

THE MID-ATLANTIC GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY
SOCIETY & THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING
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EDUCATION AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
PRESENTS:

MAGPS SPRING CONFERENCE 2008

OBJECTS OF DESIRE: SEXUALITY, THE INDIVIDUAL, AND THE GROUP



Presenter

MORRIS NITSUN, PH.D.

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27, 2008

Johns Hopkins University
Montgomery County Campus
Rockville, Maryland

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The Spring Conference offers a unique learning experience through didactic information sharing, large group meetings and dialogue, and small process group experiences. Our goal is to provide a relaxed learning environment in which participants can integrate a deeper understanding of various issues related to working with desire and sexuality into their group leadership style and clinical practice.

Objects of Desire: Sexuality, the Individual, and the Group

How do we work with sexuality and desire in group psychotherapy? What does the group leader need to do? What language do we use? How do we develop a framework to discuss the intimate and the sexual in our groups? Dr. Nitsun will draw on theory from psychoanalysis, developmental psychology, and sociology, with the group firmly in focus, to explore sexuality and desire in group psychology. Questions for conference participants to ponder are these: “Are you satisfied with the extent to which you dealt with your own sexuality in your personal therapy and training? And how does your answer to this question reflect on your clinical practice, especially how openly you deal with sexuality in your groups?”

Learning Objectives:

Conference participants will gain knowledge of

1. The relevance and function of desire and sexuality in group psychotherapy.
2. The obstacles to the expression of desire and sexuality in the group.
3. The therapist’s role in facilitating the expression of desire and sexuality in the group.

Continuing Education Credits:

For Counselors, Clinical Social Workers, and Psychologists: Johns Hopkins University will award 12 contact hours for this program. Participants must attend, sign in/out each day, and complete an evaluation to receive certificates.

ADA Statement: ADA accommodations will be made in accordance with the law. If you require ADA accommodations, please indicate what your needs are at the time of registration. We cannot ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations without prior notification.

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



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday: April 26, 2008

8:00 - 8:45 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00 am	Welcome
9:00 - 10:30 am	Plenary Session #1
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - 12:15 pm	Small Group #1
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch & MAGPS Board Report
2:15 - 3:45 pm	Plenary Session #2
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Small Group #2
6:00 - 7:30 pm	New Attendees & Mentors Reception: Courtyard Marriott

Sunday: April 27, 2008

8:15 - 8:45 am	Continental breakfast
8:45 - 10:00 am	Plenary Session # 3
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 - 11:45 am	Small Group #3
11:45 - 12:15 pm	Small Group Debrief, Evals & CEUs
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Wrap-up

Cover Painting, *Red Boat (detail)*, Morris Nitsun, 2008.

CONFERENCE FACULTY

Guest Presenter

Morris Nitsun, Ph.D., is a training analyst at the Institute of Group Analysis, works privately at the Group Analytic Practice, and is a consultant clinical psychologist in Camden and Islington NHW Mental Health Trust. His first book, *The Anti-Group: Destructive Forces in the Group and their Creative Potential* (1996), has become a renowned classic and his recent book, *The Group as an Object of Desire: Exploring Sexuality in Group Therapy* (2006), has been described as "another classic in the field."

Small Group Leaders*

Co-led Group Leaders:

Sally Brandel, Ph.D./Trish Cleary, MS, LCPC, CGP, FAGPA

Mary Ann Dubner, Ph.D., CGP/Bernie Stoltz, PsyD.

Michael Kaufman, LPC/Maria Ross, MSW, CGP.

Single-led Group Leaders:

Scott Conkright, PsyD, CGP**

Barbara Cristy, LCSW-C, CGP

Rachel Lenn, Ph.D., CGP

Henry Morris, Ph.D., CGP

Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP

Barry Wepman, Ph.D., CGP

* *Small Group Leaders' biographies are posted on the Conference page at www.magps.org.*

**MAGPS traditionally invites a guest small group leader from another affiliate society in an effort to promote stronger connections with our colleagues across the country. Scott is a board member and past president of the Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society and has previously worked with Dr. Nitsun.

CONFERENCE SITE

**Johns Hopkins University
Montgomery County Campus
9601 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850
301-294-7000**

**The Courtyard Marriott
2500 Research Blvd.
Rockville, MD. 20850
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DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS:

Beltway (495) to I-270 North. Take Exit 8 onto the Shady Grove Road West. Go 0.6 miles then turn right on Key West Ave. At first intersection, turn left onto Medical Center Drive. Campus is first driveway on right at 9601 Medical Center Dr. For further driving info: www.jhu.edu/mcc/

For More Information contact:

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MAGPS supports the professional development of students, interns, and residents through a 1st time Attendee Student Scholarship Fund that covers registration fees. These scholarships are awarded to applicants on a lottery basis.

Download scholarship application from Website: www.magps.org and send to Bob Schulte, MSW, at bobgroup@aol.com.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: April 21, 2008

Late Registrations accepted on Space Available Basis.

<input type="checkbox"/> I want to join MAGPS and receive member rates & other benefits. \$50 regular member \$25 student/retired person	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MAGPS Member	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	\$230.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Attendee	\$185.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Retired Person	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional (First 2 years from date of graduation); 1st time attending new professionals, & student/retiree registrants will have membership included in their conference registration fee.	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon: \$25 per person	_____ x \$25 = \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____

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Address _____

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Please rank order your choice of small group leaders:

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___ Dubner/Stoltz ___ Cristy

___ Conkright ___ Morris

___ Lenn ___ Nettles

___ Wepman ___ Choose for me

MENTORING

I am interested in becoming a mentor. Yes No