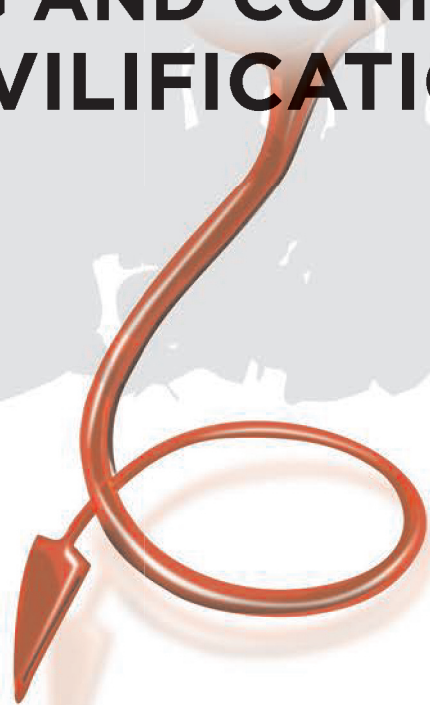


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**SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL?
RESISTING AND CONFRONTING THE
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**Annual Conference
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Conference Learning Theme: Sympathy for the Devil? Resisting and Confronting the Pull of Vilification in Group

There is an all-too-human tendency to split the world into good and evil, saints and sinners, us and them. This predisposition begins in infancy, but persists into adulthood, especially when we encounter tense, conflictual situations involving our cherished ideas and values. Exploring these issues in the context of a group offers opportunities for growth and maturation, for the individual and for the group.

Conference Learning Objectives:

- 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.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration and Coffee	<u>Cloister Lobby</u>
8:45 AM	Welcome Erica Gardner-Schuster, PhD, EGPS President Tzachi Slonim, PhD, ABPP, CGP, Conference Committee Co-Chair	
9:00 – 11:30 AM	Plenary Session The Devil's in the House: What Do Batman, Game of Thrones, and Pogo Have to Teach Us? Presenter: Joseph Shay, PhD, CGP, LFAGPA Plenary Co-Chairs: Ed Elder, MDiv, LMHC & Anne M. Slocum McEneaney, PhD, ABPP, CGP, FAGPA	
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Large Group Experience Consultants: Macario Giraldo, PhD, & Mabelle Giraldo, MS	
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 23RD

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: Macario Giraldo, PhD, & Mabelle Giraldo, MS	
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: Wayne Ayers, PhD, Conference Committee Co-Chair	

PLENARY PRESENTATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00 – 11:30 AM

THE DEVIL'S IN THE HOUSE: WHAT DO BATMAN, GAME OF THRONES, AND POGO HAVE TO TEACH US?

"Yes, I voted for that candidate" says group member Casey. Others immediately pounce, voicing outrage at this revelation. Quietly and with some guilt, you sympathize with the fury. Casey laments "I don't feel safe in here," and turns to you angrily and sputters, "Isn't it your job to create a safe environment?"

What does the therapist say? To whom do you say it? What about your theory that disavowal and projection fuel rage? What happened to your vaunted self-image of angelic tolerance? Have you, the healer, now become the devil you abhor?

We are all facing an arguably unprecedented polarization in society which has not only permeated our consciousness but, inevitably, penetrated some of our groups. Are there philosophical ideas out there, or clinical wisdom, or historical examples that can inform the group leader, or even comfort you as an individual at a social function or when watching the news?

Dr. Joseph Shay will try to help make sense of these issues by using videos, self-disclosure, and even a little theory, in the hope that we can all get along.

Presenter: Joe Shay, PhD, CGP, LFAGPA is a psychologist in private practice in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Joe is on the staff of the joint McLean Hospital/Massachusetts General Hospital training program and is a Lecturer in Psychiatry (part-time) in the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. He is also on the faculty of NSGP, the Psychodynamic Couple and Family Institute of New England, and the MGH Center for Psychodynamic Therapy and Research. Lastly, Joe has co-edited *Odysseys in Psychotherapy and Complex Dilemmas in Group Therapy* and has co-authored the 4th and 5th editions of *Psychodynamic Group Psychotherapy*.

Plenary Co-Chairs: Ed Elder, MHS, MDiv, Private Practice & Anne M. Slocum McEneaney, PhD, ABPP, CGP, FAGPA, Global Clinical Services, New York University; Private Practice

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LARGE GROUP EXPERIENCE
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

The Large Group is unique because it offers its members the opportunity to face aspects of their identity and to consider how it is informed by ethnicity, gender, class, religion, professional affiliation, country of origin, etc.

