

MID-ATLANTIC GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE



*With*

*Howard D. Kibel, MD, CGP, DFAGPA*

**Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27, 2003**

Holiday Inn Select  
8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD

## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

### **The Social Unconscious at Play: Influencing the Group Process**

Psychoanalytic literature refers to the “social unconscious” in a variety of ways. Some authors speak of the effects of social forces on the development of the individual’s unconscious mind. Others believe that social elements are part of the development of internalized objects—that social events are mirrored internally. There is also the notion that the ego is a social entity from the outset.

Ultimately, groups, like individuals, can best be understood when they are studied in context. When working with an individual, the therapist examines the hidden or unconscious dimensions of the transference—the context of the relationship. Extrapolating that notion to the group means that the therapist searches for an understanding of the social forces—past and present— affecting the group.

Traumas in society, such as 9/11 and the tragic Washington D.C. metro area sniper attacks, are particularly powerful social forces impacting individuals and groups in enduring ways. Conference participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences with trauma-based social forces in their work with clients and in their therapy groups.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn about the various theories of the social unconscious and to think about group dynamics as having contextual influences.
- Participants will consider the possible effects of historical and contemporary social forces on their therapy groups.

**CEU’s: 12 Contact Hours**

*Dear Colleagues,*

*The Annual Spring Conference offers a unique learning experience through lecture, demonstration groups and interactive small groups.*

*Our goal is to provide you an opportunity to integrate a deeper theoretical understanding of the conference theme into your group leadership style and clinical practice.*

*Please join us!*

*Bob Schulte, MSW, Chairman  
Amy Bush, Ph.D., Co-Chair*

*Committee:  
Trish Cleary, LCPC, Emily Lape, MSW, Venus Masselam, PhD,  
Irwin Sacks, PhD, John Thomas, MSW*

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Saturday: April 26, 2003

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Coffee & Pastry  
 9:00 - 10:30 am Opening Plenary & Demo Group # 1
- Is the Concept of the Social Unconscious Useful in Psychoanalytic Group Psychotherapy?
- 11:00 - 12:30 am Small Group # 1  
 12:30 - 2:00 pm Luncheon & Business Meeting
- 2:15 - 4:00 pm Demo Group # 2  
 4:15 - 5:45 pm Small Group # 2

### Sunday: April 27, 2003

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Coffee  
 9:00 - 10:15 am Demo Group # 3  
 10:30 - 12:30 pm Small Group # 3 & Debriefing  
 12:45 - 1:15 pm Conference Wrap-up

#### Conference Location

Holiday Inn Select Bethesda  
 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD

#### Directions

**By Metro:** Subway Red Line, Exit Bethesda, walk 2 blocks north to Hotel.

**By Auto:** From 495 Beltway, take Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue South 3 miles to Hotel.

**Parking:** Hotel: \$12 a day. Free Public Garage behind Hotel on Woodmont Avenue.

#### Hotel Accommodations

For Holiday Inn Select Reservations:  
 Call: 301-652-2000 or Toll free 1-877-888-3001.  
 Credit card reservation for rooms at a special conference rate of \$109 per night plus tax. Availability: guaranteed to April 1, 2003. Cancellation: 72 hour - 3 days notice is required.

#### Information

Bob Schulte - Conference Chair  
 Ph: 703-838-1633 Email: Bobgroup@aol.com

## CONFERENCE FACULTY

### Guest Presenter

Dr. Howard D. Kibel is recognized as one of the leaders in the field of group psychotherapy. He has published extensively on various aspects of inpatient and outpatient groups and is a regularly featured presenter at national and international conferences. He is a past President and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Group Psychotherapy and Co-Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee for its next International Congress. Dr. Kibel is currently a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY where he is also in private practice.

### Small Group Leaders

#### Macario Geraldo, PhD, CGP

Director, National Group Psychotherapy Institute, WSP; AGPA Annual Meeting Institute Faculty; Private Practice in McLean, VA.

#### Nicholas Kirsch, PhD

Adjunct Faculty, American University and George Washington University; MAGPS Training Day Faculty; Private Practices in Bethesda, MD & DC.

#### Rachel Lenn, PhD, CGP

Consultant, US Department of Health and Human Services; Graduate of WSP Group Program and the Center for Mind-Body Medicine; Co-founder, WSP Median Dialogue Group.

#### Gloria Meyers-Beller, MA, MSW

MAGPS Training Day Faculty; CISD & EAP Consultant, Private Practice in Washington, D.C.

#### Cooke Read, MSW

MAGPS member since 1989; a graduate of the WSP Advanced Group Training Program; Director of Counseling Services for Virginia Pediatric Group; Private Practice in Fairfax, VA.

#### Connie Vitale, MPS, MA, CGP, FAGPA \*\*

Past President: Illinois Group Psychotherapy Society; Faculty, 2003 AGPA Annual Meeting Institute; Part-time faculty, Loyola University; Private Practice Pastoral Therapist in the Chicago area.

#### Thomas Wessel, EdD, CGP

MAGPS Past President/Current Member-at-Large; Dean, Howard University Counseling and Career Development Department; Director, Howard University Counseling Service; Faculty, National Group Psychotherapy Institute, WSP.

#### Isaiah Zimmerman, PhD, CGP, FAGPA

Faculty, George Washington University Medical School; Faculty, National Group Psychotherapy Institute, WSP; Consultant to Corporations and Public and Private Organizations.

*\*\* A new MAGPS tradition is to invite a guest small group leader from another affiliate society in an effort to promote stronger connections with our colleagues across the country.*

MAGPS is an affiliate of the American Group Psychotherapy Association serving psychotherapists from DC, MD, VA, and WV. Its mission is to provide group psychotherapy training, education and advocacy.

MAGPS offers Spring & Fall annual conferences, an Annual Training Day designed for front-line practitioners in agency settings, and ongoing training partnerships sponsored with local institutions. The Seminar Cinema Series, co-sponsored with the WSP's National Group Psychotherapy Institute, is a free psychoeducational networking opportunity for therapists, and offers up to 3 free CEU's at each event.

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To learn more about membership contact Amy Bush, Membership Chair, 703-442-8088.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- Member Fee \$175.00  
 Non-member Fee \$195.00  
 Member Student/Retiree Fee \$ 95.00  
 Non-member Student/Retiree Fee \$105.00

If a student, indicate school/training site:

- Conference Lunch  
 \$25 per registrant, \$25 per guest:

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- I would like to join MAGPS and receive member conference rates and other benefits.  
 \$40 regular member dues.  
 \$25 student/retiree dues. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Checks Payable to MAGPS

#### Send to Conference Chair:

Bob Schulte, 119 S. Saint Asaph Street  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Please rank order your choice of small group leaders:

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 \_\_\_ **Choose for me**

