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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### INTERNATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PRESENTS 2017 HAROLD S. BERNARD GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING AWARD TO NORMAN NEIBERG, PH.D., DLFAGPA

**NEW YORK, February 24, 2017** – The International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists will be presenting the 2017 Harold S. Bernard Group Psychotherapy Training Award to Norman Neiberg, Ph.D., DLFAGPA. The presentation will take place during the AGPA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting in New York City at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel.

This award was established in 2001 and is given annually to an individual or organization whose work in group training and/or education contributes to excellence in the practice of group psychotherapy. It was renamed through a legacy gift provided to the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health by Dr. Bernard for the purpose of endowing the award. Throughout his lifetime, training in group psychotherapy was near and dear to Dr. Bernard's heart. His legacy bequest and this award insure that individuals and programs meeting a high standard of training quality be identified and honored for their contributions to the field in developing the next generation of clinicians who use group psychotherapy to help people.

Dr. Norman Neiberg, a Past President and Distinguished Fellow of AGPA, is being recognized with this award due to his significant contribution, spanning over sixty years, of training group professionals at the American Group Psychotherapy Association's Annual Meetings. Dr. Neiberg has dedicated innumerable hours through six decades of leading institutes, workshops and open sessions on a voluntary basis, where he trained current and future generations of mental health professionals in the skills needed to lead psychotherapy groups. The value to them, their patients and the field of group psychotherapy is immeasurable.

"Dr. Neiberg is a respected and generous teacher whose dedication to supporting and growing the field of group psychotherapy personifies this award," said Tony L. Sheppard, Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA, Certification Board Chairman. "His work has had an impact on innumerable trainees and practitioners, benefitting the profession and the public."

Past recipients of the award are as follows:

2016 National Group Psychotherapy Institute (NGPI) of the Washington School of Psychiatry  
2015 Haim Weinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA  
2014 Donna J. Markham, OP, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP  
2013 David Panzer, Psy.D., CGP and the Group Psychotherapy Services of Rutgers University  
2012 Menninger Department Of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Group Therapy Program at the Baylor College Of Medicine  
2010 The Systems-Centered Training and Research Institute (SCTRI)  
2009 Robert Klein, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, DLFAGPA  
2008 Center for Group Studies in New York City  
2007 Walter Stone, M.D., CGP, DFAGPA and One-Year Training Program in Group Psychotherapy of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society  
2006 Marvin Aronson, PhD, CGP, FAGPA  
2005 Wendi Cross, Ph.D., CGP and Saul Scheidlinger, Ph.D., CGP, DLFAGPA  
2004 K. Roy MacKenzie, M.D., FRCP, CGP, DFAGPA  
2003 Gary Burlingame, Ph.D., CGP  
2002 Henry Spitz, M.D., CGP, DFAGPA

This award presentation is a highlight of the AGPA's 2017 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Training in New York City. 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. 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. 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 more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

### ***About the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists***

The International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists is a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary credentialing body has over 1,500 certified clinicians, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists who are recognized as group specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential.

### ***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 over 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.