



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY AND PSYCHODRAMA

ASGPP Tele'Gram

March 2020
Monthly TELE'GRAM
Since June, 2018

"The quantitative exactness of sociometry can be equal, if not superior, to the quantitative exactness of the natural sciences" (Moreno, J.L. (1978). *Who Shall Survive?*, NY, Beacon House, pp.x1, xli, 3-8)

Dear ASGPP Members,

Welcome to the March 2020 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.

Thank you to those who attended the February 6th, 2020 Zoom Membership Meeting! The topic of the meeting was **'Increasing ASGPP Membership'**. ASGPP members attended and exchanged ideas and enthusiasm on this important matter. The Council and the Membership Committee informed the attendees about the current efforts and their determination to widen, together with the membership, strategies as a cooperative effort.

2020 ASGPP Conference Registration:
THERE IS STILL A CHANCE TO REGISTER!

- To see the complete brochure and workshop descriptions, <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Complete%20brochure.pdf>
- For MAIL-IN registration form, <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Mail%20in%20Registration.pdf>
- To register ONLINE, <https://asgpp.wpengine.com/2020-asgpp-conference/>

2020 Conference Information:

- Venue: Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, Chicago (1800 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173)
- Dates of the conference: April 1-4, 2020, with a pre-conference on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 and the main conference on April 2-4, 2020 (Thursday - Saturday).
- Hotel Reservations: (Until the block of rooms with a discount is sold out) <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRW/G-ASGP>
- Silent Auction / Live Auction / Baskets: <https://www.asgpp.org/2020conf/Auctions%202020%20for%20web.pdf>
- Exhibitors Information: **(Reservation Deadline: March 20)**. <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Exhibitor%20R.pdf>
- Tele Café / Road Trip: <https://www.asgpp.org/2020conf/Tele%20Cafe.pdf>
- Transportation / Directions: <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Transportation%20&%20Directions.pdf>

ATTENTION CONFERENCE PRESENTERS:

Please help promote the conference AND your workshop via your workshops, events you attend, posting on your social media and posts to your mailing lists.

ATTENTION EVERYONE:

Offering excellent speakers, 96 workshops and many exciting social events, this conference will be truly memorable! Reduced rates for ASGPP members, undergraduate and graduate students, retirees, veterans, trainees, international

participants from country bands B, C, D. For information and to register, please go to: <https://asgpp.org/conference2020.php>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TIAN DAYTON, PhD, TEP, 2020 J.L. Moreno Award Recipient

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Theme: "The Power of Connection and Identification Floor Checks: Teaching and Healing Experientially"

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Keynote%20Speaker%202020.pdf>

PLENARY SPEAKER: RICHARD BECK, LCSW, BCD, CGP, FAGPA, President of the International Association of Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP)

Friday, April 3, 2020, 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Theme: "The Importance of Cohesion in Group"

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/PlenarySpeaker2020.pdf>

FEATURED SPEAKER: SAMMY RANGEL, MSW, CSAC

Friday, April 3, 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Theme: "A Life of 1,000 Wounds: Dismantling Hate and Trauma with Our Humanity"

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Speaker%20Sammy%202020.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PANEL: Panelists: Erica Hollander, Tom Treadwell, Hod Orkibi, Michael Wieser, Galabina Tarashoeva, Rob Pramann, & Scott Giacomucci

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 7:30 am - 9:30 am, 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Theme: "Celebrating David Kipper's Legacy and Warming-up to New Research in Sociometry, Psychodrama, and Group Psychotherapy"

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/International%20Research%20Panel.pdf>

DIVERSITY FORUM: JOSHUA S. LEE, LCSW, 2020 Diversity Award Recipient

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Theme: "Elevate Your Performance in Life's Diversity Games"

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Diversity%20Forum%202020.pdf>

TELE CAFÉ ROAD TRIP

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

To assure your participation, please reserve your spot during the conference registration process, or contact asgpp@asgpp.org by March 15, 2020. The \$25 fee will cover sightseeing transportation, hot drinks and sweets at the café. Paying the amount will allow the organizers to make the arrangements - size of the bus(es) and reservations for the café in the city. Everyone is welcome!

