



## PUBLICATION POLICY OF THE JOURNAL OF PSYCHODRAMA, SOCIOMETRY, AND GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

Materials in the following areas will be considered for publication:

1. **Research Articles** focusing on theoretical underpinnings for any particular methodological approach or research in the field or focusing on the relationship of psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy to related fields that can be useful to lay, academic, or applied communities. These could include empirical studies, literature reviews, and theoretical or methodological articles.
2. **Case Studies** focusing on an in-depth investigation of the use of psychodrama, sociometry or group psychotherapy with a single individual or group. The aim is to “show” rather than “tell.” (See suggested outline for writing a case study in the following.)
3. **Practitioner’s Corner** articles describing a particular process that uses psychodramatic, sociometric, or group psychotherapeutic approaches with a particular treatment or other population. The aim of these articles is to share what unique approaches and applications and adaptations of psychodramatic, sociometric, or group psychotherapeutic methods for specific groups. It may focus on a tool, technique, or idea.
4. **Spontaneity/Creativity** contributions which could include a poem, brief prose or picture that is related to a psychodramatic, sociometric, group psychotherapy, or personal growth experience.
5. **Book Reviews** relevant to psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS, BOOK REVIEWERS, AND OTHER CREATORS

### Manuscripts:

Manuscripts should be electronically submitted in duplicate to [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org) in .doc or .docx format as an attachment to an email. A brief biography of no more than five lines including professional identity, work and current focus, must be submitted on separate pages. Authors are encouraged but not required to submit an e-mail address and a picture in jpg or gif format on these separate pages. **JPSGP** utilizes a blind review system. Thus, authors’ names, institutions,

and other identifying information should appear on only one of the two submitted copies. Articles are originals. Articles that overlap with material previously published by the author, or submitted elsewhere, should be declared to the Editor when submitted to this Journal. All manuscripts, including references, should be in accordance with the guidelines of the American Psychological Association **Publication Manual**, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Manuscripts should be limited to 25 pages, 8.5 x 11 paper, double-spaced, one inch margins, 12 point Times Roman or similar front, except under unusual circumstances. This page limit should include figures, tables, explanatory footnotes and references. Articles should include a title page; abstract and key word page; main text; references; and figures, tables, and drawings. The abstracts and key words assist in the citing and dissemination of journal articles via databases. It is understood that spontaneity/creativity contributions may not include the forgoing sections. Clinical material should be presented only with the written consent of the people to whom they refer to or with the protection of their identities <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/related/vandenbos.pdf> and this should be indicated in the text. Normally manuscripts will be evaluated within three months.

### **Book Reviews:**

Book reviews should be submitted in duplicate to [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org) in .doc or docx format as an attachment to an email. Book reviews should not exceed two to three pages, double-spaced. Book reviews are subject to editing and not all will necessarily be published.

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- Submitted to [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org)
- In .doc or .docx format as an attachment to an email
- A brief biography included, no more that five lines long on separate pages
- Optional e-mail address for correspondence with readers and picture in jpg or gif format submitted on a separate page
- Submitted in duplicate; authors' names, institutions, and other identifying information appear on only one of the two submitted copies
- In accordance with the guidelines of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. (See their checklist at <http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/manuscript-check.aspx> or on p. 241)
- limited to 25 pages, book reviews three pages
- double-spaced
- one inch margins
- 12 point Times Roman or similar front
- Clinical material presented only with the written consent or protection of identities

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR AUTHORS, BOOK REVIEWERS, AND OTHER CREATORS**

Editors will be editing for content and APA standards; their role is not one of insuring organization and readability. Role-reverse with your potential readers and read what you submit from that point of view of those likely to be in your audience. The more your submission is

readable, organized and engaging, the easier editing process for everyone involved. Edit what you have created several times before you submit it. Ask yourself:

- Have I clearly stated what I am doing for the reader?
- Is my submission well organized visually?
- Does my submission follow the checklist on the submission guidelines?
- Have I edited each part of my submission several times before submitting it?
- Would I like to read what I am submitting, is it engaging and pleasurable to read?

If you would like help with the writing process, contact Jackie Fowler [jfowler@marylhurst.edu](mailto:jfowler@marylhurst.edu). She has started “The Writer’s Circle,” a group created to nurture and support writers in our community. Jackie is available to help interested individuals to develop the role of writer. She will assist in a variety of ways and is an invaluable resource for writers. She will also connect writers with mentors, co-creators, and co-authors if desired.

### **General Manuscript Writing, Organizational, and Technical Tips**

Several of the following links were selected and taken directly from this resource.

<http://www.psychology.org/links/Resources/Writing/>

- **Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL):**  
<http://www.psychology.org/links/Resources/Writing/> Includes [APA Overview and Workshop](#) and [APA Formatting and Style Guide](#) according to the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the APA manual.
- [APA Publication Manual Crib Sheet](#) This page is a summary of rules from the APA Publication Manual 5<sup>th</sup> edition. APA style is the style of writing specified in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Today the manual is in its sixth edition, and the APA format described in it is a widely recognized standard for scientific writing. URL: <http://www.wooster.edu/psychology/apa-crib.html>
- [APA Publication Manual Frequently Asked Questions](#) Frequently asked questions about the publication manual of the American Psychological Association. URL: <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/index.aspx>
- [APA Style Essentials](#) Guide to key elements of writing an APA-style paper. URL: [http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/index.aspx?doc\\_id=796](http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/index.aspx?doc_id=796)
- [APA Style Help](#) <http://www.apastyle.org/apa-style-help.aspx>
- [APA Format help for references](#) <http://citationmachine.net/>

### **Case Study Format with Suggested Components:**

- **Abstract**—a brief summary of the major points of the study as well as a short list of key words
- **Introduction**
  - What did you propose to do?
  - What was your plan?
  - What were your objectives

- **Method**
  - Description - How did you do it?
  - What were the challenges and or roadblocks?
  - Were there any surprises?
  
- **Evaluation**
  - How well did you meet your objectives?
  - Did you meet or exceed your expectations?
  - If you did not succeed, why?
  
- **Summary and Recommendations**
  - Summarize what you learned from this experience.
  - What would you recommend to others who would like to replicate your efforts?
  - What would they need to be prepared for?
  - What needs to be improved?
  
- **References:**
  - Follow APA format.

## **THE EDITING PROCESS: WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THE BLACK BOX**

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- An acknowledgment will be sent via email that the submission was received.
- Articles will then be forwarded to a consulting editor and executive editor for a blind review.
- The articles will be reviewed, and Authors will receive electronic feedback on their article in Word Microsoft Editor with requested revisions via an Email attachment from the ASGPP within 90 days.
- Authors will send revisions in Microsoft Editor back to the ASGPP via an Email attachment.