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2017 AGPA 75th ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING "CONNECTING, EDUCATING, AND LEADING FOR 75 YEARS: THE THEORY, SCIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF GROUP THERAPY" PLENARY RECORDINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

NEW YORK, August 15, 2017- The American Group Psychotherapy Association branded channel on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/user/agpa212 provides a wealth of information for clinicians, the public-at-large as well as media seeking expert information on the use of groups.

The Plenary events from the recent 2017 AGPA 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting are now available on the channel as follows:

Conference Opening Plenary Address: Dr. Paul Wachtel presents "Cyclical Psychodynamics and Group Psychotherapy: Understanding People in Context." Cyclical psychodynamics is an integrative theory rooted in relational psychodynamic principles that incorporates elements of cognitive-behavioral, family systems and experiential approaches. Its relevance to group psychotherapy lies particularly in its strong contextual emphasis. This Plenary address discusses how cyclical psychodynamic theory can contribute to the understanding of the events and processes of group psychotherapy.

Anne and Ramon Alonso Plenary Address: Dr. Elisabeth Rohr presents "Humanity on the Move- Groups Too?" Worldwide migration and refugee movements have turned out to be one of the most challenging issues in the early 21st century. Immigration is not only changing societies, but affecting mental health institutions, group therapy and psychotherapy practices as well. Dr. Rohr explores what perspectives for training and practice are needed in the future to address these challenges.

Mitchell Hochberg Memorial Public Education Event: Dr. Jennifer Freyd presents "Institutional Betrayal in Cases of Sexual Violence." Dr. Freyd and her students have discovered that institutional betrayal can exacerbate the harm of sexual trauma as sexually assaulted individuals treated poorly by their institutions show greater levels of distress. Increasing awareness of institutional betrayal will allow individuals, groups and institutions to become healthier.

"We are so fortunate to have nationally renowned speakers present at the AGPA Annual Meeting," said Eleanor F. Counselman, EdD, CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. "Each presentation provides an opportunity to explore the connection of current issues in society with the field of group therapy."

For more information on the channel or on group psychotherapy, or to find out how to participate on the channel, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit our website at www.agpa.org

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About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 2,500 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 26 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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