

Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

Undying Promise,
Undying Peril:



Welcoming Vulnerability in Group

2017 Annual Conference

Friday, November 17th & Saturday, November 18th, 2017

The Riverside Church, New York City



GENERAL INFORMATION

The **Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society (EGPS)**, a regional multi-disciplinary affiliate of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, was founded in 1955 to promote group approaches to the delivery of human services through teaching, training, research and collegial support. The Society welcomes members and event attendees from diverse backgrounds. EGPS offers a wide variety of benefits to their members. Please check out our website at www.egps.org.

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Conference Learning Objectives:

Participants will acquire the skills to:

- identify and describe basic group concepts and processes;
- compare and contrast different methods of group intervention;
- integrate and apply newly learned group skills in their professional practice.

2017 Conference Theme: Undying Promise, Undying Peril: Welcoming Vulnerability in Group
This year's Conference asks you to consider the role of *vulnerability* in your groups. How do you, as group leaders and group educators, work with this potent dynamic? How do you create and sustain an interactive setting where it is *safe enough to risk and risky enough to nurture* the expressive *and* receptive capacity necessary for a transformational group experience?

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration and Coffee	<u>Cloister Lobby</u>
8:45 AM	Welcome Kathie Ault, PMHNP-BC, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS President Eva Fyer, LCSW, & Michael Altshuler, LCSW, CGP, Conference Committee Co-Chairs	
9:00 – 11:30 AM	Plenary Session Vulnerability: The Unthinkable, Untouchable Pathways to Relatedness Presenter: Nimer Said, MA, CGP Plenary Co-Chairs: Patti L. Cox, PhD, CGP & Christine Schmidt, LCSW,	
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Large Group Experience Consultants: Flora N. Taylor, PhD & Patrick Jean-Pierre, PsyD	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)	
2:00 – 4:30 PM	"A" Sessions	
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Coffee Break	
5:00 – 7:30 PM	"B" Sessions	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration and Coffee	<u>Cloister Lobby</u>
9:00 – 11:30 AM	"C" Sessions	
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Large Group Experience Consultants: Flora N. Taylor, PhD & Patrick Jean-Pierre, PsyD	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)	
2:00 – 4:30 PM	"D" Sessions	
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Closing Reception All Conference attendees and faculty are invited to attend. Closing Conference Remarks: Michael Altshuler, LCSW, CGP & Eva Fyer, LCSW, Conference Committee Co-Chairs	

PLENARY PRESENTATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 9:00 – 11:30 AM

VULNERABILITY: THE UNTHINKABLE, UNTOUCHABLE PATHWAYS TO RELATEDNESS

When we engage emotionally with others we open ourselves to risks and possibilities. We might be a vulnerable member of a group or a member of a vulnerable group in society. Our emotional exposure stimulates unthinkable reactions that can lead either to deeper human connections or to festering intolerance.

This Plenary will offer participants opportunities to learn about their own and others' vulnerability and its significance in personal growth through examining associations, fantasies and interpersonal experiences in group.

Presenter: Nimer Said, CGP, is a Palestinian clinical psychologist, group therapist and a citizen of Israel. His professional approach integrates the group relations model with interpersonal and relational theory. In his work, Mr. Said pays particular attention to vulnerability within and between conflicting groups.

Plenary Co-Chairs: Patti L. Cox, PhD, CGP, Private Practice; **Christine Schmidt**, LCSW, CGP, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center, Private Practice



LARGE GROUP EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17 & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

The Large Group is an experiential, “here-and-now” event. The primary task is to study conscious and unconscious group processes, in a setting where individual experience is impacted by the number of participants. Consultants will share observations about the group’s process as it unfolds, using a “group-as-a-whole” perspective. This perspective allows for the exploration of group level dynamics that may exist outside of awareness. The unique opportunity is to study the dynamics of a Large Group system where group size limits the opportunity for face-to-face interactions. Consultants’ attention is focused on authorization to work, engagement with the task, boundaries, and roles taken up by participants. Dynamics related to the group and its relationship to the overall conference system, social identity, sub-groupings, competition and collaboration, management of boundaries, including time, will be among the subjects for our study and reflection.

Consultants: **Flora N. Taylor**, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University; Instructor, University of Pennsylvania; Organization Development Consultant; Fellow A.K. Rice Institute;
Patrick Jean-Pierre, PsyD, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Diversity of Inclusion, University of Albany; has provided leadership development at the Wharton School of Executive Education, University of Pennsylvania.

Complete Workshop Descriptions can be found on the EGPS website at www.egps.org.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP
Friday, November 17,
2:00 – 4:30 PM & 5:00 – 7:30 PM
AND
Saturday, November 18, 2017
9:00 – 11:30 AM & 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Two-Day Workshop A1/B12 & C22/D34

Practicing in our Senior Years: Promises, Perils and Pearls

Chera M Finnis, PsyD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice; Maria Droste Counseling Services & **Elizabeth (Libby) Shapiro**, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice; Cambridge Health Alliance Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Experiential – Sharing of Experience

Participants must register for, and attend all 4 sessions of this workshop.

