 15, 2008, 2:45 – 5:45 pm

Group Leader: David M. Hawkins, MD, CGP, DFAGPA
Discussants: Suzanne Cohen, EdD, CGP, FAGPA
Peter Taylor, PhD, CGP, SEP

# Saturday Morning, June 14, 10:00am - 1:00 pm

# Your Leading Edge: Transformational Leadership

Edith Wharton wrote "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." In this experiential workshop we will explore leadership styles and the balance between effective decision-making and attention to process and relationship within context. We will conduct a "Power Lab" to explore your leading edge through two models of leadership: Emotional Intelligence and Resonant Leadership. This workshop will help you become a more effective leader of your therapy groups and within your organization. Experiential, Discussion, Didactic/Lecture

Lise Motherwell, PsyD, CGP, FAGPA, Faculty, Center for Psychoanalytic Studies, MGH; Consultant, Robert Rasmussen and Associates; Private Practice, Brookline, MA

**Gretchen Schmelzer, PhD,** Faculty, Northeastern University; Organizational Consultant, Teleos Leadership Institute, Philadelphia, PA; Private Practice, Natick, MA

# **W-2**

# Couples Gone Wild: Top 10 Complications in Treating Couples

Tony Soprano brings Carmela in for couple's therapy. They both mock you. Homer Simpson comes in with Marge. Ugh. You hate him! Get a divorce, lady. Your individual therapy training never prepared you for this! But, since couples are small groups, perhaps your group training can help. Using video clips, we will examine common complications in treating couples—and what to do about them. (Rated R) Audio/Visual, Didactic/Lecture, Discussion

Joseph Shay, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Cambridge, MA



# The Sticking Point: Dealing with Impasses in Group Psychotherapy

In the life of a group there are moments of engagement and ongoing process. Then there are those stuck immovable times, when it seems like the group has ground to a halt. In this workshop we will look at those "stuck" moments and consider impasses in the therapeutic process involving the group and the therapist. Didactic/lecture, Case Presentation, Discussion

Sara J. Emerson, LICSW, CGP, FAGPA; Adjunct Faculty Boston College GSSW; Private Practice, Cambridge, MA



# Where the Wild Things Are: Evoking and Taming the Passions of the Group

In this workshop, we will examine techniques for cultivating potential space within the psychotherapy group. It is argued that through the use of metaphor, the subjunctive mode, humor, "wearing the attribution" and other relational processes, the therapist can create room for evoking and taming the passions of the group. Sendak's story serves as an allegory for our explorations. Discussion, Experiential, Didactic/Lecture, Audio/Visual

David Goldfinger, PhD, CGP, Clinical Instructor in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Private Practice, Cambridge, MA

# **Fundamentals of Organizational Leadership**

Leadership is about character and becoming an integrated human being. The workshop will explore how leaders attain positive change by building relationships based on compelling challenges, positive interpersonal interdependencies, persuasive vision, a strong power base, wise use of their influence and creating work groups to reach key objectives. Experiential, Discussion

Samuel R. James, EdD, ABPP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Belmont, MA



W-5

# The Transition Process in the Life Cycle of a Group Therapist

The transition process is a way of coming to terms with change. Without going through a transition, change never really takes place. We will look at the transitions we have made in our lives, as people and as group therapists, and use that material to deepen our understanding of the process. Experiential, Discussion, Didactic, Demonstration

**Bruce H. Bernstein, PhD, ABPP, CGP, FAGPA,** Private Practice, New York City, NY



# Saturday Afternoon, June 14, 2:45 - 5:45 pm



Addressing and treating the suffering of human beings and establishing a more solid and true sense of self are two goals of psychodynamic group therapy. This workshop will attempt to integrate Judeo-Christian and Buddhist spiritual approaches with psychodynamic theory in order to enhance the overall therapeutic endeavor around these goals. In the course of doing so we will explore the spiritual dimension in the lives of the participants, of the leaders and in the dynamics of the group. Didactic, Discussion, Case Presentation, Experiential, Demonstration

Robert L. Weber, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Faculty, Harvard Medical School-Massachusetts General Hospital, Initiative on Spirituality and Psychotherapy, Mass School of Professional Psychology

Gregory Chilenski, PhD, Private Practice, Camden, ME



# Shakespeare's *King Lear*, Bion, and the Use of Reverie to Promote Aliveness and Transformation In Group Therapy

Through the use of a selection from Shakespeare's play "King Lear" to introduce a spiral study group, we will seek to develop our capacity to apply Bion's theory of "the container-contained" and use reverie to increase aliveness, liberate imagination, and promote open transformative processes in group therapy. Experiential, Discussion, Didactic

Walker Shields, MD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Belmont, MA



