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AGPA LAUNCHES CINEMA PRESENTATION FORMAT AT AGPA CONNECT 2019
WITH JENNIFER FOX'S *THE TALE*, AN HBO EMMY-NOMINATED FILM

NEW YORK, February 13, 2019— In a brand new presentation format for AGPA Connect, participants will view segments of Jennifer Fox's groundbreaking film, *The Tale* and explore its implications for group psychotherapy. This exciting two-hour presentation addresses awareness of child sexual abuse and emphasizes the invisible patterns of emotional abuse, common to sexual and physical abuse, and self-care strategies to address burnout.

The Tale is director Jennifer Fox's personal memoir examining the journey from denial to truth and the stories we tell ourselves to survive. Revisiting a short story she wrote at thirteen, a documentary filmmaker (Laura Dern) faces life altering questions about her first sexual experience and the elusive nature of memory. It has received two Emmy nominations for Best Actress and Outstanding Movie and is now streaming on HBO. More information can be found on thetalemovie.com.

The Tale stars two-time Academy Award® nominee and Emmy Award® winner Laura Dern (*Big Little Lies*, *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*), and Academy Award® winner Ellen Burstyn (*Requiem for a Dream*). It is written and directed by Sundance Grand Prize Winner and Emmy nominated director Jennifer Fox (*MY REINCARNATION*).

"AGPA is excited to offer this innovative new format that pairs the viewing of clips of a current film with dialogue on therapy implications," said Eleanor Counselman, Ed.D., CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. "We are privileged to have the opportunity to share Ms. Fox's groundbreaking film."

The course, entitled, "An Examination of Jennifer Fox's *The Tale*: The Power of Outreach and Group Process to Educate, Inspire, and Bring Change" with Jennifer Fox and SaraKay Smullens, MSW, LCSW, BCD, CFLE, CGP will take place on Friday, March 1, 2019 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM. Press are invited to attend; please contact Diane Feirman at dfeirman@agpa.org to make arrangements.

AGPA Connect 2019 attracts over 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, a valuable modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. The theme "Building Bridges of Connection Through Groups" reflects the meeting's emphasis on 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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are also invited to attend other select sessions of **AGPA Connect 2019**. 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 2,000 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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