

Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

2010 Annual Conference

November, 2010

(specific date & Manhattan location to be announced soon)

"Desire, Conflict and Aggression: The Lifeblood of Groups"

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to provide the "Call for Proposals" for the EGPS Annual Conference in New York City, in November, 2010. We hope that many of you will attend, both as presenters and as participants.

This year's theme is, "Desire, Conflict and Aggression: the Lifeblood of Groups." Part of our humanity is a desire to connect with other people. Yet different desires may lead to aggression and conflict. At least it does if we are actively engaged in learning about ourselves and others. A group that is vital and emotionally growing creates space for a range of desires, makes it safe to work through conflict, and can creatively manage the expression of its members' aggression. This Conference will expand therapists' abilities to help clients connect with and express their desires. It will explore inventive ways of working with conflict and constructive forms of aggressive expression.

We are looking for proposals that engage our theme from various perspectives:

- contemporary thinking in group theory (e.g. self-psychology, constructivism, inter-subjectivity) and its practical applications;
- presentations that consider desire, conflict and aggression as experienced in:
 - ◆ working with groups in various settings (e.g., schools, businesses, clinics, hospitals, private practice);
 - ◆ working with populations in need (e.g., the recently unemployed, the financially troubled, the medically ill, people dealing with addictions, children and adolescents) in homogeneous and/or heterogeneous groups;
 - ◆ utilizing various group techniques (e.g., psychodrama, systems-centered, modern analytic, movement therapy, creative arts);
- informing our work with cutting-edge developments (e.g., attachment, healthy aggression, conflict resolution, neurobiology of desire, trauma, mind-body);

We are looking for presentations that will engage both the intellect and the emotions of the participants.

As we review the proposals that will be submitted, we plan to give preference to those workshops that will reflect the theme of the Conference.

Chera Finnis, PsyD, CGP and Dan Raviv, PhD, CGP
Co-Chairs, Program Sub-Committee, Conference Committee

Please **email** your complete proposal by **March 22nd** to the EGPS Office at egps@optonline.net. **Submissions must include ALL of the following information.**

1. **Cover page with name, degree, address, phone, fax, email and primary affiliation** of each presenter (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation – only one affiliation will be listed.) *All the requested information needs to be provided for each presenter.*
2. **Title of Presentation**
3. **Length of Presentation:** Half-day Workshop or Full day Institute
4. **50 word description** of presentation
5. **Designation of Approach:** Experiential, Didactic, Sharing of Experience –please prioritize
6. **Participant Level of Experience:** i.e. Open to all levels; less than 5 years experience; over ten years of experience, etc.
7. **CV** for each presenter
8. **Three learning objectives** that you expect participants to achieve. Use verbs such as: identify, compare; describe, experience, etc.
9. **Five true/false or multiple choice questions** (with answers) that reflect what you expect the participants to learn
10. **Two statements of why this workshop/institute would be relevant to mental health professionals**

Please check to make sure that ALL the above information is included in your proposal!

- Proposals should reflect the theme of the Conference. Those that do will be given preference in the selection process.
- ALL information requested **must** be submitted in order for your submission to be considered.
- Presenters from the tri-state area **MUST** be members of EGPS in good-standing. (For those not current EGPS members, a Membership Form can be found on the EGPS website at www.egps.org).
- While you are welcome to submit as many proposals as you like, with very rare exceptions, only one proposal can be accepted for presentation. The Program Committee will choose from among your proposals in order to put together a varied and balanced program.
- All Conference Presenters must register for the Conference. The reduced registration fee includes attending workshops/institutes of your choice, the Conference Faculty Dinner, and a Conference reception.
- Presenters are responsible for providing all audio or visual equipment for their presentation.

Proposal Deadline: March 22, 2010

(submissions must be received by this date in order to be considered)

All proposals must be submitted by email to:
egps@optonline.net

If you have questions or would like consultation with preparing your proposal please contact Program Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Dan Raviv at drraviv@aol.com or Chera Finnis at cfinnis@ptd.net