



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
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# ASGPP Tele'Gram

April 2019  
Monthly TELE'GRAM  
Since June 2018

***"I stood alone on the stage that night. I was entirely unprepared for an audience of more than 1,000 people. As I look back on that night, I am amazed at my boldness... (1989, Autobiography of J.L. Moreno. Journal of Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama & Sociometry, Vol. 42)"***

*The date was April 1st, 1921. J.L. Moreno performed his first psychodrama and sociodrama in Vienna, Austria. His performance wasn't an April Fools... his performance gave us the gift of surplus reality, psychodramatic truth, future projections, the magic of healing and creating through empowering our imagination and creative expressions, the value of exploring our relationships and choices, the encouragement to all of us to take risks and act innovatively; and, ultimately, the ability to dream again! **HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY, PSYCHODRAMA!***

Dear ASGPP Members,  
Welcome to the April 2019 Tele'gram!

*The Tele'gram is issued through e-blast at the beginning of each month. Its purpose is to connect with everyone in the ASGPP on a regular basis - the council, the committees, and all members. As always, this issue will give you a lot of information about the many activities in the organization and will invite everyone to participate in committees and projects, to make suggestions, and, in general, to keep in touch with each other as a community.*

## **REGARDING THE UPCOMING ASGPP CONFERENCE:**

**We invite you to register for the upcoming 77th ASGPP Annual Conference, to be held May 2-5, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Offering excellent speakers, 92 workshops and exciting social events, this conference will be truly memorable! For information and to register, please go to: <http://www.asgpp.org/conference2019.php>**

Thank you to our colleague, Karen Carnabucci, for the amazing article, promoting the upcoming ASGPP conference (May 2-5, 2019, Manchester, NH). You can read the article here:

[https://www.psychologyarts.com/topics/psychodramaconference2019?fbclid=IwAR13RXLsluWss\\_QelbvlyLt400rZ1Pw5Qqkq-ezUzpCGZ716Vs6rDw5lhpZc](https://www.psychologyarts.com/topics/psychodramaconference2019?fbclid=IwAR13RXLsluWss_QelbvlyLt400rZ1Pw5Qqkq-ezUzpCGZ716Vs6rDw5lhpZc)

### Special Conference Rates:

- **PSYCHODRAMA TRAINEE RATE:** ASGPP is offering a reduced rate to psychodrama training institute trainees - \$400 per person. All registrants must be members of the ASGPP! Participation in a training group will be verified in order for the discounted rate to apply.
- **FULL-TIME STUDENTS and RETIREES** can register NOW using our special rates! Please go to: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eg0au78d2d38770a&oseq=&c=&ch=>
- **FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS & FACULTY RATE:** ASGPP offers a special group rate for the Full 3-day conference to college/university students and faculty. Four (4) or more students must register together at the Group Rate of \$255/per person, in order their professor to be able to benefit from the same rate. Students must be matriculating in an accredited college/university and carrying a minimum load of 9 credits and/or pursuing a full-time residency or internship. All student registrations must be sent in the same envelope and include photo-copies of college/university picture identification.
- **VETERANS' DISCOUNT:** 10% off registration across the board for all veterans! Thank you for your service!
- **FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS** can also register on-site at the conference for \$30/day Friday-Sunday. They will be allowed to join any workshops that have seats remaining.

### Important Deadlines:

- The special room rate for the conference will be available until **April 4, 2019** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.
- Exhibit Table Reservation Deadline is **April 12.**

### Regarding the Conference Venue:

- Free Wi-Fi to all hotel guests;
- 2 parking options: 1/ Hotel guests (park in Garage behind hotel); \$12.00 charge added to bill each night; unlimited free in/out access; 2/ Day trippers (park in garage) \$6.00 each time in and out; best to stay put and walk/ride with someone. You can also use street meters which run for a limit of 2 hours;
- Health club (Fitness) open 5:30 AM to 10 PM; Indoor and Outdoor Pools;
- Full spa services available; make reservations early. 10% off any treatments at the Spa during the duration of the conference. Just tell them you are with ASGPP upon booking your appointments and 10% will be deducted from your bill! Hours of operation are Mondays and Fridays from 10AM to 5PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10AM to 8PM, and Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM.

### Auctions and Raffle:

Please see the Smilebox slideshow showing the items that ASGPP has received to date for the SILENT AUCTION / LIVE AUCTION / RAFFLE at the 77th Annual Conference in Manchester, NH.

Thank you to all colleagues and organizations for the generous donations! For those who haven't had chance to donate yet, but intend to, please contact us as soon as possible at [silentauction@asgpp.org](mailto:silentauction@asgpp.org). Both efforts - donating items and bidding or purchasing tickets at the conference, are a great contribution to the well-being of the ASGPP and the Scholarship program of the organization!

