

CONFERENCE EVENTS

Wednesday, April 7

ASGPP Welcome

(7:00 pm)

This opening reception welcomes everyone attending the conference. Enjoy connections with friends, old and new, as we prepare for four days of workshops, celebrations, learning, and growth. This reception is a special thank you from ASGPP to all of the presenters, volunteers, and session assistants who graciously give their time and creativity to the Conference.

Thursday, April 8

Keynote Address: Tian Dayton, PhD, TEP

The Power of Connection and Identification.

Floor Checks: Teaching and Healing Experientially

(2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

Research in neurobiology has made clear that our emotions are experienced and processed by the body as well as the mind and that that healing from the kind of trauma that living with addiction engenders requires a mind/body approach. Psychodrama and sociometry allow the body to participate in the therapeutic milieu. In this experiential workshop we'll look at how to use sociometry to explore issues related to trauma and addiction as well as to "warm up" a group, connect them with each other and their personal "stories".

Awards Ceremony

(7:30 pm)

Co-masters of Ceremony: Cathy Nugent, 2019 Jacob Moreno Award recipient & Mario Cossa, 2019 Innovator's Award recipient

ASGPP awards acknowledge members who have made outstanding contributions to our community. Come join as we celebrate their contributions.

Friday, April 9

Plenary Address: Richard Beck, LCSW, BCD, CGP, FAGPA

The Importance of Cohesion in Group

(2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

"To be a human among humans." That is one of the main goals for everyone to experience and feel in any group. When everyone in a group has the experience of feeling connected, emotionally and intellectually; when in that moment the group itself feels safe and trusting/trusted; that experience is a gift that leaders owe the members of their groups. "Group Cohesion" is a felt sense among and between group members themselves as well as between the group and its leader, conductor or facilitator. This talk will address the meaning of cohesion in groups, and will include types of interventions that foster group cohesion.

Diversity Forum: Joshua S. Lee, LCSW, CP/PAT

Elevate Your Performance In Life's Diversity Game

(7:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

We are all "players" in this game called life. During this open session, we will explore our roles as players in the game called Diversity. By using the language and metaphor of sports, we will play with this topic inside of a sociodramatic framework, bringing spontaneity and creativity to co-create and establish, perhaps, new conserves within the ASGPP and in our personal lives. Like any good game, there are visible and invisible forces that impact the game, and vice versa. We will take a courageous look at each aspect through a micro and macro lens.

Saturday, April 10

Sociatry and Social Justice Panel

(11:00 am - 12:30 pm)

The Sociatry and Social Justice Panel is a format that will happen regularly throughout the year to let membership know what other members are doing in the field of Social Justice. It offers the opportunity to ask questions about methods, results, challenges and successes of panelists' work. The hope is that it will add to and augment the offerings of the Sociatry and Social Justice Committee.

The focus is on social justice work using Moreno's methods and will include people who represent other methodologies as well. The first panel will include: Nina Garcia presenting about her and her colleagues work: Sociodrama for Social Action Now; Ed Schreiber: Sociatry and the Use of The Social Microscope; Paula De Franco will discuss multiculturalism and bias, as well as the 21 Day Anti-Racism Challenge, a collaboration between a YWCA (Glendale, CA) and Saybrook University for which she was a reviewer and a participant.

Dance and Tell Party

(8:00 pm)

A zoom dance can happen when we are willing to share ourselves by connecting and communicating through dance and artistic performances. This event promises to be joyful and to open our minds to the ever changing world of internet expressive connections.

Sunday, April 11

Tribute to 100 Years of Psychodrama

Featuring: Jonathan Moreno, Regina Moreno, John Nolte, Anath Garber, & Marcia Karp (UK)

(2:30 pm - 4:00 pm)

We invite you to attend a tribute to honor 100 years since Jacob Moreno's first use of the empty chair. This event will celebrate the oral history and stories of encounter from those who had direct experience with Jacob Moreno. The stories of our history will be amplified to assure that they live on in our collective memory. This Tribute will be recorded to conserve the narratives of our History Keepers and make them available to future generations of psychodramatists. Join us in this tribute to the spontaneity-creativity of J.L. Moreno and 100 years of psychodrama!

Closing Ritual and Passing of the Torch

(4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

You are invited to the ASGPP Conference Closing Ceremony. Come celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Psychodrama and share moments from our first virtual ASGPP Psychodrama Conference. There will be Playback Theatre and a passing of the torch to the 2022 conference committee in Chicago. Please join us!