Open to those with over 20 years experience

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
2:00–4:30 PM & 5:00–7:30 PM

ALL-DAY WORKSHOP A2/B13

Searching for Lost Objects: Group as a Forum for Finding Oneself, Others, and Community

Sara J Emerson, MSW, LICSW, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice; Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Didactic – Experiential – Sharing of Experience

Participants must register for both sessions of this all-day workshop.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
“A” Workshops 2:00 – 4:30 PM

WORKSHOP A3

Working Within and Across Differences in Groups

Mary B. McRae, EdD, NYU Associate Professor of Applied Psychology (Retired), **Autumn Knight**, MA, Artist, Drama Therapist & **Kelley Hershman**, LMHC, NCC, PLLC, The Soho Center for Psychotherapy

Brief Didactic – Experiential

WORKSHOP A4

Minding the Body, Embodying the Mind

Wayne Ayers, PhD, Brooklyn Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Private Practice & **Joan Wittig**, MS, BC-DMT, LCAT, Private Practice; Pratt Institute

Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

WORKSHOP A5

Silence is Golden: From Vulnerability to Opportunity

Sherry D. Breslau, PhD, CGP, Private Practice; Derner Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies

Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP A6

Welcoming Vulnerability in Group: What the Leader Has to Do With It

Robin Good, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Co-Director, EGPS Training Program; Private Practice
Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

WORKSHOP A7

The Rules of Engagement: Applying Couple Therapy Techniques to Group

Lee Kassan, MA, LPsya, LMHC, CGP, L FAGPA, Private Practice; Training Institute for Mental Health

Experiential – Didactic

WORKSHOP A8

How to Lead a Workshop

Phyllis Mervis, PhD, LCSW, NY Hospital Weill Cornell Medical School, Department of Psychiatry

Didactic – Experiential

WORKSHOP A9

‘99 Unconventional Interventions in Group Psychotherapy

Robert S. Pepper, LCSW, PhD, FAGPA, Long Island of Mental Health; Private Practice
Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP A10

Fasten Your Seatbelts: Group Therapy with Gay Men Who Misuse Substances

Joseph Ruggiero, PhD, Private Practice; Addiction Institute of Mount Sinai

Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP A11

The Use of Miniatures as a Safe Way to Overcome Vulnerability in Group Therapy

Andrea Grunblatt, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice

Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

"B" Workshops 5:00 – 7:30 PM

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Didactic – Experiential – Sharing of Experience

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WORKSHOP B14

Contact and Conversation: Using Mindfulness Meditation and Human Contact to Support Vulnerable Conversations Around Racism

Darryl Aiken-Afam, LMP, CPT, Meridian Touch, LLC, Ambient Noise & **Suzie Choi**, MHC-LP, Teachers College, Columbia University; SUNY Binghamton
Blended didactic – group meditative and physical contact experiential – small group conversation

WORKSHOP B15

Is Safe-Enough Good-Enough?: How the Group Encourages Taking Risks

Gail Brown, MA, LP, CGP, The Center for Group Studies; Private Practice
Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP B16

Therapists Confronting Their Own Mortality with Their Patients

Debora A. Carmichael, PhD, CGP, Private Practice, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic – Practical Guidance

WORKSHOP B17

The Unobtrusive Relational Group Analyst

Robert Grossmark, PhD, NYU Postdoctoral Program; EGPS Training Program
Didactic – Experiential

WORKSHOP B18

Parenting: A Myriad of Vulnerabilities

Yair Kramer, PsyD, Private Practice
Experiential – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP B19

Being Big and Having More

David Rothauer, MA, MST, Private Practice
Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP B20

To Be In Touch with the Untouchable Through the Group Process

Nimer Said, MA, Public Psychiatric Center, Clalit Medical Services, Nazareth; Private Practice, Haifa, Israel
Blended Experiential and Didactic

WORKSHOP B21

To Use or Not To Use? Leading Integrative Harm-Reduction Psychotherapy Groups for Individuals Dealing with Substance Use

Adam Frankel, PhD, CGP, The Center for Optimal Living

Didactic—Sharing of Experience—Experiential

Open to those with less than five years experience

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9:00 – 11:30 AM & 2:00 – 4:30 PM

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Experiential – Sharing of Experience

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Open to those with over 20 years experience

ALL-DAY WORKSHOP C23/D35

Introduction to the Basics of Group Psychotherapy

Marie Rothschild, LCSW, CGP, Private Practice; EGPS Training Program; **Ellen I Rubin**, PsyD, Co-Director, EGPS Training Program; Private Practice; **Alan Shanel**, EGPS Training Program, Private Practice; LCSW, BCD, CGP & **Phyllis Wright**, LCSW, BCD, CGP, EGPS Training Program; Private Practice

Didactic – Sharing of Experience – Experiential

Participants must register for both sessions of this all-day workshop

Open to those with less than three years of experience

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

"C" WORKSHOPS 9:00 – 11:30 AM

WORKSHOP C24

Race, Privilege & Vulnerability in the Group Setting

Chris Dolin, LCSW, Private Practice & **Kevin Gillette**, PsyD, Postgraduate Psychoanalytic Institute Group Therapy Training Program.

