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A Conversation with Drs. Melissa Black and Dale Godby *by Henry Morris*

Dale and Melissa will be the presenters for the MAGPS Fall Conference, November 3-5, 2006.

HM. "Working with Erotic Feelings in Group Therapy and Supervision." This could be considered by some to be a fairly controversial topic -- what was your impetus to pursue it?

MB/DG. Of course we both have lots of clinical experience were erotic transference/countertransference has been a vital part of our work. Additionally, we both supervise residents and students who often avoid sexuality in their cases. The dilemma of how to teach and use sexual material in an ethical and appropriate manner was brought to light when we were having a discussion of all the sexual boundary violations we knew of personally in our own mental health community. We wondered how to make a difference in the professional development of our students and our community.

HM. So where does this idea of "wild civility" come from anyway?

MB/DG. We'd like to take credit for it, but it has been around a long time. Google it and you'll get

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Wild Civility

Working with Erotic Feelings
in Group Therapy and Supervision

Melissa Black, PhD & Dale Godby, PhD

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
November 3, 4 & 5, 2006

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Shepherdstown, West Virginia



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**“I Heard It Through the Grapevine”**

Dear Colleagues,

If you have not heard the good news--the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) will be held from February 18-23, 2008, at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC!

A MAGPS Task Force is being formed to assist AGPA in preparation for the Meeting with Barry Wepman, PhD, CGP and Molly Donovan, PhD, CGP serving as Co-Chairs. The Task Force will be comprised of three subcommittees—Program, Marketing, and Hospitality. The work of the Task Force will make a valuable contribution to the success of the AGPA Annual meeting and will be a lot of fun. Barry and Molly are reaching out to the membership in their efforts to fully staff these committees so please get in touch with them if you are interested in serving. Barry can be reached at 202-337-0705 and Molly at 202-822-8070.

More good news—an election cycle to select the MAGPS Board of Directors for 2007-09 has begun. Immediate Past President Emily Lape and the Election Committee issued a call for nominations by mail in early August and the deadline for nominations is October 10, 2006. So there is still time to nominate someone, including your self. It's an honor and a joy to be involved in the governance of our Society, and I encourage anyone with the time and energy to consider running for a board position.

Even more good news—the Fall Conference is shaping up to be another great weekend. We have a lovely, relaxing setting, an easy commute (for most of us), a compelling topic and a dynamic duo for presenters. Wow! Lenore and her committee have done a beautiful job in preparing for our annual fall adventure and on behalf of all of us; I thank them ahead of time. Oh, I heard it through the grape vine that some ‘wild entertainment’ might be featured Saturday night. Hmm...I hope to see you there.

Warm Regards,

Bob Schulte, MSW, CGP



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a half million hits. We first ran across it in a 17th Century English poetry class in a short poem by Robert Herrick, entitled, "Delight in Disorder." Even the title is wonderful. It stirs up a serendipitous feeling that is common for the group therapist. Even though we aren't sure where the disorder will lead it emerges in our groups; we learn to delight in it because we often find it leads to change. The usefulness of the dialectic "wild-civility" is acknowledging the danger inherent in collapsing in either direction.

HM. So where does Eros fit in the dialectic?

MB/DG. Eros was called Cupid by the Romans. Eros was one of the many names the Greeks had for love and there are a number of versions of the love story between Eros and Psyche. In one of them, after disobeying the gods, Eros and Psyche bring together their sexual passion and human tenderness and are married with full approval by Zeus. There are few training settings where a therapist finds full approval to explore sexual feelings, passion, or human tenderness. By viewing these feelings as a dialectic, we are hoping to help ourselves and others make therapeutic use of them.

HM. So is this emphasis something new for the group therapist?

