



January/February 2021 TELE'GRAM

Established June, 2018

*"Spontaneous formation of social groups based on the enthusiasm of the participants or on common interests and aims, achieves often miraculous results"
(J.L. Moreno, 1958, Earliest Definition of Group Psychotherapy, p.361)*

Dear ASGPP Members,

Welcome to a new year with ASGPP and the Tele'Gram News!

The Executive Council wishes you and your loved ones a better, peaceful, and happy year of 2021!

The ASGPP Annual Conference, "100 Years of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy: Honoring our Past & Visioning the Future", will be held ONLINE on April 7-11, 2021. Please note that the conference will offer 5 days of learning and connecting – from Wednesday to Sunday! Detailed information and registration COMING SOON!

FROM THE ASGPP NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

The 2020-2021 ASGPP Nomination Committee wishes to thank all who participated in this election endeavor whether that be by submitting nominations, being willing to run for office, and/or by voting in this election. We were fortunate to have more qualified nominees than positions to fill and the ASGPP Membership has spoken!! Our elected colleagues are as follows:

• The Leadership Committee:

President: Daniela Simmons, PhD, TEP

Vice President: Deborah Shaddy, MS, LMHP. LCPS, TEP

• Executive Council Members:

Scott Giacomucci, DSW, LCSW, BCD, FAAETS, CP/PAT

Pamela Goffman, LCSW, TEP, CIRT

Bill Wysong, MA, LPC, EMDR II, TEP

Mark Wentworth - International Executive Council Member

• Ethics & Standards Committee:

Regina Sewell, PhD, Med, LMHC, PCC, CP

• Nominations Committee:

Aida Hernandez, MA, PLC, NCC

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominations Committee – Co-Chairs - Tzivia Stein-Barrett & Darlene Vanchura, with
Colleen Baratka, Deborah Karner

MONDAY EVENING SUPPORT GROUPS

The first online Emotional Support Group was offered in the middle of March. Since April 2020 the idea had expanded into a large project, offering 4-5 support groups each month. Some of the groups that started meeting via the ASGPP platform on Monday, later continued meeting on their own time.

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

Sept/Oct /November

* GROUP # 1: Basil Vareldzis

* GROUP # 2: Susan Marcovitz

* GROUP #3: Colleen Baratka & Sarah Kelley

December

• GROUP # 1: Rosalie Minkin & Deb Karner

January

• GROUP # 1: Deb Karner & Ed Schreiber

• GROUP # 2: Lorelei Goldman & Susan Marcovitz

• ASGPP International Spanish Support Group: Carolina Becerril & Paula De Franco

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR

This popular gathering has been offered every Friday since April 2020, held by various guest facilitators. A link for registration has been sent to all members via eblast each week.

As we welcomed 2021, Daniela Simmons, President, and Deb Shaddy, Vice President, hosted a New Year's Day party on January 1, in lieu of the regularly scheduled happy hour.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Online Education Project: ASGPP VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The Executive Council has been offering a series of fundraising educational events since June 2020. Thank you to the colleagues who have offered pro-bono workshops with 100% of the proceeds donated to the ASGPP (names arranged in the order of workshops being held).

- Daniela Simmons, PhD, TEP
- Nina Garcia, PhD, TEP
- Lin Considine, TEP and Paul Lesnik, TEP
- Jacquie Siroka, LCSW, TEP & Bob Siroka, PhD, TEP
- Catherine D. Nugent, LCPC, TEP
- Scott Giacomucci, DSW, LCSW, BCD, FAAETS, CP/PAT
- Rosalie Minkin, MSW, ATR-BC, LCAT, TEP
- Shelley (Korshak) Firestone, MD, CGP, FAGPA, Guy Taylor, PhD, LPCC, LICDC
- Kate Hudgins, PhD, TEP, Joshua S. Lee, MSW, CP/PAT, Ina Hogenboom, MA, TEP, Linda Ciotola, MEd, CHES (ret.), TEP, & Stephanie Dines
- Louise Lipman, LCSW-R, CGP, TEP
- Edward Schreiber, TEP
- Rhona Case, EdM, TEP
- Jacqueline Siroka, ACSW, TEP, BCD & Jaye Moyer, LCSW-R, TEP
- Sylvia Israel, LMFT, RDT/BCT, TEP & Monica Forst, MEd, RP, ICADC, CP
- Jennifer Salimbene, LCSW-R, CASAC, CDAC, TEP & Regina Sewell, LMHT, PCC, PhD, CP

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 the Education Committee, Cathy Nugent, cathynugent@verizon.net; Daniela Simmons, danielatsv@gmail.com, Paula de Franco, paula@asgpp.org; Carol Feldman-Bass, cfeldmanbass@gmail.com.

GIVE TO THE ASGPP JOURNAL for our 2021 Winter Fundraising Campaign!

The Journal of Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy, <https://meridian.allenpress.com/jpsgp>, presently in a digital format, is a successful reflection of how ASGPP has adapted over time to reflect the changes of technology and academic arenas on scholarly publications. Despite challenges and changes, the Journal continues to be a vital source for sharing the work of those practicing Psychodrama and Sociodrama worldwide.

ASGPP is holding a fundraising campaign to raise money to continue the work of increasing the access and visibility of our scholarship to others in the world. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

All donations, in any amount, are accepted and greatly appreciated. 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.

To donate, please click here: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/giving-tuesday-campaign-for-asgpp-journal>

STUDENRS' MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENT

Last year the Executive Council held a Fundraising event with the goal to invite graduate students to become new members and to cover their membership for a year. We have so far, enough funds for twenty-five (25) student-members. A Task Force Committee, Deborah Shaddy (Vice President) and Aida Hernandez (Council Member and Fundraising Committee Chair), have prepared a detailed criteria and procedure for inviting and engaging the selected graduate students into the organization and its activities & projects.

SAYING GOODBYE TO A DEAR COLLEAGUE

A Memorial Ceremony for John Raven Mosher, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, November 22, 2020, gathered 68+ colleagues, friends and family members. On December 20, 2020 the ASGPP Memorial Task Force Chair, Tzivia SteinBarrett, created a powerful circle via Zoom with a ceremony and an Empty Chair inviting us to share stories, memories and gifts received.

ASGPP International Tele Café

The ASGPP International Tele Café opened its doors on December 2, 2020 with host Basil Vareldzis – a

member of the International Committee. The next Tele Café will meet on Friday, January 29th at 12:00pm - 1:00 pm Eastern Time (US & Canada). ASGPP international committee member, Carolina Becerril from Paris, France, will be the host. Committee Co-chairs: Mark Wentworth, mark@colourforlife.com; Cristina Schmidt, cristina.schmidt05@yahoo.com

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:

https://www.amazon.com/PSYCHODRAMA-Jacob-Levy-Moreno/dp/1733625801/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=PSYCHODRAMA+VOLUME+by+Jacob+Levy+Moreno&qid=1594337660&sr=8-1

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 I* by Jacob Levy Moreno

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.

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P.S. 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". 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 ... and gradually developing the sense for inter-personal relations". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363)