

Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

2018 Annual Conference New York City

November 16 & 17 of 2018

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Tragedy of Obedience and the Struggle for Authenticity in Group Psychotherapy

Group psychotherapy, to paraphrase Oscar Wilde, helps us become as "mad" as we need to be to become fully alive. But the process of becoming fully alive, of developing and expressing our unique individuality, may be inhibited by a host of conscious and unconscious allegiances: to our parents, our God(s), and our cultural and political ideals, to name a few. And while groups can be a wonderful breeding ground for multiplicity and authenticity, they can also compel members to silence and demand compliance.

We invite you to submit workshop proposals that examine the ways in which we foster our members' unique subjectivities; that deal with the tension between cooperation and compliance; that examine our freedom to develop unique leadership styles unbound to strict theoretical ideologies or beloved mentors; and ones that explore the role of cultural and political ideologies in determining how we run our groups and how we relate to each other.

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

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2018 EGPS Annual Conference Co-Chairs

<u>Email</u> your complete proposal by <u>April 20</u> to the EGPS Office at <u>info@egps.org</u>. <u>Submissions</u> must include <u>ALL</u> of the following information in order to be considered.

- Name, degree, email, address, phone, fax, and primary affiliation of each presenter (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation – <u>up to two affiliations can be listed</u>.) <u>All</u> 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!

- <u>Proposals should reflect the theme of the Conference. Those that do will be given preference in the selection process.</u>
- 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 20, 2018

(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.