MB/DG. We can hardly say it is new, but we do think therapists don't get as much help as they could with the issue. Freud, in an early letter to Jung, said psychoanalysis was essentially a cure through love. He was not unaware of the dangers, however. Jung involved Freud in his relationship with Sabina Spielrein and Ferenczi asked Freud for help after he got intimately involved with one of his women patients. So there is a way in which the issue of how to handle love, lust, and power when they arise in the therapeutic relationship has haunted us from the beginning. In a day when women students are given a copy of *The Lecherous Professor* before they start off to college, it pays to be aware of pitfalls. But the danger lies in both directions. Too much caution has led to what some have called "heterophobia."

HM. So are you going to show us how to find a balance?

MB/DG. We hope you'll come and find out. We will be making use of lecture, small group and large group experience to help all who participate see the issues from a variety of perspectives. It should be very timely. Morris Nitsun has just published the first book-length treatment of the subject, *The Group as an Object of Desire: Working with Sexual Feelings in Group Psychotherapy*. If anyone is looking for some pre-conference reading, Morris would be happy to have you pick up a copy.

HM. In prior Large Group sessions with the MAGPS, the process has been mostly didactics with questions and answers. How do you plan to use the Large Group?

MB/DG. There will be no didactics but hopefully the introductory lecture will serve as a catalyst for the experience we will conduct in the large group. The combination of small and large group exercises should allow participants to find their own space within

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which to find their "wild civility."

HM. Much of what seems implied in the program description is similar to Bion's basic assumption of pairing/intimacy. Do you use his theory in any way in your program?

MB/DG. Bion's basic assumptions are more defensive concepts. What we hope to do is to teach how to handle sexuality on a manifest level so the group members can deal with it directly in their individual and group work.

HM. I have noticed recently an increase in the reports of ethics sanctions in state licensure newsletters because of sexual boundary violations. How will you explore the teaching of appropriate boundaries to students and supervisees regarding sexuality?

MB/DG. We, too, have noticed similar violations in our own geographic area and this was part of the impetus for studying this topic. Our hope is for participants to share their experiences with these struggles and we will share how we avoid collapsing and losing our boundaries.

HM. Do you see the process of "wild civility" in group psychotherapy as being different from group supervision?

MB/DG. There are slight differences based upon the purpose of either group. What we try to teach is the difference between boundary crossing and boundary violation and how to keep the balance between these two processes.

HM. Being that sexuality is always present in group process isn't there an increased danger of acting out if sexuality is dealt with in the group more openly?

MB/DG. Actually, what we believe is that there is a decrease in acting out if sexuality is explored because some of the excitement is taken out.

HM. In the past when I was young and naïve as a group leader, I had a rule against outside contacts by group members. As I have practiced more, I have found that those rules are unenforceable. Do you have rules about sexuality for your group members?

MB/DG. We do have a contract which is actually on our website and serves as a guideline for the therapy contract regarding money, sexuality, and outside contacts. Our belief is that these guidelines serve as an aspiration toward which group members work in their efforts to terminate.

HM. I assume the two of you use co-leadership groups in your therapy groups as you do in your presentation. Based on the assumption that leaders can only take groups as far as they are willing to go, do the two of you process the sexuality between you as co-leaders in front of your groups?

MB/DG. We have done a variety of groups, trainings, and presentations as co-leaders and have found that working together creates a huge potential for the projection of fantasy material. ◀



MAGPS Fall 2006 Conference: Wild Civility: Working with Erotic Feelings in Group Psychotherapy and Supervision

by *Lenore Pomerance*

Have you ever lost a patient by being too civil? Have your groups ever become too wild? Have *you*? We will examine erotic feelings as they arise and are defended against in our roles as patient, therapist, supervisor, supervisee, and members of the conference. Our conference leaders are Melissa Black, PhD, and Dale Godby, PhD, both from Dallas, Texas. They recently presented this topic at an AGPA Institute. One of our small group leaders, Dr. Katalin Vladar had the good luck to participate in it, and is looking forward to repeating the experience.