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Tele%20Cafe.pdf>

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES AND NEW MEMBERS CONNECTING WITH ASGPP HISTORY KEEPERS

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 7:00 am - 7:45 am

SPECIAL INSTITUTE FULL & HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS:

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020: <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Wed%20Workshops.pdf>

- Psychodrama & DIALECTICAL BEHAVIOR THERAPY
- Psychodrama & FAMILY THERAPY
- Psychodrama & CLINICAL SUPERVISION
- Psychodrama & ORGANIZATIONS
- Psychodrama & MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING
- Psychodrama & ASPERGER'S DISORDER
- Psychodrama & SOMATIC EXPERIENCING
- Psychodrama & FAMILY CONSTELLATIONS
- Psychodrama & SOCIAL WORK

EXHIBITORS:

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Chicago - the hotel that will host the ASGPP 78th Conference, to be held on April 1-4, 2020, is newly renovated and offers a lot of beautiful space for all conference activities. All exhibitors' tables will be set up in the main corridor, which has large windows and a lot of light, and most importantly - every conference participant needs to pass this corridor in order to reach the registration area, the plenary hall or the workshops. All trainers, academic programs, business owners and mental health professionals in private practice are cordially invited to EXHIBIT at the April 1-4, 2020 ASGPP annual conference in Chicago, IL. You can rent a full table (\$300), a ½ table (\$150) or benefit of one of the two full packages, that also includes conference registrations and more. Reservation Deadline has been extended to March 20th.

To book your spot, please contact us at asgpp@asgpp.org
You can find full information on our website, at
<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/2020%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>

BASKETS:

Please consider donating baskets to be auctioned at the 78th Conference in Schaumburg, IL (April 1-4, 2020) to benefit the ASGPP SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Your donations allow people who wouldn't be able to afford it, to attend our next conference! Join with friends or your training group, or create your own basket to donate! (or donate from your business!) All donors are recognized on our social media, website and during the conference! A prize will be given to the creators of the most sought after of the BASKETS!

Please contact us at silentauction@asgpp.org. For additional information, please go to: <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Auctions%202020%20for%20web.pdf>

LIVE AUCTION:

Please consider supporting the live auction for the 78th ASGPP Conference! We are looking for donations of larger ticket items, such as: Airline Tickets * Frequent Flier Miles * Rental Property * Timeshares * Cabins * Estate Jewelry * Week-long Intensive Workshops * Concert/Sports Tickets, etc.

Please contact us at silentauction@asgpp.org

For additional information, please go to:

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SILENT AUCTION:

We are looking for donations of items such as: Jewelry* Artwork * Books * Gift Cards * Workshops * Supervision with TEPs, and other interesting offerings. We feature, Artists in Residence, where we display works of art that are handcrafted by our community.

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!

Please contact us at silentauction@asgpp.org

For additional information, please go to:

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GIFT CARDS:

Sometimes we receive a GIFT CARD, that we never have a chance to use, leaving it in a drawer instead. If you have such unused gift cards at home, or if you decide to purchase new cards, please consider donating them to the ASGPP fundraising event, to be held at the 78th conference, to be held on April 1-4, 2020 in Schaumburg, IL Please contact us at silentauction@asgpp.org.

For additional information, please go to:

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Auctions%202020%20for%20web.pdf>

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Please be sure and make your reservations early. The special conference room rate is Single/Double/Triple/Quad is \$120; Tax is 15% per room. The special room rate will be available until March 9th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. After that date, rooms are available on a "space and rate available" basis determined by the hotel.

