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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION PUBLISHES SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY* ON PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

NEW YORK, October 31, 2008 — The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) announced the publication of a special issue of the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, the Association's peer-reviewed journal, on evidence-based practices in group psychotherapy.

Guest Edited by Robert Klein, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, DLFAGPA, the special issue supports the integration of science and service in clinical practice. The centerpiece of the publication is "Practice Guidelines for Group Psychotherapy," authored by the AGPA Science to Service Task Force, a blue ribbon panel of clinical and research experts in the field of group psychotherapy. The guidelines are a cross-theoretical guide to developing and leading psychotherapy groups, supported by clinical research, and developed through an expert consensus process. This issue of the *Journal* also addresses the inherent challenges, and possibilities, of clinicians taking on the dual roles of practitioner and researcher as well as the development of evidence-based group interventions for response to disasters.

"This issue of the *Journal* devoted to evidence-based practice and the Practice Guidelines is an invaluable resource for mental health professionals working with groups in all settings, including private practice, hospitals and agencies," said Connie Concannon, M.S.W., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "It is a significant advancement in AGPA's contribution to the evidence-based literature supporting the use of group psychotherapy."

The *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* is the official journal of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. It is edited by Les R. Greene, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA and published quarterly by The Guilford Press of New York, NY. For more information on the *Journal*, AGPA and the practice and benefits of group psychotherapy, please contact the AGPA office at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or visit our website at www.agpa.org

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest 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, 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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