We will be meeting at the Hotel Clarion and Conference Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. While the hotel more than meets our needs for comfort with a variety of services from fitness center and outdoor hot tub, lively restaurant and comfortable rooms, a good walk will get you into the historic, lovely, college town of Shepherdstown. There you will find a great array of restaurants and shops. Not far is the C&O Canal tow path along the Potomac River. Bring your bicycles for easy touring and getting around town. Visit the following website for more information on the area: www.shepherdstownvisitorscenter.com.

Our small group leaders include two co-leader teams, Maria Ross with Michael Kaufman, and Paul Timin with Lisa Zimmerman, Sally Brandel, Molly Donovan, Farooq Mohyuddin, Henry Morris, and Katalin Vladar. ◀

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Spring 2006 Reflections

Venus Masselam

As part of his welcoming statements to the attendees, Bob Schulte, President, metaphorically introduced me as the "Cruise Ship's Director" and we set sail on what proved to be a most rewarding journey. However, it was Nina Brown, one of our own, whose unique thoughts created the vehicle for transporting our journey inwardly. Nina was aware that her topic might be uncomfortable for some so she created a safe boundary by having one demonstration group and making it a consultation group.

The success of the weekend was reflected in the evaluations. The small group experience was very important in helping everyone integrate the content of the presentations. It was so much so that there were several requests made to have 4 process groups at the next session. Some suggestions were made by more than one member and we are paying close attention to them, particularly in our selection of next year's topic. There were 9 attendees at the Pre-Conference Institute and 89 attendees during the Conference weekend. Only 1 of the PCI attendees went on to the conference.

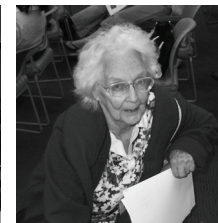
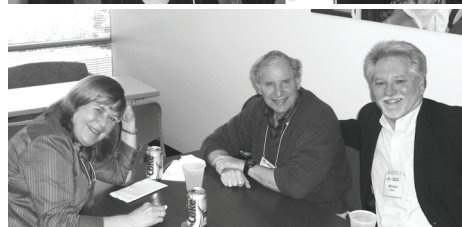
Emily Lape, Scholarship Chair, was busy distributing the \$2200 in scholarship monies provided by the generous members of MAGPS. A total of 18 scholarships were given to students and a few first time attendees of the conference. Six of the scholarships went to students of the PCI and 12 to the Conference attendees. Paul Timin, Mentoring Chair, diligently arranged for each student and first time attendee to have a mentor at the conference. This is a vital part of the welcoming process and requires the cooperation of all the membership.

Lorraine Wodiska also worked hard insuring that the new attendees were well distributed among the small groups so that they would have the opportunity to meet and interact with members of MAGPS early in their careers.

There were many volunteers present who helped make our first Conference at Johns Hopkins University's Rockville Campus a success. While the parking accommodations were excellent, identifying the Academic and Research Building proved to be a little more difficult for those who were on the JHU campus for the first time. However, the campus is small and nicely contained so the attendees were confused only briefly. The space itself was inviting and the JHU staff members were accommodating through every step of the process and the weekend itself. We are looking forward to holding next years' Spring Conference in April at the same location .



If you wish a copy of a photo, please email **Paul Timin** at ptimin1@attglobal.net and he will be glad to e-mail you a copy.



Scholarship Recipients Respond

Included are excerpts from letters written to Emily Lape from scholarship recipients for the Spring 2006 Conference.

Once again the Mid-Atlantic has put on another great conference. Taking what we learned from the large group and moving into small groups is a great way to put into practice those ideas. Being a member of a small group not only gives me first hand experiential knowledge about my own processes, but also serves as a good reminder of what our clients might be experiencing. Thank you!

Junie Myers, VCU

Attending a MAGPS conference for the second time was better than the first. The topic and presenter were both enticing and exciting. I felt more comfortable and knew what to expect. I learned a great deal and enjoyed the company of other therapists. I would highly recommend MAGPS conferences to friends and colleagues and I look forward to attending more.

