

Dear EGPS Community,

I hope you will join us this **Friday (5/29) 8 - 10 pm** for the annual **EGPS Community and Membership Business Meeting** (See below for Zoom link & info).

This will be a chance for us to come together for a community conversation, organizational updates, recognition of those leaving and joining the Board of Directors, results of our first online election, and socializing.

Thank you to **Lee Kassan** for hosting this evening's **Community Forum** (see below for Zoom link) as he prepares to rotate off of the Board of Directors, after many years of EGPS leadership, including most recently as former Editor of *GROUP* journal and Co-Facilitator of the Social Action Committee's Monthly Consultation Group for those in agency, hospital, and organizational settings. Thank you, Lee!

Warmly,
Erica

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EGPS Events
Week of May 25, 2020

Each event has their Zoom link in the same box as the event information or who to contact re registering for the event. Please be sure you are using the correct link for the event.

(Remember if you're linking to Zoom from your computer to have your camera uncovered and your mic turned on. Headphones/earbuds are best!)

EGPS Community Forum

Tuesday, May 26th

8:45 - 9:45 PM

Hosted by EGPS Retiring Board member Lee Kassan

This will be a place for our members to come together as a community to connect, reflect upon these uncertain, tough times, and support one another.

Click this link to join the group:

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/986260725>

Meeting ID: 986 260 725

call-in: (929) 205-6099

For your and the group's benefit we strongly encourage you to join us by video.

(If you have trouble with the link, please check the EGPS listserv to see if updated information has been posted.)

**A Support & Connection Drop-In Hour:
For Professionals with 10+ Years of Experience**

Friday, May 29th

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Hosted by Judith Schaer, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA

At times like these, we need each other more not less. Please join us as we connect and create a zoom support community to cry and laugh together. To speak about our work, our families and ourselves. We Are All There Wounded Healers.

Click this link to join the group:

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/5077489515>

Meeting ID: 507 748 9515; Call-in: (646) 558-8656

(If you have trouble with the link, please check the EGPS listserv to see if updated information has been posted.)

EGPS Community & Membership Business Meeting

(All EGPS Members are invited to attend)

Friday, May 29th

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Please join us as we update you on EGPS activities for the 2019-2020 membership year and future directions of the organization.

We will also say goodbye to those leaving the EGPS Board of Directors.

We will announce the results of EGPS' first online election and introduce you to our incoming President-Elect and newly Elected members of the Board of Directors. Recently appointed Committee/Task Force Chairs will also be announced.

We will have an open forum for ideas or concerns our members may have about the organization and we will have a dedicated "social space" so we can connect and catch-up with one another.

We hope you will join us!

Zoom Link to join the Meeting:

Click Here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88416100113>

Meeting ID: 884 1610 0113

Password: 547653

(The meeting room will be open 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and we suggest you come early to check your settings. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 PM)

If you need to call in for this meeting, please contact EGPS Administrator, Jan Vadell at info@egps.org for the information.

A Support & Connection Drop-In: For "Containing the Containers" - For those that work in hospitals, clinics,

agencies and other organizational settings

Saturday, May 30th

5:15 - 6:30 PM

Co-facilitated by Claudia Arlo, LCSW-R, CGP, FAGPA, and Jonah Schwartz, LCSW. Carolyn Ehrlich, LCSW-R, CGP, will act as group consultant.

The Membership Committee of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society is sponsoring an online support group for people (clinicians, doctors, etc.) working in hospitals, clinics, agencies, and other organizational settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a drop-in group to help practitioners process their experiences in working and living during these challenging times.

This group is free and open to Members and Non- members of EGPS

Click this link to join the group:

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/942128840>

Password: 2020; Meeting ID: 942-128-840

(If you have any difficulty joining the meeting please text Carolyn Ehrlich at: 646-335-5885 or Claudia Arlo at 917-575-0532)

Affinity Group for Black Identified Individuals - When They Get A Cold We Get Pneumonia

Sunday, May 31st

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hosted by Geraldine Howard, Rudy Lucas and Tony Patterson

The EGPS Board of Directors supports the Work Group 4 Racial Equity's second mounting of an Affinity Group Experience for Black Identified providers of mental health or spiritual services.

A peer group discussion will again be moderated by The Reverend (Geraldine Howard), the Reprobate (Rudy Lucas), and the Rebranded (Tony Patterson) a.k.a. The 3Rs

This is a support group free of charge for processing feelings and making connections during this time of vast uncertainty.

In the best of times it is hard for our voices to rise above the constant noise that has blemished our experience of being African Americans. We have always had others interpret what it is that we feel and need. We want to invite you to share in a safe space that is not under the white gaze. Let's come together in community to interpret how the events of the day are going down. Our experiences hold some things that are not shared by the dominant culture. Join us in "Our Share" space.

Click this link to join the group:

Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3147350246>

Meeting ID: 314 735 0246

Call-in: (929) 436-2866

(If you have trouble with the link, please check the EGPS listserv to see if updated information has been posted.)

**Affinity Group for Self-identified Asian American
Therapists and Trainees**

Sunday, May 31st

8:15 – 9:30 PM (EST)

**Facilitated by Teresa Lee, MD, New York; Robert Hsiung, MD,
Chicago**

**This is a monthly community support group for Asian American
(AsAm) identified therapists interested in COVID-19 related racism
and the growing subgroup of AsAm therapists.**

Please RSVP to asians@dr-bob.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

(see listserv announcements for more info):

Sunday 5/31st (& weekly) @ 2:00 PM:

Mindfulness Practice Sitting

Guided by **Adi Avivi**

Tuesday 6/2, 8:45 - 9:45 PM:

EGPS Community Forum

Hosted by **Richard Beck**

Tuesday 6/9, 8:45 - 9:45 PM:

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Hosted by **Laura Eidlitz**

Tuesday 6/16, 8:45 - 9:45 PM:

EGPS Community Forum

Hosted by **Teresa Lee**

Tuesday 6/23, 8:45 - 9:45 PM:

EGPS Community Forum

Hosted by **Judith White**

Tuesday 6/30, 8:45 - 9:45 PM:

EGPS Community Forum

Hosted by **Rudy Lucas**