

Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

2016 Annual Conference, New York City

November 18 & 19 of 2016

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Meet the World in Group: The Power of Acceptance and Belonging”

In a society that tragically divides along lines of race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, class and age, this year's Conference considers the idea of *group cohesion*---the binding sense of acceptance and belonging that is at the heart of any effective group.

Operating from the premise that, no matter the setting of the group---whether it is in an agency, institution or private practice---successful group leaders do more than simply generate interaction between members and situate the group in the here-and-now. Successful leaders *also* stimulate a sense of passionate solidarity—a shared stake in the well being of the group-as-a-whole. They achieve this in a variety of ways. They *create a climate* that welcomes the wide scope of voices seeking inclusion in the group. They *cultivate a milieu* energized by friction and soothed by understanding. And they *establish a context* that dignifies the fracturing conflicts of our social world.

This year we invite you to explore how *you* affirm the many voices seeking room in your groups and how *you* transform the wilderness of the therapeutic space into a receptive setting that inspires acceptance and belonging.

We welcome submissions by mental health practitioners from all theoretical backgrounds and clinical approaches. As we review the submitted proposals, we will give preference to those that reflect the theme of the Conference.

Michael Altshuler, LCSW, CGP

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2016 EGPS Annual Conference Co-Chairs

Please email your complete proposal by April 25 to the EGPS Office at info@egps.org.
Submissions must include ALL of the following information in order to be considered.

1. **Name, degree, email, address, phone, fax, and primary affiliation** of each presenter (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation – **up to two affiliations can be listed**.) ***All requested information needs to be provided for each presenter.***
2. **Title of Presentation**
3. **Length of Presentation:** Half-day Workshop or Full-day Workshop
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 currently 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, only one proposal can be accepted for presentation. The Program Sub-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 of your choice (on a first-come, first-served basis).
- Presenters are responsible for providing any audio or visual equipment for their presentation.

Proposal Deadline: April 25, 2016

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

All proposals must be submitted as a Word Document by email to: info@egps.org

If you have questions or would like consultation with preparing your proposal please contact Program Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Lynn Pearl at lynnpearlphd@gmail.com or Marie Rothschild at mhr158@aol.com.