# So, You Call Yourself a Group Psychotherapist? Finding an Identity

Many therapists run groups yet would not define themselves as group psychotherapists. Why is this? In this workshop we will explore what it means to have and build an identity as a group psychotherapist. When does it feel "right" to identify oneself as a group psychotherapist? We will discuss the psychological processes and professional behaviors that can support the clinician's efforts to develop this identification. Discussion, Experiential, Didactic/Lecture

Helen Hwang, PhD, MPH, Private Practice, Boston, MA

**Alan Witkower, EdD, CGP**, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA



# When Traditional Models of Group Treatment Just Aren't Realistic: Creative Approaches to Group Leadership

Groups may not succeed because of a mismatch between member functional abilities and therapeutic processes crucial to group development. Diminished cognitive, psychological, and social abilities impact member participation and thereby group process. We will discuss how the Functional Group Model offers strategies for the leader to adapt group process, and explore these principles experientially. Experiential, Discussion, Didactic/Lecture, Demonstration, Case Presentation

**Sharan L. Schwartzberg, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA,** Tufts University, Professor of Occupational Therapy, Adjunct Professor Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Medford, MA

Mary A. Barnes, BS, OTR/L, Fieldwork Coordinator, Tufts University Department of Occupational Therapy, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Medford, MA



# Developing Resiliency in Accepting and Managing Anger in One's Group

The leader's ability to accept a patient's real or imagined anger can energize the members into a powerful sustaining force! However, we all know the discomfort that comes with being confronted. Together, we will become curious about our Achilles' heel as we face confrontation and look for creative ways to be resilient. Experiential, Discussion, Didactic

**Gregory MacColl, LCSW, CGP,** Private Practice, Forests Hills and Manhattan, NY



# The Observing Ego and the Insulation Barrier — Protecting Ourselves and Others from Toxic Group Stimuli

In order for a group to process feedback successfully, it is necessary that everyone, including the therapist, learn how to self-observe and develop a permeable insulation barrier which discriminates growthful feedback from toxic stimuli. The workshop will demonstrate the the leader's role and requisite skills to achieve this goal. Demonstration, Experiential, Didactic, Discussion

**Lena Blanco Furgeri, MSW, EdD. CGP, FAGPA,** Center for Group Studies, Private Practice, New York City, NY



Physical injury and serious medical illness pose a daunting challenge for the therapist, in managing both self care and clinical practice. This workshop will give participants an opportunity to share experiences and challenges regarding these life altering events, the feelings that arise, the deviations in practice needed to accommodate the therapist's physical limitations, and the transference and counter-transference issues that emerge. Experiential, Discussion

**Patricia Doherty, EdD, CGP, FAGPA,** Instructor in Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Center for Group Psychotherapy, Mass. General Hospital, Boston, MA

Marsha Vannicelli, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Teaching Faculty, Mass. School of Professional Psychology; Associate Clinical Professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

# Sunday Morning, June 15, 9:45 am - 12:45 pm



# Lessons from Buddhist Psychology for the **Group Therapist**

Siddhartha Gautama (The Buddha) discovered the means for ending emotional distress. Two central teachings which convey the essence of the Buddhist perspective on the etiology and resolution of psychological suffering will be presented and their relevance for understanding group process and guiding group interventions will be explored. Didactic, Discussion, Experiential

Mark Sorensen, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Newton, MA; Co-president, Group Solutions Network



# What's Functional Got to Do with It? **Integrating Psychodynamic and Behavioral Group Practice in a Social Skills Group**

This workshop will present a case study of a Social Skills Group for "lower functioning adults." Originally structured and behavioral, the group evolved to include more relational/psychodynamic work. The presenter will offer a theoretical frame for this integration and invite participant discussion. Didactic/Lecture, Discussion, Case Presentation

Ken Jaeger, LICSW, CGP, Group Psychotherapy Coordinator, Brighton-Allston Mental Health Association; Staff therapist, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, Brookline, MA



# (w-16) The Group Contract: Therapeutic Opportunity and Growth

The workshop will focus on use of the group contract as a therapeutic tool. In securing each member's agreement to take responsibility for dealing with contractual violations, the contract helps the leader to guide the group to identify and examine the psychodynamics of addressing such breaches. The workshop will discuss and then seek to demonstrate the use of an agreed-upon contract in making a contract violation into a therapeutic opportunity. Discussion, Case Presentation, Experiential

Elizabeth B. Gaskill, LICSW, Private Practice, Boston and Cambridge, MA



# A Safe Place to Be or No Place for Me: **Uncovering Affects in NSGP**

Organizational literature and psychoanalytic theories will guide this workshop in which participants will reflect upon the ways in which their socio-economic, cultural, familial, and professional histories color their transferences to NSGP. The workshop will include a lecture, discussion, and group-process aimed at uncovering affects associated within organizational life. Discussion, Didactic/Lecture, Experiential

Karin M. Hodges, MS

Donald Wexler, MD, FAGPA, Associate Professor, Boston University, School of Medicine; Private Practice, Cambridge, MA



# "Rosebud". Why Your Last Word Shouldn't Be a Mystery: Thinking about and Planning for the Event of Unexpected Disability or Death.

