

**Call for Manuscripts for Special Issue on
*Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity in Group Work***

Deadline for abstract of proposed manuscript (500 words): December 15, 2018

Invitations for full manuscript submissions sent: January 15, 2019

Full manuscript deadline: April 15, 2019

The *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* is currently soliciting abstracts for a **special issue on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity and Group Work**.

A robust body of literature highlights the effectiveness of group psychotherapy (Burlingame, Strauss & Joyce, 2013; Barlow, Burlingame, Greene, Joyce, Kaklauskas, Kinley ... & Feirman, 2015). More recent literature also has highlighted the potential for group work to address issues related to various forms of oppression, like heterosexism and cissexism (Burnes & Ross, 2010). Similarly, calls have been made for more attention to social justice-oriented group work (Singh & Salazar, 2010), which includes social justice for sexual and gender minority individuals.

Though affirmative psychotherapy with sexual and gender minority individuals has received increased attention in the psychological literature (e.g., DeBord, Fischer, Bieschke, & Perez, 2017), less attention has been paid to issues of sexual orientation and gender diversity in group psychotherapy, specifically (Goodrich & Luke, 2015).

Therefore, the specific aims of this special issue are to: (1) explore the past and current states of the theory, research, and practice related to sexual orientation and gender diversity in group work; and (2) to stimulate research, practice, and advocacy in these domains.

Consonant with the aims and scope of IJGP, we are specifically soliciting:

- Clinically-focused articles that integrate existing group theory and research and theory and research related to affirmative psychotherapy with LGBT individuals
- Original empirical work or case studies on topics germane to group practice with LGBT individuals, or related to sexual orientation and gender more broadly. Topics might include the process and outcomes of groups for sexual and/or gender minorities, working with sexual orientation and gender diversity in a heterogeneous group, heterosexism and cissexism in group work, empowerment and advocacy through group work, etc.
- Reviews of current books and video releases relevant to the intersection of group psychotherapy and sexual orientation and gender diversity.

Please contact Joe Miles, PhD, Associate Editor, at joemiles@utk.edu with questions. For general author instructions and other information about the submission process, please see: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=ujgp20>. We look forward to hearing from you!