

# Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society Annual Conference

November 19, 20 & 21, 2021  
(Plenary will be held Friday evening, November 19<sup>th</sup>)

## ONLINE CONFERENCE

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Treating the Self: Revisiting the Personhood of the Leader

**Proposals Due by May 31<sup>st</sup>**

In our quests as leaders to serve the needs of our group members, we sometimes fall prey to the illusion that the leader's personal identities and experiences are somehow outside of the group process, when, in reality, we bring into the group much of who we are as human beings. During a time of national and international crisis, in which the world is forced to re-examine past and current social injustices, many of us are challenged to confront ourselves in new ways. Whether we are enduring collective traumas or navigating life transitions, the experiences of the leader and the group members interact to create a group culture of either generativity or stagnation.

How do our visible and invisible identities (i.e. race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, immigration, religion, etc.), community memberships, allegiances, and lived experiences shape how we lead and participate in groups? How are we modeling self-awareness, self-care, advocacy, and curiosity for our group members? And how might our personal limitations, unexamined biases, or forestalled growth stifle the group?

We invite proposals that focus on the self as a group leader. How do our groups respond to our expressed or inferred individual and group characteristics? What role do we have in examining ourselves, and how does our self-reflection impact our group's capacity for exploration, confrontation, healing, and change?

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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Complete proposals due by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*The following information is required for all Proposals. To submit a proposal please click the link.*

**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 affiliations** (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation). *All requested information needs to be provided for each presenter.*
2. **Title of Presentation**
3. **Length of Presentation:** 2 ½ hour Workshop or 5 hour Workshop (only those who have presented for EGPS previously will be considered for a 5 hour workshop)
4. **75 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, Demonstration
6. **Participant Level of Experience** Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced, Open to all Levels
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.
11. **CV** for each presenter- you will be required to attach a CV

PLEASE NOTE:

- While you are welcome to submit as many proposals as you like, only one proposal will 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 Faculty registration fee includes attending workshops of your choice (on a first-come, first-served basis).

**Proposal Deadline: May 31, 2021**

The Program Subcommittee Co-Chairs are available for consultation when preparing your proposal. Contact Program Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Patti Cox at [patticoxphd@gmail.com](mailto:patticoxphd@gmail.com) or Neil Spivack at [nspivack@gmail.com](mailto:nspivack@gmail.com).