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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION TO AWARD DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP TO JEROME GANS, M.D., CGP, FAGPA IN SAN DIEGO, CA FEBRUARY 26, 2010

NEW YORK, Jan. 22, 2010— The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) announced that Jerome Gans, M.D., CGP, FAGPA will be awarded Distinguished Fellowship in the Association at its upcoming 2010 Annual Meeting, February 22-27 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. The Award presentation will take place during the Plenary Session, Friday, February 26 at 8:30 AM. Distinguished Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Association, recognizing outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of group psychotherapy.

Dr. Gans is an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, with an appointment at Massachusetts General Hospital as a Clinical Associate in Psychiatry. He has been an active volunteer with AGPA as well as its local affiliate, the Northeastern Society for Group Psychotherapy. He is a noted lecturer, psychiatric resident trainer and clinical supervisor, as well as a prolific and frequently cited author, with noted expertise in the areas of money, anger and shame.

“The Distinguished Fellowship designation recognizes those who are seminal leaders, teachers, clinicians and authors in the field of group psychotherapy,” said Connie Concannon, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “Dr. Gans, with his body of work in the field and leadership in AGPA epitomizes this recognition.”

This award presentation is a highlight of the AGPA’s 2010 Annual Training in San Diego, CA, February 22-27 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Entitled “A New Decade: Sustaining Our World Through Groups,” this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, particularly in today’s economic climate. The theme reflects the meeting’s emphasis on the effects of well-functioning groups on our global society. For more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2010 Annual Meeting. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 877-668-AGPA (2472).

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 Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 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 31 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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