Experiential – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP C25

Touch, Movement, Sound: Modern Bioenergetics in Group Psychotherapy

Scott Baum, PhD, ABPP, Private Practice

Experiential – Discussion

Participants should have experience as both patient and therapist in a psychotherapy group.

WORKSHOP C26

The Unfinished Conversation

Dominick Grundy, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice

Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

WORKSHOP C27

The "Two Hats" Problem

Ellen Mezan, PhD, Private Practice; Department of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine, Mt. Sinai Medical Center

Didactic – Sharing of Experience – Experiential



WORKSHOP C28

The “Thermostatic Function”: The Crucial Leadership Role in Regulating the Emotional Temperature of the Group Process

Alan Pine, MS, LMHC, CGP, Private Practice & **Judith Schaer**, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Long Island Center for Training; Private Practice
Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

WORKSHOP C29

Resolving Resistance to Vulnerability in Group

Teresa Solomita, LCSW-R, NCPsya, The Center for Group Studies; Private Practice
Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

WORKSHOP C30

Working Towards a Unified Theory: Integrating Three Perspectives

Claudia Arlo, LCSW-R, CGP, CASAC, Mt Sinai Health System; Private Practice; **Andrew Eig**, PhD, ABPP, Adelphi University; Private Practice & **Elliot Zeisel**, PhD, CGP, DFAGPA, The Center for Group Studies
Didactic – Sharing of Experience – Experiential

WORKSHOP C31

How to Deepen Experience and Reduce Defensive Communication in Groups through the Use of Systems-Centered® Methods

Susan Beren, PhD, Licensed Systems-Centered Practitioner, Private Practice & **Meigs Ross**, LCSW, Licensed Systems-Centered Practitioner, Private Practice
Experiential – Didactic

WORKSHOP C32

Becoming Effective with Uncomfortable Group Feelings

Ronnie Levine, PhD, CGP, ABPP, FAGPA, The Center for Group Studies; EGPS Training Program
Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP C33

“If Not Now, When?”: Living in the Moment and Deepening Emotional Connection Through Group Process

Mary V. Sussillo, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program; The Center for Group Studies
Experiential – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

2:00 – 4:30 PM

WORKSHOP D36

Vulnerable Moments in the Conversation about Race

Julie Sullivan-Redmond, MSW, CGP, Private Practice
Blended Didactic and Experiential

WORKSHOP D37

The Journey from Sexual Enactments To Verbal Expression: Helping Men Speak from a Place of Vulnerability

Michael M. Crocker, DSW, LCSW, MA, The Sexuality, Attachment & Trauma Project
Didactic – Experiential

WORKSHOP D38

Motherhood: What Happens When a Miracle is Fueled with Fear, Doubt, and Vulnerability?

Fabiola Desmont, LMSW, Private Practice
Blend group activities – Experiential – Didactic

WORKSHOP D39

“This Group is a Lasagna”: The Group Leader’s Use of Metaphor in Group Psychotherapy

Oona Metz, LICSW, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Brookline, Massachusetts
Experiential Exercises – Didactic – Demonstration – Discussion

WORKSHOP D40

Dismissive-Avoidant Attachment Styles: Perceiving and Exploring Vulnerability

Darryl L. Pure, PhD, CGP, ABPP, FAGPA, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Private Practice, Chicago, Illinois
Didactic – Experiential – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP D41

Discriminating and Integrating Differences for Survival, Development and Transformation: A Systems-Centered® Approach To Groups

Nina Klebanoff, EdM, LCSW, CGP, Licensed Systems-Centered Practitioner, Private Practice
Experiential – Didactic

WORKSHOP D42

“Hello, I Must be Going”: Working with Members’ Desire to Leave Group

Hilary Levine, PhD, CGP, Private Practice; City University of New York
Experiential – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

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Intersection of Leadership, Authority, and Identity: Creating Environments for Learning

Howard A. Friedman, PhD, Private Practice; NY Center/AK Rice Institute, & **Mineko (Anne) Legendy**, PhD, New York University; New York Center/AK Rice Institute
Didactic – Sharing of Experience – Experiential

Experiential – Didactic

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The Paradox of Vulnerability

Lisa Stern, PhD, ABPP, Private Practice; Adelphi University
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"D" Session	Saturday	1st _____	2nd _____	3rd _____

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