An overwhelming majority of clinicians do not have a Professional Will despite the clinical and practical benefits and ethical necessity. This workshop will explore the different aspects of denial that prevent clinicians from completing this essential planning. Participants will learn that there are many ways that people cope with unexpected events and that there are ethical considerations in developing and implementing an Emergency Plan. Participants will be given worksheets to use as a guide for planning such a Will and, with the support of the group, participants will have the opportunity to begin to identify key components of their professional will and discuss their reactions. Discussion, Didactic/Lecture

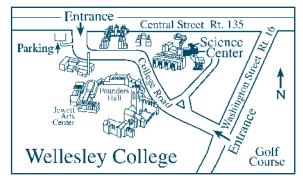
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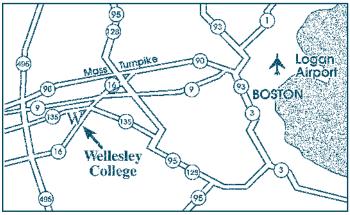
# What You Don't Know Could Hurt You: Secrets and Lies in Group Psychotherapy

Members who lie and/or keep secrets wield destructive power in groups. What is the difference between privacy and secrecy? How do we encourage the sharing of secrets? What do we do when a group member lies? We will attempt to address these questions and more in this dynamic workshop. Discussion, Experiential, Didactic/Lecture

Oona Metz, LICSW, CGP, Private Practice, Brookline & Arlington, MA



Directions to Wellesley College: Take Route 128 (I-95) to Route 16 West exit. Follow Route 16 West to the entrance to the College, opposite the golf course. (You will drive through the town of Wellesley.)



**Lodging** on the Wellesley College campus is limited and will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for lodging must be received by Monday, May 26. Those people who are assigned lodging will receive, by mail, a schedule of check-in times with their registration materials. Please note: dormitory rooms are not air-conditioned. Rooms cannot be reserved without advanced payment.

For other accommodations in the Wellesley area:

Marriot Newton	\$159 and up	617-969-1000
Sheraton Needham Hotel	\$129 and up	781-444-1110
Red Roof Inn	\$89 and up	508-872-4499
Travel Lodge Natick	\$75 and up	508-655-2222

**Taping** and taking of photographs will be permitted with the agreement of each leader and all the participants.

Reprints relevant to the CGP curriculum will be available for a nominal fee.

Campus is smoke free.

Mail Registration: People registering by May 26 will receive their tickets in the mail. Tickets will be mailed by June 2nd. People registering after May 26 will pick up their tickets at the conference (at the Registration Desk in the Science Center).

Cancellation Policy: No refund can be made unless written notification of cancellation is received at the NSGP Office, postmarked by May 19.

**Special Needs** All buildings in use are handicap accessible.

### **NSGP** Accreditation

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# **NSGP Annual Membership Business Meeting**

Sunday, June 15, 2008 from 8:30 – 9:30 am Science Center Room 277

All conference participants are invited to attend this meeting. Members of the Executive Committee and Chairs of Standing Committees will report on Society activities over the past year and highlight plans for the new fiscal year. Election results will be announced for the Board of Directors.

Membership in the NSGP is open to members of all qualified professions, including social work, nursing, psychology, psychiatry, and counseling. All members receive copies of the NSGP NEWSLETTER, reduced fees at the ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE, and an opportunity to participate more fully in this regional organization devoted to the increasingly important therapeutic modality of group psychotherapy. Membership forms are available at: NSGP, PO Box 356, Belmont, MA 02478-0003 Telephone: (617) 484-4994.

My Conference Registration Schedule					
Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM			
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☐ Special Presentation ☐ CGP Certificate Program ☐ Institute ☐ Demonstration Group					

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# June 13, 14 and 15, 2008

# **Program Selection and Fee Schedule**

Please mark the box to the left of each program you wish to attend. Then write in the amount you owe on the corresponding line in the right column.

\*NSGP member fees are available only to those whose membership is in effect or those who have applied for membership by May 12, 2008.

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		Rates		Amount
☐ 3-day Package	Member* N	lon-Membe	r Student*	* Owed
Includes all programs	\$425.	\$510.	\$200.	\$
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☐ CGP Program	\$190.	\$245.	\$100.	\$
(CGP includes 4 sessions and Demo G	roup)			
☐ CGP plus Friday Institute	\$260.	\$310.	\$130.	\$
Special Presentation	\$ 130.	\$ 155.	\$ 80.	\$
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One Workshop	\$ 65.	\$ 80.	\$ 40.	\$
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Sunday Lunch			\$ 15.	\$
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Thursday Night			\$ 70.	\$
Friday Night			\$ 70.	\$
Saturday Night			\$ 70.	\$
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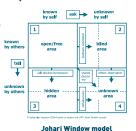
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