This experience may stimulate anxieties related to the discomfort each individual feels as they reflect upon the challenge of these larger societal forces. The group members' task is to engage in this experience by sharing their thoughts and feelings while remaining open to learning about their own prejudices and vulnerabilities. Ideally, the participants may discover difficult but transforming truths about the human condition.

The consultants' role is to maintain the capacity for dialogue by identifying common themes and anxieties. Their comments are designed to create a space—a symbolic umbrella protecting the task of the group—where both reflection and a degree of regression are possible.

Consultants: **Macario Giraldo**, Ph.D. Faculty, Washington School of Psychiatry. Founding member of the Lacanian Forum of Washington, DC.
Mabelle A. Giraldo, MS in Sociology from Catholic University and MS in Art Therapy from George Washington University

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Friday, November 22
ALL-DAY WORKSHOPS
2:00 – 4:30 PM & 5:00 – 7:30 PM

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All-Day Workshop A1/B13

The Devil Within: Aging, Denial and the Senior Clinician

Chera M. Finnis, PsyD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice; Maria Droste Counseling Services; & Private Practice **Elizabeth (Libby) Shapiro**, PhD, CGP, Cambridge Health Alliance; Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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All-Day Workshop A2/B14

Befriending the Saint and Sinner in You and Me

Mary V. Sussillo, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy; The Center for Group Studies

Experiential – Sharing of Experience

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Open to all ♦ Experiential – Group Process – Sharing of Experience – Didactic

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
"A" Workshops 2:00 – 4:30 PM

WORKSHOP A3

Couples Gone Wild: Top 10 Complications in Treating Couples

Joseph Shay, PhD, CGP, LFAGPA, Private Practice; Dept. of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Open to all ♦ Didactic – Audio-visual – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP A4

Attraction to the Love/Hate Dichotomy: There Went Ambivalence

Robin Good, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP A5

There's a Racist in our Midst: "White Fragility" and Vilification of the Other as Barriers to Progress in Society

Chris Dolin, LCSW, Private Practice; Center for Group Studies & **Virginia Seewaldt**, PhD, Private Practice

Open to all ♦ Experiential (Group process) – Didactic – Sharing of Experience

WORKSHOP A6

Helping Teens Talk Across Differences

Michael Hessdorf, LCSW, CGP, NYC DOE-Manhattan High Schools; Private Practice
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WORKSHOP A7

Connecting Through Group: Bridges Toward Communication

Gail A. Brown, MA, LP, CGP, The Center for Group Studies; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP A8

Group as Sanctuary: Nurturing Mind/Body/Spirit in the Current Political Climate

Johanna Climenko, LCSW-R, BC-DMT, LCAT, CRET, Private Practice; Center for Reichian Energetic Therapy & **Corinna Brown**, MA, MS, BC-DMT, LCAT, CRET, Pratt Institute; Center for Reichian Energetic Therapy

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WORKSHOP A9

The Experiment: A Play Reading with Discussion

Dominick Grundy, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP A10

Working with Projective Identification in Groups

Neal Spivack, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, Department of Veterans Affairs, New York Harbor Healthcare System; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP A11

Am I My Brother's Keeper? An Exploration of Sibling Dynamics and Their Impact on Who We Become

Brett Kociol, PsyD, Two Chairs Mental Health Clinics, Redwood City, California,

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WORKSHOP A12

The "Thermostatic Function:" Regulating the Emotional Temperature as Experienced During Process Groups

Judith Schaer, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy; Private Practice & **Alan Pine**, MS, LMHC, CGP, Long Island Center for Group Training

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Revisiting Families: The Scapegoating Dynamic

Alice Byrne, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP B16

Systems-Centered® Couples' Groups

Nina Klebanoff, LCSW, Licensed Systems-Centered® Practitioner; Private Practice

Open to all ♦ Didactic – Experiential – Group Practicum

WORKSHOP B17

The Trouble Between Men and Women: Misattunements and Cultivation of Desire

Jacqueline Ambrosini, LCSW-R, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP B18

The Cost of Being the Devil's Advocate

April R. Harvin, LCSW, Racial Literacy Consultation; MPG Consulting & Christine Schmidt, LCSW, CGP, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP B19

