



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY AND PSYCHODRAMA

# ASGPP Tele'Gram

## July 2020 TELE'GRAM

*Established June, 2018*

"Body, psyche and society are the intermediary parts of the entire self"  
(J.L. Moreno, (1962) *Role Theory and the Emergence of the Self*).  
*Group Psychotherapy*, 15, 114-117)

Dear ASGPP Members,

Welcome to the July 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 within the organization and we invite everyone to become active in the community by volunteering for one of our many committees and/or ongoing projects.*

### ***EXCITING NEWS!***

#### **ASGPP WEBSITE:**

The new ASGPP website is now live and functioning!  
Please visit it: <https://asgpp.org/>

Thanks to our office administrator, Paula De Franco; the Website Committee members, Regina Sewell, Patty Phelps, Krum Krumov, Rachel Longer and Daniela Damian, who have been diligently working for months on the new ASGPP website that is taking our organization to a much higher level in our ability to inform, communicate and connect! *All ASGPP members will soon receive emails with an invitation to update their "Members Only" page.*

#### **PSYCHODRAMA VOLUME I:**

PSYCHODRAMA VOLUME I by Jacob Levy Moreno was newly published through Psychodrama Press, the ASGPP Publishing House. (April 16, 2020) completing an extensive labor of love by Dr. Tian Dayton, MA, PhD, TEP. Special thanks to Dr. Sergio Guimaraes who at the zero hour rescued the very blurry photos and diagrams and turned them into the clearest rendition possible. The book is uploaded onto KDP/Amazon publishing, [HERE](#):

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION AND COMMITTEE:**

**ONLINE Social Justice Discussion** will be held on Sunday, July 12th from 1:00 to 3:00pm Eastern Time (US & Canada) to embody and concretize our commitment to social justice & inclusion, the ASGPP Executive Council will be hosting a social justice discussion to bring our community together to collectively examine the impacts of racism and

oppression within our professional society and the larger society. We encourage your input, experiences, and suggestions within this forum. Social Justice Facilitators: Rebecca Walters, Uneeda Brewer, Martica Bacallo, Milton Hawkins, and Paula De Franco. Participation will be limited for this meeting to the first 44 registrants. Additional dates will be announced as needed.

**Sociatry and Social Justice Committee:** The Executive Council has voted to approve a new permanent ASGPP committee which will help to create lasting change within our organization and address social justice in all aspects going forward. CHARGE: Guide ASGPP's executive council, membership, and conference planning in addressing social justice in all functional aspects ASGPP while using Moreno's vision of sociatry as a template and guide. We invite you to consider joining this committee and/or attending future educational offerings organized by this new committee.

### **MONDAY EVENING SUPPORT GROUPS:**

The first online Emotional Support Group was offered in the middle of March. In April and May the idea had expanded into a larger project, offering 4-5 support groups each month with two co-facilitators per group and a special theme. Some of the groups that started meeting via the ASGPP platform on Monday, later continued meeting on their own time. In June four (4) groups met for five (5) weeks - one of them offering support to TEPs, and another to psychodrama trainees pursuing certification.

We want to thank everyone who stepped up to help as facilitators!

The June 2020 facilitators were:

- \* Anath Garber and Kate Hudgins
- \* Basil Vareltsis and Julie Wells
- \* Milton Hawkins and Joshua Lee
- \* Mary Kalbach and Darlene Vanchura

The July facilitators are:

- \* Rhona Case & Sylvia Israel
- \* Lorelei Goldman & Tracy Muklewicz
- \* Jennie Kristal & Michael Watson
- \* Tzivia Stein-Barrett & Deb Karner

Thank you for your commitment and ongoing service to our ASGPP Community! If someone would like to offer their help for future months, please contact our national office at [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org). Also, if you are interested in a Pacific time Support Group, please let us know.

### **FACEBOOK ASGPP SUPPORT GROUP:**

The ASGPP Support Group has been created on Facebook, for all members of the organization who would like to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/615289599313042/>

The group is:

- Private: Only members can see who's in the group and what they post
- Hidden: Only members can find this group

### **FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR:**

Paula De Franco, ASGPP Office Administrator, has been hosting it every Friday since April 17th, periodically inviting guest co-facilitators. A link for registration has been sent to all members via eblast each week.