McKenzie Casad, VCU

Without this gracious financial assistance, I would not have been in a position to afford the registration fee and would have missed out on a valuable training opportunity. Having never attended one of your organization's conferences, I was unsure of what to expect and felt a little nervous beforehand. My experience with experiential process groups has been minimal but the last group conference I attended (non-MAGPS) left me feeling traumatized and unsure of myself. Fortunately, my experience with MAGPS could not have been more favorable. Even before I arrived on Saturday morning, efforts had been made to match me with a mentor who took time to answer all of my questions. Likewise, from the very moment I walked into the conference, I was welcomed into the group and made to feel at ease. The discussions that were spurred during the general and small group sessions were thought provoking and I continue to reflect on the many things I learned. I was especially grateful to all the professional clinicians with whom I interacted during the small group sessions. Their non-defensive manner and genuine curiosity made for a safe environment and facilitated my learning.

Ernest (Tyger) Latham, GWU

I thought the conference was well-organized and I gained more information about the topic at hand. Having the presentation now is great as it was hard to copy all of the bullets on the PowerPoint presentation. I felt the fishbowl/consultation group could have been a little more lively. I guess it didn't apply to as many of us but I learned a few things nonetheless. The small groups were good. Facilities were perfect and the food exceptional. My hats off to the conference co-chairs.

Loriann Hoff Oberlin, MS

One of the conference's objectives was to bridge cognitive understanding of the theme and experiential learning. My cognitive understanding of narcissism was much enhanced by Nina Brown's presentations and my experiential learning facilitated by my group experience. I did not know what to expect from the group experience and thought it unlikely that much narcissism would emerge from the group interactions. In this I was proved wrong. The experience certainly did help me become more aware of the destructive influence narcissism can have on the group process. As time goes, I am sure I will be more and more grateful for the lessons about narcissism learned from the unpleasant but instructional experience. Taken as a whole the conference was well worth attending; and the planners deserve kudos for drawing attention to the fact that even therapists can exhibit narcissism.

Diane Bayne

My experience at the conference was very positive. A special highlight was getting to talk with "seasoned" therapists at lunch time on Saturday. I found the atmosphere to be very supportive of newer therapists. By Sunday I was beginning to make important internal discoveries about where I am currently on my own life's journey. Seeds were planted and now they continue to grow....Regarding "mentor" assignments, my perception is this wasn't as productive as it might have been. Some "first time attendees" had no idea who their mentors were -- or even that they were supposed to have one. My own mentor briefly introduced herself and noted that since I was working as a volunteer I would need no other orientation and then walked away. When we were asked to meet with our mentors after the morning session, I saw my mentor leave the room. Some guidelines as to the role of the mentor might be helpful.

Dorothy Doyle-Wandell

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I sought to be fully present -- bring all of my anxiety, all my narcissism, and I tried to bring all of my self into the experience. I loved the topic. It was timely for me as I had been thinking about myself in my own groups. I felt a degree of shame in acknowledging that, in fact, I get a lot of my own needs met when I lead group. My hope was that by being open about these needs they would become more fully developed and I would both be more aware of them and able to use them to assist group members with theirs. Thus I was surprised to hear the "demo" group would be only a one-time consultation group. I felt that sent the message that our professional narcissism was too intimate, too scary, too dangerous to be handled by the group. The small group experiences allowed me to observe how (as a group member) I do my narcissism. This offered clues about how I do it as a leader as well. I appreciated the safety and the courage demonstrated by all who engaged in the process. *Aaron Dodini, CUA*

My MAGPS conference experience went way beyond my expectations. I wasn't prepared for the intensity of my reaction in the small groups. Thankfully my mentor and other clinicians I knew were very helpful with the support I needed to start integrating the experience. Overall, I would rate it as very valuable, though it didn't always tickle as I was going through it. *Rob Williams*

