

Welcome to Clearwater Beach, FL and the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama's 69th Annual Conference "Bridging the Gulf Between Hope and Reality: Putting Our Ideals into Action." Our conference will be held at the Clearwater Beach Hilton Hotel, a beach front resort located directly on the beautiful and pristine Gulf of Mexico. Over 100 workshops will inspire your creativity, expand your knowledge, and offer you

tangible tools to assist your clients in transforming their hope into reality. In addition, we've created a conference design that supports self-care and collegial connection. Come to the beach and enjoy a conference that provides abundant opportunities for professional and personal rejuvenation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

— Conference Chairs, *Linda Condon, Tonya Quillen, Sandra Seeger*

EXCITING EVENTS

President's Reception

(Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm)

This reception welcomes *everyone* attending the conference and serves as a special thank you to presenters, volunteers and session assistants who generously give their time, creativity and spontaneity. Please join us! **OPEN EVENT**

Opening Ceremony

(Thursday immediately following President's Reception)

Silent Auction / Live Auction

(Friday 8:30 am - Saturday 6:00 pm)

The Silent Auction is an important fundraiser for the ASGPP and an exciting way to share in the generosity and creativity of our members and friends. Come bid on a variety of exciting items anytime between Friday morning and 6:00 pm Saturday. Winning bids for the "silent" auction will be posted Sunday at 8:30 am and winners must pick up their prizes no later than noon. To donate items to the auction contact: Estelle Fineberg at estellaf@aol.com or Julie Wells at cuerco@aol.com

Morning Warm-Ups: Yoga

(7:00 am - 7:45 am, Friday - Sunday)

Yoga classes led by Catherine Crews, KYT or Candi Rowen, Certified Yoga Instructor

Opening Plenary: Kate Cook, LPCC, TEP

Cultivating 'Brain-Savvy' Approaches to Group Process and Psychodrama (Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 am)

KATE COOK, LPCC, TEP, is a certified international trainer in Group Process and Action Methods living in Santa Fe, New Mexico where she practices as a therapist, educator and consultant. A core faculty member of Southwestern College graduate school since 1990, Kate founded and directs their certificate program: **Interpersonal Neurobiology, Somatics and Action Methods**. For many years Kate created and directed groups for juvenile and adult offenders in the Santa Fe County Detention Center.

This presentation will highlight the astounding parallels between the philosophy and methods developed by J. L. Moreno in the early 1900's and recent discoveries in neuroscience. Lending new hope for understanding the possibilities of human development, neuroscience can also revitalize our approach to psychodrama by reconfirming its efficacy as a leading and 'truly therapeutic' method.

New Members & First Time Attendees Gathering

(Friday 6:00 pm)

If you are a new member of ASGPP or a first time attendee of an ASGPP conference, come meet other new members, mingle with representatives from our Executive Council and our local chapters. Find out about our organization and get to know the community.

Awards Ceremony / Dessert Reception

(Friday 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm)

Join us for an elegant dessert reception and entertaining evening as we honor those who have made outstanding contributions to our community, and acknowledge our newly Certified Practitioners and TEPs. **(Ticket provided for 3 day conference attendees. All others wishing to attend please purchase ticket on registration form.)**

Songfest

(Friday 9:30 pm) (Following the Awards Ceremony)

Come join Lorelei Goldman and Adam Blatner for an ASGPP tradition. Bring your voice and enthusiasm. No singing experience required. Song sheets and good cheer will be provided. **OPEN EVENT**

Saturday Keynote Address: Bonnie Badenoch, PhD, LMFT

Moving toward the Reality of Hope through Neuroscience

(Saturday 8:45 am - 10:00 am)

BONNIE BADENOCH, PhD, LMFT integrates the discoveries of neuroscience with the art of psychotherapy. As a protégée of Daniel J. Siegel, her clinical work helps trauma survivors and those with significant attachment wounds reshape their neural landscape to support a meaningful and resilient life. Dr. Badenoch teaches in the Interpersonal Neurobiology (IPNB) program at Portland State University and consults with clinicians using IPNB as a guide to evidence-based practice. She helped found GAINS (Global Association for Interpersonal Neurobiology Studies), a nonprofit organization that fosters the application of IPNB, and is editor-in-chief of its publication. Dr. Badenoch maintains a busy international speaking schedule. Her books include: *Being a Brain-Wise Therapist: A Practical Guide to Interpersonal Neurobiology*, and its companion, *The Brain-Savvy Therapist's Workbook*.

Discoveries about the brain during the last two decades have moved us in the direction of dramatically increased clarity about how to facilitate deep, permanent change with our clients, whether we meet them individually or in groups. Exploring the pathway from activating implicit memory to regulation and integration, we will look at the grounding and hopeful wisdom offered by the neuroscience of compassionate relationships.

Annual Membership Meeting

(Saturday 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm)

Come one, come all: from long standing members to the interested and not yet affiliated! Meet your Executive Council and learn about ASGPP's recent activities and plans for growth. Contribute your ideas and feedback and have an impact on ASGPP's future.

(Pre-ordered box lunch provided for 3 day conference attendees. All others wishing to purchase please do so on registration form.)

Saturday Night Event: Drum Circle on the Beach

(Saturday 8:00 pm)

You may wonder, "Can I really play a drum? Will it sound good? Will I have FUN?" In the words of Moreno: the answer is YES! YES! YES! Guided by Drum Circle facilitator Jana Broder, we'll experience a magical evening of drumming and dancing. Drums are provided and no drumming experience is required. **OPEN EVENT**

Closing Ceremony

(Sunday 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm)

Enjoy Playback Theater that captures your favorite conference highlights. Say goodbye to friends and warm up to next year's 2012 Conference.