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

#### **Online Education Project: ASGPP VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

The Executive Council has announced a series of fundraising educational events. Three events have been already held with 100% of the proceeds donated to the ASGPP:

- \* **Daniela Simmons, PhD, TEP**, "Directing Psychodrama via Zoom Video Conferencing -

The Path to a New Cultural Conserve: Experiential Training" - June 8, 2020

\* **Nina Garcia, PhD, TEP**, "Using The Johari Window and Seligman's 24 Character Strengths to Build Sociometric Connection" - June 10, 2020

\* **Lin Considine, TEP and Paul Lesnik, TEP**, "Awakening the Heart of Loving Kindness, Forgiveness, and Compassion" - July 8, 2020

**UPCOMING: Jacquie Siroka, LCSW, TEP & Bob Siroka, PhD, TEP**, "Experiential Sociometry": July 15th, 2020

Exploring qualitative and phenomenological aspects of personal awareness and interpersonal consciousness as revealed by Sociometry. Our ability to see through this lens informs, illuminates roots of self, its context and role development. It is the interpersonal path to healing. TO REGISTER, CLICK [HERE](#)

The Executive Council wants to express appreciation to all of the presenters, offering their service to ASGPP pro-bono; and to all participants, attending the workshops and contributing to maintaining the financial stability of the organization in this difficult time. Additional workshops will be announced soon. We are inviting trainers who would like to offer their services to ASGPP by offering training pro-bono, to please contact our National Office at [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org)

### **[ASGPP 2-DAY ONLINE CONFERENCE:](#)**

A two-day online conference, "The Power of Spontaneity in a World of Uncertainty", will be offered on Friday & Saturday, October 9-10, 2020 It will include didactic and experiential sessions, a plenary speaker and panels. Detailed information will be coming soon

### **[ASGPP YOUTUBE CHANNEL:](#)**

Visit our new YouTube channel to see the testimonials of our beloved colleagues <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmrZ8Bxu196GbpG9yZKbzHw?reload=9>. Thank you to Krum Krumov, Website Committee member, for creating the channel.

### **FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES:**

#### **\* [From the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:](#)**

##### **Welcome ASGPP New Members:**

Nikki Bishop (IL, USA) \* Darrell Briggs (DE, USA) \* Haydn Briggs (PA, USA) \* Helga Byrne (NY, USA) \* Daniela Damian (Romania) \* Allie DiTucci (MA, USA) \* Shawn Ellis (CT, USA) \* Margaret Embick (IL, USA) \* Matthew Glowiak (IL, USA) \* Adam Hibma (IL, USA) \* Jerry Ignatius (TX, USA) \* Ayala Krizel (Israel) \* Anne Catherine Lukins (PA, USA) \* Rivital Matter (Israel) \* Marc Pimsler (GA, USA) \* Bozena Simon (WI, USA) \* Cheryl Stampley (IL, USA) \* Scott Strubinger (PA, USA) \* Michelle Quinlan (Canada) \* Jerome Yelder (SC, USA)

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.** The application for organizational membership is here: <https://forms.gle/d2XAWWE3t38TYwzvD6>

*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](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org).

#### **\* [From the RESEARCH COMMITTEE:](#)**

Rob Pramann has taken the role of co-chair of the committee, along with Scott Giacomucci. The research committee is working on multiple initiatives including supporting the annual conference, exploring Evidence-Based Practices registry processes, and warming-up to new research projects within ASGPP. Contact [Scott@SGiacomucci.com](mailto:Scott@SGiacomucci.com) for more info or to join the bi-monthly committee meetings.

\* **From the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

The very popular ASGPP International Tele Café (Started in January 2019), opens its doors to colleagues from around the world again on Friday, June 19, this time with a host Cristina Schmidt from Vienna, Austria. From her window, Cristina was able to show us Bad Vöslau, the Vienna suburb where in 2017, after graduating from medical school, Dr. J.L. Moreno established a general medical practice.

ASGPP member,

Basile Vareltzis, recently joined the committee, bringing a new and wonderful idea in ASGPP offering international support and sociometry. Basile (Switzerland / USA) and long-time committee member, Carolina Becerril (France), will offer the first ASGPP Francophone support group for French speaking colleagues from around the world. The project will start with a four (4) week group, starting August 13th, 2020.

\* **From the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

The **Spring/Summer 2020 PNN is online now!** We are grateful to all of our contributors and advertisers and hope you enjoy this Digital PNN. [Click here](#) for the Spring/Summer PNN. If you would like an electronic copy (PDF) emailed to you, please contact Patty at [plphelps@pacbell.net](mailto:plphelps@pacbell.net)

**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 three items offered at this time for purchase on our website <https://asgpp.org/resources/>:

- [The Warm Up Box](#) by Carl Hollander
- [Jacob Levy Moreno 1889-1974](#) by René Marineau
- [Psychodrama Volume 1](#) by Jacob Levy Moreno

Visit **the ASGPP Library** on our website: <https://asgpp.org/resources/>

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!

**Executive Council,**

Daniela Simmons (President), Deborah Shaddy (Vice President), Janell Adair (Treasurer), Rhona Case (Secretary); members (alphabetically): Carol Feldman Bass, Uneeda O. Brewer, Ron Collier, Scott Giacomucci, Aida Hernandez, John Skandalis, Mark Wentworth.

<https://asgpp.org/about-us-text/#1574139301079-23b6e7c4-ffc6>

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*P.S. The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid-1800s and comes from the Greek télé, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". 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". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), *Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry* 1. P. 363)*

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