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AGPA TO CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN NEW YORK CITY, MARCH 6-11, 2017

NEW YORK, February 14, 2017 – The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) is coming to New York City to celebrate its 75th Anniversary during its 2017 Annual Training, March 6-11 at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Entitled “Connecting, Educating, and Leading for 75 Years: The Theory, Science, and Practice of Group Therapy,” this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world.

This year’s Meeting promises to be memorable as the theme celebrates AGPA’s history of 75 years of demonstrating the power of groups to connect individuals, families and communities in meaningful ways to effect change on personal and societal levels.

“For 75 years, AGPA has been the leader in the field of group psychotherapy and the source for experiential training in leading therapeutic groups,” said Eleanor Counselman, Ed.D, CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. “It is a one-of-a-kind organization, and this Meeting is a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity to learn group skills in an innovative format that blends learning with self-care and rejuvenation.”

The meeting will include over 200 programming events over six days; following are some highlights:

- Two Special Institutes will be offered this year on Monday, March 6, providing experiential learning in a large group. "Group Psychotherapy as a Neural Exercise: A Polyvagal Perspective" with **Stephen Porges, Ph.D.** and **Philip Flores, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, LFAGPA** and "Wounded Healers and Suffering Strangers: Navigating Ethical Dilemmas Together" with members and guest artists of **The Red Well Theater Group**.
- **J. Scott Rutan, Ph.D., CGP, DFAGPA, AGPA Past President**, will deliver the Institute Opening Address on Tuesday, March 7, “Secrets: To Share or Not to Share.”
- **Jennifer Freyd, Ph.D.**, will present the Mitchell Hochberg Memorial Public Education Event, Wednesday, March 8, entitled “**Institutional Betrayal in Cases of Sexual Violence.**”
- **Paul Wachtel, Ph.D.** is presenting the Conference Opening Plenary on Thursday, March 9, entitled "Cyclical Psychodynamics and Group Psychotherapy: Understanding People in Context."

- **Elisabeth Rohr, Ph.D.** will deliver the Annual Anne and Ramon Alonso Plenary Address, Friday, March 10 entitled, "Humanity on the Move - Groups Too?"
- **Molyn Leszcz, M.D., FRCPC, CGP, DFAGPA** will deliver the Louis R. Ormont Lecture on Saturday, March 11, "A Relational Approach to Evidence-Based Group Psychotherapy"

We invite you to attend this milestone 75th Anniversary Meeting as we bring together many of the nation's leading group therapists to explore the variety of ways in which group therapy helps people and communities in today's world. Scholarships are also available to attend this Meeting. For more information, contact AGPA at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend select sessions of the AGPA 2016 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 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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