ASGPP STUDENT MEMBERSHIP Fundraising Event:

PLEASE HELP US RAISE \$6,500+ and ADD at least 100 STUDENT-MEMBERS to ASGPP in 2020! We have already raised over 25% of our goal! Being welcoming and engaging them, giving them the opportunity to experience our community and our professional field, will hopefully keep them as ASGPP members for many years to come! Any donation amount is deeply appreciated!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Please consider making a donation through our GoFundMe for charities page. [Click here](#)
2. Share the fundraiser with your friends;
3. You can also send a check (write on the memo line of the check "Student Membership Donation"), made out to [ASGPP, PO Box 1654, Merchantville, NJ 08109-9998](#).

As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered deductible contributions for your taxes.

FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES:

*** From the FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The ASGPP Finances at this time are the following:

Operational Fund: \$126,650

Dedicated Lifetime: \$10,000

Students' Membership Fundraised Funds: \$1,500

Research / Restricted: \$1,600

Website: \$1,990

Zerka Moreno Scholarship Fund / Restricted: \$9,080

TOTAL: \$150,820

Treasurer: Rhona Case, psychobabble3@yahoo.com

*** From the HISTORY KEEPERS INITIATIVE TASK FORCE:**

The History Keepers Initiative would like to recognize members in three separate categories:

1. History Keeper Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 20 years or more.
2. History Keeper/Elder Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 35 years or more.
3. History Keeper/Elder/Pioneer Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 45 years and/or certified by JL Moreno.

These awards of recognition are issued in appreciation for continuous support, contribution and service too ASGPP. If you meet the eligibility requirements for any of the categories and would like to reserve your certificate of recognition, please send an email to Anath Garber anathga@icloud.com or Linda Ciotola linda.healingbridges@gmail.com with the following information: Full name, credentials, and years of membership.

Deadline for submission is March 15, 2020.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

History Keepers Initiative Chair, Anath Garber, anathga@icloud.com

*** From the EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

ASGPP Members' Special Interest Groups:

ASGPP Members have already submitted requests to connect with others and create various groups.

- * Psychodrama & Education
- * Sociodrama
- * Personal/ emotional growth
- * Psychodrama trainees
- * Psychodrama trainers (PAT, TEP)
- * Psychodrama & Healthy Aging
- * Marriage and Family Therapy / Divorce Counseling
- * Trauma
- * Multicultural Issues

To join one of the groups above OR to request participation / start a group on another topic, please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/RwBftD8XxbspnsN8A>
Education Committee Founding Members: Daniela Simmons, Cathy Nugent and Carol Feldman Bass

*** From the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Welcome ASGPP New Members:

Donna Heenscheid, TX; Mary Kalbach, PA; Margaret Embick, IL; Matthew Glowiak, IL; Nikki Bishop, IL; Karen Rothstein, IL; Helga Byrne, NY; Darrell Briggs, DE; Adam Hibma, IL; Allen Johnson, MS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP. The application for organizational membership is here: <https://forms.gle/d2XAW3t38TYwzvD6>

Disclaimer: The organizational member supports ASGPP; however, ASGPP and the local organization are distinct, separate, independent entities, and neither accepts legal or financial liability for the other, nor is this to be construed as endorsement for professional certification or achievements.

For payment options, please contact our National office at asgpp@asgpp.org.

Membership Committee co-chairs: Marianne Shapiro,

marianneshapiro1@gmail.com and Serap Kantarci, serapkantarci@gmail.com

*** From the RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

The research committee invites you to join us Saturday morning at the ASGPP conference for an international research panel on psychodrama's evidence base and honoring David Kipper's legacy! The committee met on February 19, 2020 via Zoom Video Conferencing. The committee is exploring the potential of creating a

'mentorship program' which would pair experienced researchers with psychodramatists interested in having support with designing/conducting psychodrama research. The parameters of the mentorship program are still being discerned - if you are interested in serving as a research mentor and/or helping to get this initiative into action, please reach out to Scott Giacomucci - Scott@SGiacomucci.com

* **From the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Journal Task Force:

ASGPP Journal content for the past 7 volumes have been uploaded to ProQuest's academic database and are expected to be available for researchers, students, and professors shortly.

