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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 must be submitted via email at journal@asgpp.org.

JPSGP utilizes a blind review system. 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**, 6th Ed. Manuscripts should be limited to 25 pages, 8.5 x 11 paper, double-spaced, one inch margins, 12 point Times Roman or similar font, 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.

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- Submitted to journal@asgpp.org
- In accordance with the guidelines of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual, 6th 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 lambswood@gmail.com. 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 6th edition of the APA manual.
- [APA Publication Manual Crib Sheet](#) This page is a summary of rules from the APA Publication Manual 5th 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
- [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.

Writing Book Reviews:

A helpful article describing how to write book reviews (*How to Write a Scholarly Book Review for Publication in a Peer-Reviewed Journal: A Review of the Literature*) can be found at <http://www.journalchiroed.com/2010Spring/JCESpring2010Lee.pdf>

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

- Articles must be submitted via email at journal@asgpp.org.
- An acknowledgment will be sent via email that the submission was received.
- Articles will then be forwarded to an Executive Editor and a Consulting Editor.