

PLENARY SPEAKER



FRIDAY OPENING PLENARY SPEAKER

***"Sociometry without Psychodrama is Sterile; Psychodrama without Sociometry is Blind."* Jonathan Moreno**

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Louise Lipman, LCSW-R, CGP, TEP lives in New York City, NY where she is the Director of the Psychodrama and Creative Arts Therapy Institute. She is in private practice in NYC, working with individuals, families, couples and groups. Louise has been doing psychodrama since 1981. She worked for sixteen years at the Psychodrama Training Institute in NYC, where she ran their training program for ten years. She has taught psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy to students throughout the United States, Europe and South America. She is a past president of the ASGPP, and a recipient of the Hannah Weiner (2004) and Innovator Awards (1998). She served as a member of The American Board of Examiners for six years, and is the current President of the NYC Chapter of the ASGPP. Her latest venture is using psychodrama with trial lawyers.

From my first introduction to psychodrama in 1981, sociometry was inseparable from psychodrama. It was not until I began to study in earnest for the certification exams, that I learned that Moreno had created a triadic system, consisting of psychodrama in conjunction with sociometry and group psychotherapy. As my training progressed I began to realize the enormous importance of sociometry to the psychodramatic process. It is not just a set of exercises but a philosophical way of looking at the world, and groups in general. It is the bedrock on which psychodrama is built. This presentation will both illustrate and demonstrate the power and importance of Sociometry as a part of Moreno's Triadic System of Sociometry, Psychodrama and Group Psychotherapy. Through action we will build connections, create a container and begin the process of coming together as a community for the 70th Anniversary Conference.