

# Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society Annual Conference

New York City

November 21 & 22, 2020

(Plenary will be held Friday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup>)

**THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

REVISED CONFERENCE THEME

### In Times of Crisis: Using Groups for Recovery and Resilience

**Proposals Due by May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
(Deadline is extended from original date)

In light of this mass pandemic, we have changed the theme of this year's Annual Conference to "In Times of Crisis: Using Groups for Recovery and Resilience." The decision has also been made by the Board of Directors that this Conference will be held virtually!

In conceiving your proposal, you might think about how being a part of the various groups you are running or attending during this global crisis has affected you? What's been helpful? What's been hurtful? What have you done differently as leaders? How have you managed being personally affected by a crisis while responding to the needs of your clients and group members?

The spread of Covid-19 is unprecedented, but yet is only one of the many crises we and our group members experience both within and outside our groups. Please give thought to workshops that address all types of calamities that enter into our groups (for example, a divorce, illness or death in the leader's life, the precipitous exit of a group member, a racist micro-aggression in a group session, the inability of a member to continue paying the group fee, or a member's relapse into addiction, etc.).

We welcome submissions by mental health and group practitioners from all backgrounds and group approaches. We encourage people from underrepresented groups in the field (e.g. racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+, economically disadvantaged) to submit proposals.

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Program Subcommittee Co-Chairs

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Email your complete proposal by May 31<sup>st</sup> to the EGPS Office at [info@egps.org](mailto:info@egps.org).

*Submissions must include ALL the following information in order to be considered.*  
*PLEASE NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. PLEASE DON'T "JUST" SUBMIT A PREVIOUS PROPOSAL UNLESS THE INFORMATION IS UPDATED.*

**This Conference will be held virtually. Please take that into consideration when preparing your proposal.**

1. **Name, degree/credentials, email address, mailing address, phone, and primary affiliation** (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation). *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 (only those who have presented for EGPS previously will be considered for a full-day workshop)
4. **50 Word Description** of Workshop
5. **Designation of Approach:** Prioritize the appropriate designation(s) in accord with how you will focus your Workshop Presentation: Choose from Didactic, Experiential, Group Process, Sharing of Experience
6. **Participant Level of Experience** (select the appropriate level) Less than 5 years experience; 5 – 10 years of experience; over ten years of experience; over twenty years of experience; Open to all levels. **PLEASE NOTE:** We are looking for workshops geared to specific levels of experience as well as those that are open to all.
7. **Topics Included in your presentation:** list the topics your workshop will cover
8. **Workshop outline:** Include an outline of workshop with time allocations. Ex: Introductions (5 min), Didactic Presentation on the role of supervision in monitoring harmful group dynamics (15 min), Process group (90 min), Debrief (30 min), Evaluations (10 min)
9. **Three learning objectives** that you expect participants to achieve. Use verbs such as: identify, compare; describe, experience, etc.
10. **Five true/false or multiple-choice questions** (with answers) that reflect what you expect the participants to learn
11. **Two statements of why this workshop would be relevant to mental health professionals**
11. **CV** for each presenter- please attach to your proposal submission. This document ONLY can be a PDF.

**Please check to make sure that ALL the above information is included in your proposal!**  
**Incomplete proposals will not be able to be considered.**

- Presenters from the tri-state area MUST be members of EGPS in good-standing. (For those not currently EGPS members, the Membership Application can be found on the EGPS website at [www.egps.org](http://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: May 31, 2020**

(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](mailto:info@egps.org)**

The Program Subcommittee Co-Chairs are available for consultation when preparing your proposal. Contact Program Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Lynn Pearl at [lynnpearlphd@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpearlphd@gmail.com) or Hilary Levine at [hillevinephd@gmail.com](mailto:hillevinephd@gmail.com).