

WELCOME We welcome you to the ASGPP 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Conference, *Navigating Waves of Change: Discovering and Celebrating our Hidden Treasures*, held on the shores of beautiful Clearwater Beach. We invite you to come early, bring your family and enjoy a vacation before and after the conference! Clearwater is home to Winter the famous dolphin from Dolphin Tale. Not too far away in Tampa is Busch Gardens, while St. Petersburg boasts the Dali Museum. And of course, there is the beach!

We plan to utilize the beautiful outdoor space for our president's recep-

tion, the drumming circle and other activities.

Our Keynote and Plenary will both speak to the power of hidden treasures as we deepen our connection with one another and explore the importance of embracing our authentic selves.

While we are sad to have lost our beloved matriarch, Zerka Moreno, we have a special event planned to honor her and celebrate her life.

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference!!

Your 2017 conference co-chairs: Mary Ann Bodnar, Uneeda Brewer, Jodi DeSciscio, Susan Mullins and Julie Wells

EXCITING EVENTS

President's Reception and Opening Welcome

(Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) This opening reception welcomes everyone attending the conference. Enjoy connecting with friends, old and new, as we watch the sun sparkle on the beautiful Gulf Waters. This reception is a special thank you to all of the presenters, volunteers and Session Assistants who graciously give their time and creativity to the 75th ASGPP Conference.

OPEN EVENT

Diversity Forum: Nisha Sajrani, PhD, RDT-BCT

Deep Diversity: Using Action Methods to Examine Implicit Bias

(Thursday 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm) The ASGPP forum will offer participants a process of exploring the social construction of difference, current examples of oppression and embodied strategies for organizing for change. It will be facilitated by Nisha Sajrani. **OPEN EVENT**

Silent Auction/Treasure Chest Raffle/Live Auction

(Thursday - Saturday) The Auction and Scholarship Raffle are important fundraisers for ASGPP supported by the generosity and creativity of friends and members. We feature *Artists in Residence* where we display works of art that are hand-crafted by our community. Bid on a variety of exciting items as well as workshops and trainings. In keeping with this year's theme of Navigating Change & Hidden Treasures our BasketCases have transformed into Treasure Chests with raffle proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.

Opening Plenary: Antonina Garcia, EdD, LCSW, TEP

Coming Together: Celebrating the Treasures of Connection

(Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 am)

Nina Garcia trains psychodramatists internationally and is in private practice. She is co-author of *Sociodrama: Who's in Your Shoes?*. She teaches at NYU in the Drama Therapy Program. She is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama* and former Chair of the American Board of Examiners. Nina is a Fellow of the ASGPP, the recipient of the ASGPP JL Moreno Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Gertrud Shatner Award for Lifetime Achievement from the North American Drama Therapy Association. She is also a recipient of ASGPP's Scholar's Award and a two-time recipient of the Collaborator's Award.

As we embark upon ASGPP's diamond jubilee year, let's join each other to celebrate our community's treasures and our own personal treasures, both those that are hidden and those that shine out in the world around us.

Community Sociometric Selection

(Friday 9:00 am - 9:30 am)

THIS WILL START PROMPTLY AND YOU MUST BE ON TIME TO MAKE YOUR MORNING WORKSHOP SELECTIONS. Meet the workshop leaders and polish up your tele with a here-and-now choice. Nancy Kirsner and the Sociometric Selection Team will facilitate this exciting process.

Annual Membership Meeting

(Friday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm) Our open community meeting for members as well as those interested in becoming members. Meet your EC and learn about ASGPP's recent activities and plans for the future. Contribute your ideas and feedback as part of the ASGPP community. **OPEN EVENT**

New Members & First Time Attendees Gathering

(Friday 6:15 pm-7:00 pm) If you are a new or returning member of ASGPP or a first time conference attendee, come and meet other new members, mingle with our Executive Council members and folks from our local chapters. **OPEN EVENT**

Chapters/Collectives Networking Meeting

(Friday 6:15 pm-7:00 pm) Please come join us for an opportunity to meet ASGPP Chapter and Collectives to connect with people from your area. Learn about what they are doing and how you can get involved. **OPEN EVENT**

Awards Ceremony / Dessert Reception

(Friday 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm) Our awards acknowledge members who have made outstanding contributions to our community. Come share in their joy and partake of the sumptuous deserts. **(Ticket provided for 3 day conference attendees. All others wishing to attend please purchase ticket on registration form or at the registration desk.)**

Saturday Keynote Address: Maria Sirois, PsyD

The Art of Rising: Thriving While Treating Others

(Saturday 8:00 am - 9:30 am)

Dr. Maria Sirois is a psychologist and seminar leader who teaches internationally in the intersection of resilience and flourishing. Known for her wisdom, authenticity and rampant humor, she brings invigorating practices and perspectives to business, community, religious, therapeutic and educational audiences alike. Sirois is the author of *A Short Course in Happiness After Loss (And Other Dark, Difficult Times)* and *Every Day Counts*. A master teacher, Sirois has been called an orator of great power and beauty. With thought-leader Dr. Tal Ben-Shahar, she co-leads a year-long certificate program in positive psychology.

Positive Psychology, as the study of human beings at their best, brings to us the science of thriving. So much good can be learned from the tools and principles of this science that nourish growth, happiness and contentment. Yet, as clinicians, coaches, caregivers, and guides, we are called to thrive while in the constant presence of suffering. To do our work well we must learn to not only move toward practices that lift us, but those that strengthen us and bring us closer to our authentic selves. This is the territory of resilience. In our conversation, we'll consider where the study of resilience and positivity intersect and explore approaches that engender flourishing as well as an increased capacity for calm, clarity, uplift and vitality. And we'll discuss why moving toward a more authentic self is essential in elevating resilience.

Zerka T. Moreno Sunset Celebration

(Saturday 8:00 pm) Gather at the edge of the water for a sunset ritual to celebrate Zerka's life with music, poetry, and a gratitude blessing. **OPEN EVENT**

Drum Circle on the Beach

(Saturday 8:30 pm - 10:30) 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 by the light of the moon! Drums are provided and no drumming experience is required. **OPEN EVENT**

Zerka in the Empty Chair: Regina Moreno, MA and

Miriam Zachariah, TEP (Sunday 8:00 - 9:00 am)

Regina Moreno & Miriam Zachariah will facilitate an empty chair session with Zerka Moreno. Participants will have the opportunity to briefly speak to her or role reverse with Zerka and receive from her. This creative session will both celebrate Zerka's life, as well as, introduce a younger generation to what she has contributed to psychodrama and members of ASGPP. **OPEN EVENT**

Closing Ceremony

(Sunday 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm) With sand in our shoes, the colors of the sunset imbedded in our soul, we close the conference and carry the many treasures we have gained, nourished and refreshed until we come together again in 2018.

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