

WELCOME We are especially pleased to welcome you to Manchester, New Hampshire for the 77th ASGPP Annual Conference! This conference theme is "Discovering New Worlds: Transformational Advances in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy".

Trainers from around the world will be demonstrating a multitude of advances in psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy. We hope that many newcomers and young people will discover the world of psychodrama and Moreno's methods at this exciting event.

Beginning on Thursday, we will come together as a community for the Welcoming Reception, followed by a collaborative experience in our annual Diversity Forum.

Our annual Awards Reception will be held Friday at lunch, followed by a spe-

cial debut of a new psychodrama film, "A Cinematic History of Psychodrama." A panel with film participants will follow. We will finish the night off with the ASGPP International Committee hosting a World Cafe! The program on Saturday will include a lunchtime Annual Membership meeting with a live auction and a special drawing. Saturday evening ends with "Let's Have a Ball" - music, dancing, and entertainment. Sunday morning, we will begin the final day of the conference with an integrated panel hosted by Saphira Linden with Creative Arts leaders in the field. Our conference will end with a ritual closing using community storytelling and playback theater. We look forward to being with you in New Hampshire as we discover new psychodramatic worlds together!

Your 2019 conference co-chairs: Maria Mellano & Scott Giacomucci

EXCITING EVENTS

ASGPP Welcome Reception

(Thursday 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm) This opening reception welcomes everyone attending the conference. Enjoy connections with friends, old and new, as we prepare for three days of workshops, celebrations, learning, and growth. This reception is a special thank you from ASGPP to all of the presenters, volunteers, and session assistants who graciously give their time and creativity to the 77th ASGPP Conference. **OPEN EVENT**

Diversity Forum: Think Globally and Enact Locally

Jennie Kristel, MA, REAT, APTT, RMT and Joshua S. Lee, LCSW-C

(Thursday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm) This diversity forum will offer participants a process of exploration to up-level the conversation about diversity that acknowledges and honors who we are as a community, and "stick a pin" in what we think we know about diversity, creating an opening for embracing the diversity in the room. Drawing from our individual and collective wisdom as well as current examples of diversity, we will playfully explore elements that create space for willingness, courage and self-discovery to emerge, drawing from the tools we know best. **OPEN EVENT**

Silent Auction/Baskets/and Raffle

(Thursday - Saturday at 8 pm) The Auction and Scholarship Raffle are important fundraisers for ASGPP supported by the generosity and creativity of friends and members. We feature workshops, training, and supervision by Certified Trainers from around the U.S. Our Artists in Residence display works of art that are hand-crafted by members of our community. Bid on a variety of exciting items - jewelry, paintings, books. All raffle proceeds will go to the ASGPP Scholarship Fund.

LIVE AUCTION (Saturday at the Membership Meeting 1-2:30) Higher ticket items such as vacations, surprises, a years' ASGPP membership happen here.

Keynote Address: Nisha Sajjani, PhD, RDT-BCT

***The Art of Surprise: The Essential Role of Disruption in the Transformational Process* (Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 am)**

Dr. Nisha Sajjani is the Director of the Drama Therapy Program and Theatre & Health Lab at New York University. She is a visiting faculty member with the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma and editor of *Drama Therapy Review*. Dr. Sajjani has received awards from the American Psychological Association, the North American Drama Therapy Association, and as well received the first Diversity Award from the American Society for Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama.

Her keynote will address the emotional geography of change and the role of improvisation in bringing about moments of artful dissonance and wonder that can stimulate new patterns of being and relating. Drawing on the theory and practice of Developmental Transformations (and a little amateur magic!) she will invite reflection on communities as complex living organisms that thrive at the borders of difference.

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 presenters and experience a one-minute presentation that will allow you to make a "here and now" choice based upon your tele with the presenters. Nancy Kirsner and the Sociometric Selection Team will facilitate this exciting process.

Awards Luncheon and Ceremony

(Friday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) ASGPP awards acknowledge members who have made outstanding contributions to our Community. Come join us as we celebrate their contributions. (Ticket provided for 3 day conference attendees. All others wishing to attend please purchase ticket on registration form or at the registration desk.)

**Friday Nite Live at the ASGPP Movies:
A Movie Debut of "A Cinematic History of Psychodrama"**

(7:30 pm - 8:30 pm) Movie

(8:30 pm - 9:00 pm) Interactive panel moderated by Jacqui Siroka with film participants Kelley Brower, Nina Garcia, Jaye Moyer and Nan Neily-Seif. This film was conceived and directed by Robert Siroka, founder and Director of The Sociometric Institute of New York. As Executive Producer, Robert extended and supported J.L. Moreno's foresight about the value of having a visual history of Psychodrama. This film contributes both to the cinematic conservation and as well, to the new development of media accessible for educating the general public as well as clinicians about Psychodrama. Robert has generously allowed us to debut the film at this year's ASGPP conference. **OPEN EVENT**

**Plenary Address: Edward Schreiber, DD, EdM, LADC, TEP
Sociatry Offers Added Wisdom (Saturday 7:45 am - 9:30 am)**

Edward Schreiber was trained by and apprenticed with Zerka, with Sociatry and J.L. Moreno's mysticism as a focus. He co-edited *The Quintessential Zerka*, and was editor of *To Dream Again*, Zerka's memoir. He is the recipient of the Scholar's Award, Collaborator's Award, Neil Passarelli Award, Zerka T Moreno Award, and is a Fellow of the ASGPP. Ed directs the Zerka T Moreno Foundation, making available the teachings of Sociatry and will soon publish the *Autobiography of a Genius* (unpublished from J.L. Moreno). Ed is an adjunct professor at Lesley University and he directs an outpatient substance use program in Northampton and Greenfield, Massachusetts.

At the center of the psychodrama, sociometry, group psychotherapy method is a not as well known directive: "Awakening of the Autonomous Healing Center Within" a group and within an individual. It is a mystic practice that corresponds with the understanding that humanity is one organism with forces impacting the whole and its many parts. These forces have a determining impact on groups, organizations, society, and individual lives. To know these forces and attend to the awakening of the Autonomous Healing Center is called "Sociatry: the healing of society". This is the introduction of Sociatry for the ASGPP Conference Plenary.

Annual Membership Meeting, Live Auction, Special Drawing

(Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm) Our annual open community meeting for members as well as those interested in becoming members. Come and meet your Executive Council and learn about ASGPP's recent changes, activities and plans for the future. Contribute your ideas and feedback as part of the ASGPP community. There will also be a Live Auction and a special drawing at this event. **OPEN EVENT**

Let's Have a Ball...

(Saturday 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm) Music, Dancing, and Entertainment... Open Mike/Empty Chair/International Dances. **OPEN EVENT**

Envisioning the Creative Arts Therapies

**Saphira Linden, RDT-BCT, LCAT, TEP
and a Panel of distinguished experts in their field**

(Sunday 8:00 am - 9:30 am) We know as Group facilitators that the 'whole is greater than the sum of its parts' and yet, we stay as separate entities. The Creative Arts Therapies' would be stronger and more effective working together to truly make a difference. Let us envision and dream together about what this would look like...all the new possibilities to transform our lives and communities. **OPEN EVENT**

Closing Ritual and Passing of the Torch

(Sunday 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm) Calling all Conference participants to join us in creating our closing ceremony together. While acknowledging our new wisdom from discoveries made together, we will playfully nourish ourselves through storytelling and witnessing through Playback Theater. We'll conclude with a passing of the torch from New Hampshire to Chicago lighting our way to the 2020 ASGPP Annual Conference. **OPEN EVENT**