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and found it the perfect way to wrap up the clinical concentration year of my graduate studies. I was able to learn and experience group process and enjoyed getting to know such an accomplished group of practitioners. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly people made this conference exceptionally fun. *Eleanor Hoskins, VCU*

I found the conference to be a rich experience. I enjoyed learning more about narcissism and group therapy by attending experiential groups. The conference was also a wonderful opportunity to spend time with colleagues and build new relationships. I really valued having an assigned mentor. *Mathilde Salmberg, GWU*

My reaction is a wish I had attended a MAGPS event sooner. The topic of narcissism was interesting. Since I sometimes hear it used as an insult, it was useful to discuss the multiple presentations of narcissism and explore the ways it is healthy and ways it is destructive. I valued the time in small groups. It provided rich material for my learning and understanding of groups, other, and myself. The conference provided many opportunities for both professional and personal growth. *Brandon Phillips, Argosy U*

All in all, the conference was beneficial to my continuing growth as a new professional in the field of psychology and I am appreciative of the opportunity to attend. *Joni Williamson, PsyD, Patuxent*

MAGPS EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 29, 2006

Cinema Series

The Fight Club

WSP, 5:45 PM

November 3-5, 2006

MAGPS Fall Conference

*Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
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Friday, Dec. 1, 2006

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The Big Chill

WSP, 5:45 PM

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Members Memos

by Deb Sinek

The Member Memos Column is a space devoted to chronicling members' achievements and activities. Notices for publication should be forwarded to Deborah Sinek (dmsinek@yahoo.com) or (434) 979-0808.

Awards and Honors

Recently Certified Group Psychotherapist (CGP) designates include: **Joshua Cordonnier**, **Elaine Klionsky**, **Henry Morris**, **Reginald Nettles**, **Linda Parkes**, **Lenore Pomerance**, and **Theodore Seidlecki**.

Professional Activities & Publications

John Rhead guest edited the Spring 2006 (Volume 41, Number 2) edition of *Voices, The Art and Science of Psychotherapy*, subtitled "Psychotherapy as a Calling, Way of Life, Spiritual Path and Political Philosophy." **Emily Lape** recently presented "The Skinny on Eating Disorders: A Therapist's Perspective" and later led a related workshop at a regional conference of college health nurses. In the July 2006 issue of the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, **Rachel Somberg** has an article entitled "Therapists' Group Attachments and their Expectations of Patients' Attitudes about Group Therapy." **Lenore Pomerance** authored the chapter on sexuality in the new *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Menopause*, arriving in bookstores in October 2006. **Michael Stiers** published "Frozen Grief, Transposition and Mourning in a Psychotherapy Group" in Volume 41, Number 3 of *Voices*. **Molly Donovan** and **Bob Schulte** were appointed guest faculty at the Washington School of Psychiatry Group Therapy Program earlier this year. **Mary Dluhy**, **Rosemary Segalla**, and **MaryAnn Dubner** con-chaired a September conference for the WSP National Group Psychotherapy Institute entitled "Self Psychological, Relational and Intersubjective Perspectives." **Barry Wepman** was a faculty member at the American Psychoanalytic Association in Washington, DC this past June for a program entitled, "When It's More Than Two: Psychodynamic Reflections on Group Therapy." ◀



The Importance of Board Nominations

by Emily Lape

As Chair of the Nominating Committee I am asking your involvement in the process of electing a new MAGPS Board of Directors for the term 2007-2009. I would like each of you to think about who you would like to see in leadership positions in our organization. You may nominate any MAGPS member. **Please consider self nominating as well.**

All are welcome for consideration, including new professionals and those whose careers are well established, people from agencies, academic settings and private practice, all professional disciplines and all jurisdictions including West Virginia, Virginia, DC and Maryland. Diversity is highly valued.

Serving on the Board is a wonderful opportunity to work collaboratively in the governance of the Society. The Board meets four times a year—at our fall and spring conferences, as well as once in the winter and once in the summer. Each board member also serves as chair of a standing committee in addition to the responsibilities of the specific elected position. Please reference the Society by-laws located in the MAGPS Directory for more information about the roles and responsibilities of Board members.

