



Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

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# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## *“Sympathy for the Devil? Resisting and Confronting the Pull of Vilification in Group”*

The 2019 Conference theme invites you to consider the role of vilification and polarization in group interactions. “What puzzles you,” goes the song, “is the nature of my [Lucifer’s] game” thereby calling attention to our difficulty comprehending, or accepting, the motives of those who wish to hurt us, and to our 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.

Groups offer ample opportunities to explore these tendencies: between members, sub-groups, member(s) and the leader, and between group members and external forces. These explorations are central to personal growth, and to the maturation of each group. We invite you to submit workshop proposals that address aspects of this theme. As always, we are interested in both psychological and societal issues related to the Conference theme.

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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**Email your complete proposal by April 19 to the EGPS Office at [info@egps.org](mailto:info@egps.org).**

**Submissions must include ALL of the following information in order to be considered.**

1. **Name, degree, email address, mailing address, phone, and primary affiliation** of each presenter (i.e. private practice, agency affiliation – **up to two affiliations can be listed.**) **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: Didactic, Experiential Exercise, 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.
7. **Three learning objectives** that you expect participants to achieve. Use verbs such as: identify, compare; describe, experience, etc.
8. **Five true/false or multiple choice questions** (with answers) that reflect what you expect the participants to learn
9. **Two statements of why this workshop would be relevant to mental health professionals**
10. **CV** for each presenter

**Please check to make sure that ALL the above information is included in your proposal!**

- **Proposals should reflect the theme of the Conference. Those that do will be given preference in the selection process.**
- **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, 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: April 19, 2019**

**(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)**

**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](mailto:lynnpearlphd@gmail.com) or Marie Rothschild at [mhr158@aol.com](mailto:mhr158@aol.com).**