Scott Giacomucci, Task Force Member

Psychodrama Press is the ASGPP Publishing House There are two items offered, at this time, for purchase on our website <https://asgpp.org/asgpp-resources.php>:

* *The Warm Up Box* by Carl Hollander

* *Jacob Levy Moreno 1889-1974* by René Marineau

Visit the **ASGPP Library** on our website: <https://asgpp.org/asgpp-resources.php>
The library contains a collection of books, articles and videos that lay out the central ideas of psychodrama. Stay tuned as the library is expanding as new articles, books and videos are being added to the collection. Recently Adam Blatner and his family kindly allowed us to post on our website some of his books in digital format, *free of charge!*

Publications Committee chair: Daniela Simmons, dsimmons@asgpp.org

* **From the PROFESSIONAL LIAISON:**

The committee, under the leadership of Scott Giacomucci, put together a "Best Practices" document on teaching psychodrama in university settings which was peer-reviewed by over a dozen psychodramatists with experience teaching psychodrama in academic settings. This 5-page manuscript focuses on the role-transition from psychodrama trainer to psychodrama professor and outlines creative adaptations to using Moreno's methods in classroom settings while conforming to its limitations. This publication was recently approved by the Executive Council to be posted on our website.

* **From the PUBLICITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:**

The Committee needs your help to spread the word about our 2020 Conference. Please tell your students about it, post information on your social media, talk it up at any conferences you attend.

The ASGPP Facebook page is now followed by almost 5,000 people from the United States and internationally. If you are on Instagram, please follow us there as well! Please share our posts to your own personal and professional pages on social media - that will greatly extend our visibility!

Publicity and Social Media Committee chair, Patty Phelps, plphelps@pacbell.net

* **From the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 - Face-to-face ASGPP Tele Café:

Join us in Chicago as we take the Tele Cafe on the road for sightseeing and a live encounter at a local cafe. This will be the premiere of an annual '*Tele Café Road Trip!*' Save the date in your conference social calendar and be part of history for this first-time experience. To assure your participation, please reserve your spot during the conference registration process. The \$25 fee will cover sightseeing transportation and hot drinks and sweets at the café.

International Committee chair, Mark Wentworth, mark@colourforlife.com

Upcoming Conferences; National & International Events:

March & April 2020

- March 12 - 14, 2020: Psychodrama Congress and 25th Encounter of the Asociación de Sicodrama y Sicoterapia de Grupo (ASSG). Lisbon, Portugal. <https://congreso.assg.org/en/>
- March 15-21, 2020: Creative Arts Therapies Week: During a week in March each year, creative arts therapists sponsor special workshops, exhibitions, career days and other events to share their work with the public and other professionals.
- March 20 - 21, 2020: Institute for Therapy through the Arts (ITA) 5th Annual Integrated Creative Arts Therapy Conference, "Expressing the Unspeakable: Bringing Taboos to the Surface". Evanston, IL. <https://itachicago.org/conference/>
- April 2 - 5, 2020: Association for Poetry Therapy "Land of Enchantment: Exploring and Embracing Diversity through Poetry Therapy" National 40th

Annual Conference. Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico. <https://poetrytherapy.org>

- April 16 - 19, 2020: American Counseling Association "Break Through" ACA 2020 Conference and Expo. (ACA). San Diego, CA. www.counseling.org

NOTE: The EC sent on March 2, 2020 a statement to the ASGPP members and the registered conference participants in regards to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak. In the statement, the council send our heartfelt regards to the 20 ASGPP members from East and South East Asia - China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea. We respectfully adjust our statement as according to CDC, Taiwan and Singapore are not among the most affected countries.

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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 tête, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363)

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