Nominations are due by October 10, 2006. A slate of nominees will be determined by November 7, 2006. An election by mail will be conducted with ballots being sent to MAGPS members by November 20, 2006. The nominating committee looks forward to hearing from you soon. *Emily Lape: eel4r@virginia.edu (434) 243-5150.* ◀

American Group Psychotherapy Association



Special Institute: Mon., March 5 • Institute: Tues. & Wed., March 6 & 7 • Conference: Thurs., Fri., Sat., March 8-10

2007 Annual Institute event descriptions are now online. To view the Institute information or to register for the Meeting go to our website, www.agpa.org. “The Promise of Group Therapy” is a meeting you won’t want to miss!

As you plan your trip to Austin and make your event selections for the 2007 Annual Meeting, we thought you’d be interested in some *fun facts* about Austin. So not only will you expand your knowledge of groups at the AGPA Meeting you will have fun experiencing Austin’s charm.

Fun Fact #1: Live Music Capital of the World – Over 150 live music venues on any given evening

Fun Fact #2: You Gotta Wear Shades - 300 days of sunshine per year

Fun Fact #3: Surviving and Thriving without Driving - *Walking* magazine named Austin as one of America’s most walkable cities (many attractions within walking distance of the hotel.)

Fun Fact #4: Eat Your Heart Out! – Austin boasts more restaurants per capita than any other U.S. city

Fun Fact #5: The Winner is – Home of Grammy-winning musicians Shawn Colvin, Willie Nelson, Asleep at the Wheel, Don Walser and the late great Stevie Ray Vaughn

Culture, Heritage, Architecture, Recreation and Music – Come let Austin CHARM you!

The *fun facts* about Austin listed in this announcement were received from the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau. For more information about Austin you can visit their site at <http://www.austintexas.org/home/>. ◀

Letter from the Editor

Dear Gentle Readers,

A goal I have as editor of this Newsletter, is trying not only to improve the communication amongst the membership but also to include something of educational value. You may remember the articles in recent editions by Mike Stiers or Lorraine Wodiska that addressed topics of their own special focus for us. I am writing this letter now to ask that each of you consider ways in which you can contribute to this process -- especially but not only those of you who present workshops at the Annual APGA Meetings. I am looking for interesting and informative articles about new and different things that are 400-450 words in length. I will be contacting some of you, but anyone who wants to make suggestions or send contributions will be welcomed. ◀

Ron Kimball, PhD, CGP



MAGPS/GPAA Cinema Series

Co-chairs: Eileen McClatchy & Anna Lake

The up-coming movie season offers a selection of diverse and intriguing films. The series, sponsored by MAGPS and the WSP Group Psychotherapy Alumni Association (GPAA), is an opportunity for clinicians and friends to enjoy a film with experienced presenters and follow-up discussion. The evening includes time for socializing and light dining before the film. CEU's are available. Donations are greatly appreciated. The event is held at the Washington School of Psychiatry, 5028 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC, starting at 5:45 pm. **Due to security procedures, please arrive before 6:15 pm.** The movie begins at 6:30 pm. Reservations in advance are appreciated.

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All films are shown on **Friday Evenings.**

September 29, 2006 **The Fight Club** 1999 Moderator: **Macario Giraldo**

Directed by David Fincher and starring Edward Norton and Brad Pitt. The Narrator, Jack, has been driven to the edge of insanity by a dull white-collar job, an empty fondness for material things ("I'd flip through catalogues and wonder what kind of dining set defined me as a person."), and the utter absence of anything to make him feel alive. Tormented by insomnia, he finds his only relief in going to meetings of 12-step support groups where he can at least cry -- then sleep. This form of escapism moves into something more dangerous as Jack becomes drawn into a fight group that expands into a secret society of men who physically fight each other as a means of release and rebirth. The film obtained an R rating for graphic violence, sexuality, and language. This is definitely a film that makes demands of the viewer, but it presents important, relevant topics for exploration and discussion.