Leadership, Membership and Identity in Groups

Howard A. Friedman, PhD, AK Rice Institute; Private Practice &

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WORKSHOP B20

Protecting the Devils and Challenging the Angels

Sherry Breslau, PhD, Private Practice; City College of New York

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WORKSHOP B21

Reconsidering "Problem" Group Members Through a Lens of Impact on Self and Other

Marty Cooper, PhD, LMHC, NCC, SUNY Old Westbury; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP B22

"You See Me as An Animal": Self-vilification and Projection in Traumatized Patients

Nikki Press, PsyD, New York Harbor Healthcare System, Brooklyn Campus & Gillian Wilson, PhD, New York Harbor Healthcare System, Brooklyn Campus

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WORKSHOP B23

Where the Wild Things Are: Finding our "Other" in Group

Simon Bresler, LMSW, Family Services of Westchester, Community Mental Health; Private Practice & Kerin Nadler, LCAT, BC-DMT, CGP, Mount Sinai Hospital; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP B24

Speaking While Staying Connected: Using Speaking Circles® to Cultivate Presence and Combat Anxiety

Lois B. Feldman, PhD, Private Practice & Fred Stern, PhD, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP C25/D38

Introduction to the Basics of Group Psychotherapy

Robin Good, PhD, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy; Private Practice; Leah Slivko, LICSW, CGP, Private Practice; EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy & Alan Shanel, LCSW, BCD, CGP, Private Practice; EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy

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WORKSHOP C26/D39

Widening the Lens: Group as An Interactional Space to Explore Similarities and Differences

Sara J. Emerson, LICSW, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice; Massachusetts Institute for Analysis, Boston Massachusetts

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WORKSHOP C27/D40

Narrative and Creative Aspects of Splitting and Vilification in Groups

Robert Grossmark, PhD, ABPP, New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis; National Institute for the Psychotherapies

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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WORKSHOP C28

Systems-Centered® Consultation: Shifting from Them to Us

Susan Beren, PhD, Licensed Systems-Centered® Practitioner; Private Practice

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WORKSHOP C29

Can We Talk? The Intersectionality of Sexuality and Race/Ethnicity

Edward B. Elder, MDiv, MHS, Private Practice & **Judith C. White**, LCSW, CST, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP C30

Bridging the Gap between Similarities and Differences

Anthony J. Patterson, LMHC, CGP, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP C31

Good Play/Bad Play: Assumptions, Biases, and Interactions with Put-at-Risk Youth in Drama Therapy Groups

Diana Feldman, MA, LCAT, RDT-BCT, ENACT, Inc. & **Alicia Thompson**, BA, ENACT, Inc.

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WORKSHOP C32

Becoming Comfortable with Uncomfortable Feelings

Ronnie Levine, PhD, ABPP, CGP, FAGPA, EGPS Training Program in Group Psychotherapy; Center for Group Studies

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Expressive Movement to Explore Life Transitions: Group Process and Stages of Change

Suzanne L. Cohen, EdD, CGP, FAGPA, Private Practice, Newton Massachusetts

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WORKSHOP C34

Writing for Publication: Conquering Your Inner Demons

Erica Gardner-Schuster, PhD, Private Practice; New School for Social Research

Brunhild Kring, MD, New York University & **Jonah Schwartz**, LCSW, New York City Correctional Health Services

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WORKSHOP C35

Addressing Substance Misuse in Groups: It Can Get Ugly

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

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WORKSHOP C36

The Effective Use of Anger in Groups

Greg MacColl, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Center for Group Studies; Private Practice &

Jeff Muller, PhD, Private Practice

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WORKSHOP C37

Working with Feelings of Inadequacy and Incompetence in Group

Beth Ostergaard, LCSW-R, CGP, Private Practice

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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Restoring Wholeness and Empathy in Groups Divided Against Themselves

Robert H. Klein, PhD, ABPP, CGP, DLFAGPA, Yale School of Medicine &

Victor L. Schermer, MA, LFAGPA, Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The Rules of Engagement: Applying Couple Therapy Techniques to Group

Lee D. Kassin, MA, LPSyA, LMHC, CGP, LFAGPA, Private Practice; Training Institute for Mental Health

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Shoshana Ben-Noam, PsyD, CGP, LFAGPA, Pace University; Private Practice

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Macario Giraldo, PhD, Washington School of Psychiatry; Lacanian Forum of Washington DC

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Blurred Boundaries: Working with Sexual Assault and Abuse Survivors in Groups

Jennifer Joseph, PsyD, CGP, Private Practice

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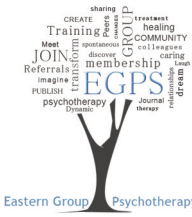
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