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AGPA CONNECT 2018 “THE HEALING POWER OF GROUPS IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD” PLENARY RECORDINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

NEW YORK, May 1, 2018- The American Group Psychotherapy Association branded channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/agpa212> provides a wealth of information for clinicians, the public-at-large as well as media seeking expert information on the use of groups.

Select Plenary events from the recent 2018 AGPA Connect in Houston are now available on the channel as follows:

Anne and Ramon Alonso Presidential Plenary Address: Dr. Barry Helfmann presents “[“Why AGPA?”](#)” This presidential address covers three main reasons group professionals connect to AGPA, including the benefits to practitioners and the importance of AGPA to healthcare and to patients. The presentation highlights how group therapy is essential to the national healthcare scene, including the economic benefits of prevention rather than reaction, and the significant role AGPA plays as a multi-disciplinary group organization.

Mitchell Hochberg Memorial Public Education Event: Dr. David Allen presents “[Group Process as an Intervention for Community Resocialization.](#)” This presentation describes how social fragmentation creates victims of shame, who become destructive to themselves, others, and their community. In the resocialization process through group process, persons are liberated from being victims of shame to being open to positive emotions, forgiveness, gratitude and constructive community.

“We are so fortunate to have nationally renowned speakers present at AGPA Connect,” said Marsha Block, CAE, CFRE, AGPA Chief Executive Officer. “Each presentation provides an opportunity to explore the connection of current issues in society with the field of group therapy.”

For more information on the channel or on group psychotherapy, or to find out how to participate on the channel, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit our website at www.agpa.org

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 21 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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