December 1, 2006 **The Big Chill** 1983 Moderator: **Maryetta Andrews-Sachs**

Directed by Lawrence Kasden, this film presents as a serious comedy. Seven friends reunite at the news of one of their friend's suicide. As each member of the group arrives for the funeral, you begin to understand their past relationships, their present feelings, which friends have stayed close, etc. After the funeral, Harold and Sarah invite the group and Chloe (the deceased's "lover"), to spend the weekend at their home. You can begin to see the group come together through emotion, words, and images. For example, a 60's soundtrack playing *You Can't Always Get What You Want* is in the background as the group individually and collectively express their grief over the loss of their friend as well as their own losses and disappointments since they were together as 60's activists. A thought-provoking film providing laughter, the struggle of being and becoming, and so on....

March 30, 2007 **Crash** 2005 Moderator: **Tom Wessel**

Presenting a cross-section of Los Angeles where white, black, Latino, Middle Eastern, and Asian live in an urban pot wherein nothing melts, **Crash** was directed by Paul Haggis. The film is structured in "vignette form," as natural outgrowth of how the characters live in separate racial enclaves, drive to work, and stick with their own. However, as much as the individuals work at remaining separate from each other, they nonetheless collide. The vignettes begin on separate paths and when they intersect, they bring feelings of mistrust, hate and rage, and little understanding of "the other." The director speaks to the varied parts of the racist. The rage-filled white racist who brutally manhandles a black woman is seen as a loving son nursing his ailing father and a hero as he risks his life to save a woman. The exuberant frankness of this movie provokes an inward and an outward look at the covert acts of racism and the hatred of "the other." ◀



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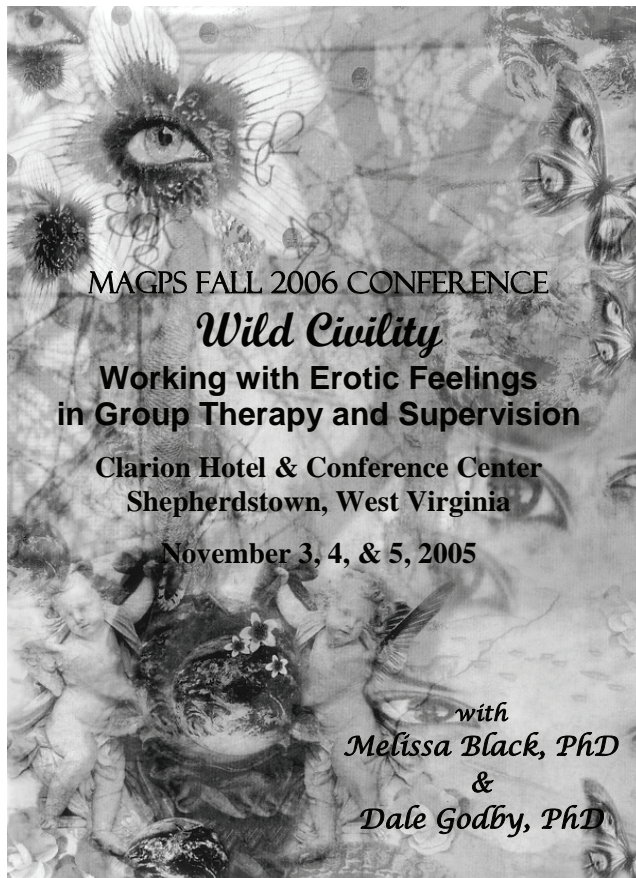
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Friday, September 29, 2006

The Fight Club (1999)

Moderator: Macario Giraldo

5:45 to 6:30 PM Light Supper & Wine
6:30 ~ 9:30 PM Feature Film & Discussion
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