<http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4459334e5449354d7a68384d5441344d5445344d6a45350d0a?title=ASGPP+2019+Silent+Auction&image=4e4459334e5449354d7a68384d5441344d5445344d6a45350d0a.jpg>

### Volunteers needed:

Please help us make this upcoming ASGPP Conference an exciting and meaningful event for all!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9ac28a5fa7-volunteers1>

**Scholarship Donors:** As the 2019 ASGPP Conference approaches we once again are soliciting donations for those who aren't able to join us without a bit of assistance. No contribution is too small. Contributions of any amount are welcome. Your name will be listed in the Award Program and Poster. Thank you for helping us to reach out! Click here <http://www.asgpp.org/donate.php> to donate online or send donations to the National Office.

### **Members Complimentary Exhibit Table:**

One of the benefits of membership in the ASGPP is a complimentary space at our Members' Table to display copies of one piece of printed material. As space is limited, we ask that you observe the one promotional piece per member requirement. Those of you who have products which you think will appeal specifically to conference attendees may want to consider reaching this market in the Exhibit Area. Table space is also available for rent to those individuals who wish to promote their training programs, institutes, workshops, publications and other specialty products. The cost for a full exhibit table is \$300; ½ exhibit table is \$150. NOTE: Renters are responsible for set up and the security of all items and products during the entire length of the conference. **Exhibit Table Reservation Deadline is April 12.** Contact the national office at 609-737-8500 or email: [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org)

### **Regarding Psychodrama Training Hours:**

The American Board of Examiners has a policy regarding training credits for ASGPP conference attendees. The policy states: "A maximum of 100 hours of the required 780 training hours may be obtained from individuals other than TEPs and PATs provided that the training occurred at local, regional, and national conferences sponsored by the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama." If you are working toward certification, be sure to fill out the Psychodrama Training Credits Form and have it signed by the presenter before leaving the workshop.

- The Pre-Conference (Thursday, May 2, 2019) offers up to 9 hours.
- The regular conference (Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2019) offers up to 25.25 hours.
- The entire conference (Thursday - Sunday) offers up to 34.25 hours

PSYCHODRAMA & GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING DIRECTORY: If you are interested in training in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy, you can visit the training directory, here:

<https://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Training%20Directory.pdf>

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## **FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES:**

### **From the 2019 ASGPP Conference Committee and the Chairs:**

- Join us at the exciting upcoming conference in Manchester, NH May 2-5, 2019, "Discovering New Worlds: Transformational Advances in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy". ASGPP's conference committee is in full swing with the conference just a month away! We are actively looking for exhibitors, conference volunteers, silent auction donations, and basket donations. Reach out to Maria Mellano & Scott Giacomucci for more information.
- Massage therapists will be onsite at the conference again this year. They will be offering a chair massage for \$1 per minute. If you are interested please make sure to stop by them and enjoy their services right away or make an appointment.

### **From the Publicity and Social Media Committee:**

- We ask all our members and presenters to help us spread the word about our upcoming conference – share in person and on your social media with colleagues, students, organizations. If you are on Facebook, please visit the ASGPP page, <https://www.facebook.com/ASGPP.National/> and stay tuned to the news being posted there. Also, please share to your page and to the social networks that you belong to, in order to spread the word about the ASGPP and the upcoming conference. Also, if you are on Instagram, please follow the ASGPP!

- The committee has been reaching out to individuals and organizations from around the world, promoting the ASGPP conference and other activities. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, The ASGPP Facebook page has reached over 4000 followers from around the world. Our daily posts have been liked, shared and commented on, by hundreds and sometimes, by thousands of people.

### Financial Committee/Fundraising Committee:

We are excited to bring you a wonderful conference in New Hampshire, chock full of interesting and exciting events. Together with our Administrative Assistant, Paula DeFranco, we are registering conference attendees on a daily basis. The Early bird registration ended last week; however, **registration is still open!** See below the reduced fees that are still valid for training group members, students, retirees and veterans. We appreciate the donations our members have included in their registration for the **Scholarship Fund** which will benefit young attendees for the 2020 conference. As we are accepting items for the **Silent & Live Auction and the Basket donations**, we invite you to join and donate to the ASGPP, from your own business or together with your friends, colleagues and training group members. There are eleven (11) Psychodrama Group affiliates throughout the country- we would love to have one basket from each of you. Think of a fun theme and gather items; bring the completed Basket to the conference or send us your items and **we will Build Your Basket!**

