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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES JILL D. PAQUIN, PH.D. AS THE NEW EDITOR OF THE *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY*

**NEW YORK, July 10, 2018-** The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) announced that Jill D. Paquin, Ph.D. is the new Editor of the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy (IJGP)*. She is also the first woman to hold the position.

Dr. Paquin earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Maryland and currently serves as an Assistant Professor in Graduate Programs in Counseling Psychology at Chatham University. She has published 17 articles in refereed journals, including two in the *IJGP*. Dr. Paquin has presented her research 26 times at refereed national and international conferences and has also presented at the APA annual conference every year since 2008. She has received 12 awards since 2008 when she was awarded the Jacob K. Goldhaber Award from the University of Maryland.

Most recently in 2017, Dr. Paquin was awarded the Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Counseling Psychology from the American Psychological Association. Her clinical and research work has covered ethics, trauma, women, legal issues, working alliance, autism, STEM training, social justice, diversity, gender, self-esteem, group dynamics, therapy group outcomes, group training, prison recovery group, mutual interest in therapy groups, person-group fit, intimacy in groups, group intimacy behaviors, media literacy, pornography and PTSD. Dr. Paquin also serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research and Practice*, *Counseling Psychologist and Psychotherapy*.

The *IJGP* continues to fulfill its mission of advancing clinical practice and research in the field, serving as an important resource for those interested in group therapy and its role in the larger mental health community. The *IJGP's* articles and reviews offer insight into the current field of group psychotherapy, including theory, empirical research, practice models, and reviews of up-to-date research. In addition to

peer-reviewed articles, the journal regularly publishes special issues, readers' forums, brief reports and book reviews.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Paquin as the Editor of the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*," said Barry Helfmann, PsyD, ABPP, CGP, DFAGPA, AGPA President. "We look forward to the broad array of research, clinical and editorial experience Dr. Paquin brings to the *IJGP*."

For more information on the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* or on group psychotherapy, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit our website at [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

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### *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 2,000 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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