The ASGPP Executive Council and the Fundraising Committee would like to thank each person who has already made a donation on GoFundMe or via check for our Fundraiser for a New ASGPP Website! WE ALREADY REACHED THE FIRST \$1000! Thank you to the first sponsors (in timestamp order of their donation): **Nancy Kirsner, Daniela Simmons, Cathy Nugent, Rebecca Walters, Ming Wai Joannes Lee, Rhona Case, Shelley Firestone, Linda Ciotola, Rhona Case, Izi Malone, Donald Caroli!** Our goal is \$15,000.00. Any donation amount will be deeply appreciated! If every member donates even a small amount, together we will make this possible! As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered a deductible contribution for your taxes. <https://www.gofundme.com/donate-for-a-new-asgpp-website>.

### From the Membership Committee:

We are delighted to welcome our new ASGPP members: *Michael F. D'Angelo (Lansdowne, PA); Karen Moser (West Chester, PA); Laura Greer (Baltimore, MD); Susan S. Kelley (Villanova, PA); Jessica Desmukh (Princeton, NJ); Molly Weinberg (Somerville, MA); Onaje Muid (Astoria, NY).*

International Members: We are happy to announce that ~~that~~ 41 of the ASGPP members are international from 14 countries (alphabetically): Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and United Kingdom!

Members with Diplomate Status: We have now four members with a Diplomate Status: Scott Giacomucci, Kirsten Friedman, Glenn Sammis and Joni Cohen!

*\*We want to remind you that membership payment option is no longer included on your conference Registration form; but it is separate, due to the many new categories of membership ASGPP is offering now to individuals and organizations. If you want to be a part of the Membership Committee, please contact [membership@asgpp.org](mailto:membership@asgpp.org) and the committee's chair, Marianne Shapiro.*

### From the Publications Committee:

The committee meets via Zoom every other month and communicates via emails the rest of the time. Make sure to stop by the special table at the conference, where you will be able to learn more about the three publications of the ASGPP: the Journal, the PNN and the Tele'Gram. The Journal will reach out to us soon with some exciting news. The PNN has started accepting articles for the Spring/Summer issue. You can see the PNN Submission and Policy Guidelines here: <https://asgpp.org/pdf/PNN%20Submission%20and%20Policy%20Guidelines.pdf>

### **Be an On-the-spot PNN Reporter!**

We invite YOU to submit a short piece (400 words or less) while at the Conference. This could be any workshop you are attending, an overview of something of interest to you, or a take-away application you're thinking about. The Spring/Summer PNN will have a collage of Conference events and workshops. It would be so rich to have YOU share your words and point of view. Please say YES, and be a Live Conference Reporter! R.S.V.P. by email: Nancy Kirsner, PNN Editor, [nancykirsner@gmail.com](mailto:nancykirsner@gmail.com)

### **From the International Committee:**

*Thank you to all of you who joined us on March 15, 2019 for the second ASGPP International Tele-Café! Twenty-six colleagues from many countries joined us for conversation, networking, imagination and a fun time. International committee member, Caner Bingol from Turkey, invited us to a special virtual Turkish cafe. J.L. Moreno's roots are in the Turkish culture, as his ancestors were living there for centuries, and experiencing a piece of the Turkish culture was very special to all of us! The project, Tele Café was launched in January 2019. The Tele-Café will open every other month to people from around the world, who would like to connect. The May 2019 Tele-Café will be face-to-face at the ASGPP conference in New Hampshire. The Tele-Café is a virtual space to meet and travel together via our imagination through time and to various destinations. It is magical as is the method of Psychodrama and the concept of Surplus Reality.*

### **From the Research Committee:**

ASGPP's Research committee is exploring the possibility of having psychodrama evaluated as an evidence-based treatment modality by APA's Division 12. Reach out to Scott Giacomucci at [Scott@sgiacomucci.com](mailto:Scott@sgiacomucci.com) or Chi-Sing Li at [DCL001@shsu.edu](mailto:DCL001@shsu.edu) to join in this effort!

The research committee met on March 13, 2019 to discuss various matters on recent research publications and research instruments. If you wish to join the ASGPP Research Listserve, and to participate in ongoing discussions, collaborations, sharing of resources and ideas on research, please visit the ASGPP 'About Us' page, <http://asgpp.org/about-asgpp.php>, and look at the bottom for the options on how to join.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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*P.S. The name Tele'Gram (with apostrophe between Tele & Gram) was created to provide an original meaning and the J.L. Moreno term of 'tele' - "An inter-personal experience, growing out from person to person ... and gradually developing the sense for inter-personal relations". The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid 1800s and comes from the Greek tēle, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), *Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363*)*