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MAGPS Spring 2007 Conference Johns Hopkins to co-sponsor again

by Venus Masselam

This spring we will once again have the benefit of meeting at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in Rockville. The Department of Counseling and Human Services of the School of Education co-sponsors the Spring Conference and our presence is made possible through the interest and generosity of Dr. Mary Guidon, Department Chair. The staff of the Montgomery County Campus was most inviting last year and many of our members commented on the pleasant helpfulness shown by them. The winter that came late reminds us of spring. Just last year at the Spring Conference we were touching upon diversity issues. Several members suggested in their evaluations that we more actively and directly address this topic. It surfaces and resurfaces at our various conferences and yet it seems to be either the wrong time or inappropriate for the specific conference topic of the moment.

Therefore, following these recommendations, our own Dr. Reginald Nettles accepted an invitation to be the presenter for the Spring 2007 Conference. As noted above, the topic is about working with multiple minority identities and reflects Reggie's keen interest in the subtleties of diversity and its impact both within and between whatever diversities exist. This interest comes from a more personal and multi-faceted perspective, one that he not only studies but also lives. A quote from the Save-the-Date card describes his approach.

"Guest presenter Reginald Nettles, PhD, CGP, will lead the conference in examining multiple minority identities, including known and unknown differences in ethnic, racial, sexual orientation, and physical disability among clients and psychotherapists. Transference and counter-transference challenges within and between individuals will be explored."

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Dear Colleagues & Friends,

I received an email message today from a new age website. It read, "Lead with joy, Robert. It's the whole point." Signed, *The Universe*. Seems there IS intelligent life out there, after all!

So it's with joy I dedicate the poem *Song for the Last Act* to my colleagues on the current Board in appreciation of their creativity, dedication and collaborative spirit on behalf of our Society these past two years. To all of you, I say it's been a joy to come to know your faces, your voices, and your hearts—most dearly, your hearts.

Thank you Lenore, Venus, Emily, Trish, Amy, Farooq, Ron, Nancy, Barry, Reggie, Maryetta, Deb and Nial from the bottom of my heart.

As I look back on the past three years of serving as President, I realize my ambitions were modest, but mostly realized—keep the trains running on time, establish a separate spring conference chair position, and expand the student scholarship program to include all who want to learn about group therapy. I've enjoyed my time as President, and I thank everyone for the support and encouragement offered me.

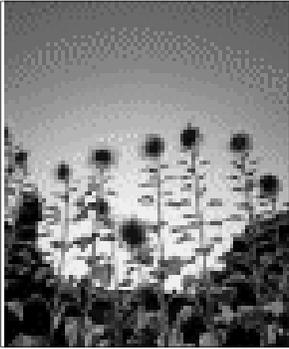
Lenore Pomerance takes the helm as incoming President at an exciting time, with the AGPA Annual Meeting headed our way, interest in our Society strong and the membership's creativity in overdrive. I join with everyone to congratulate her and pledge our full support for her and the newly elected Board. They follow in a fine tradition and will do great things for us all.

Our Spring 2007 Conference will include recognition of retiring Board members, a special tribute to Amy, Emily and Trish for their many years of Board service, and a ceremony installing our new Board of Directors. I hope you'll be there to say thank you and share the joyful experience!

With Joy & Gratitude, *Bob*

Song for the Last Act

by Louise Bogan



Now that I have your face by heart, I look
 Less at its features than its darkening frame
 Where quince and melon, yellow as young flame,
 Lie with quilled dahlias and the shepherd's crook.
 Beyond, a garden. There, in insolent ease
 The lead marble figures watch the show
 Of yet another summer loath to go
 Although the scythes hang in the apple trees.

Now that I have your face by heart, I look.



Now that I have your voice by heart, I read
 In the black chords upon a dulling page
 Music that is not meant for music's cage,
 Whose emblems mix with words that shake and bleed.
 The staves are shuttled over with a stark
 Unprinted silence. In a double dream
 I must spell out the storm, the running stream.
 The beat's too swift. The notes shift in the dark.

Now that I have your voice by heart, I read.



Now that I have your heart by heart, I see
 The wharves with their great ships and architaves;
 The rigging and the cargo and the slaves
 On a strange beach under a broken sky.
 O not departure, but a voyage done!
 The bales stand on the stone; the anchor weeps
 Its red rust downward, and the long vine creeps
 Beside the salt herb, in the lengthening sun.

Now that I have your heart by heart, I see.

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A committee, affectionately called Reggie's Committee, was formed to support this project. It includes Ivory Roberts Clarke, Cheryl Poe, Farooq Mohyuddin, Lenore Pomerance, Thomas Wessel and myself, Venus Masselam, as the Conference Chair. We have been actively communicating generally through monthly conference calls. Additional members of the formal Conference Committee are Patrice Monell-Goncz, Merry Macke, Molly Donovan, Bob Schulte, and Trish Cleary. Thank you all for your unselfish assistance.

Continuing the process of involving more of the membership, the number of small group leaders was expanded to provide more co-led small groups along with individually led groups. There will be 14 small group leaders helping us process our experiences during the conference. The co-leaders are Sally Brandel and Trish Cleary, Nicholas Kirsch and Gloria Myers Beller, Nial Quinlan and John Thomas, and John Rhead and Susan Jacobson. Leading groups individually will be Jamie Moran (see below), Nina Brown, Barbara Cristy, Tom Large, Leon Paparella, and Barry Wepman.

The topic "Within and Between" presents a challenge for each of us to consider our own feelings and concerns. It is a topic that touches us all personally and yet is one that demands some distance and a sense of intellectual curiosity. Reggie, along with the small group leaders and our colleagues at the conference, will help us to do this.

In mid-December I had the opportunity to meet with our guest small group leader, Jamie Moran, a social worker in private practice in San Francisco. His warmth and enthusiasm were quickly evident as he conveyed his admiration for our society's courage in working directly with a topic from which others have shied away.

One of the joys besides being in a new and comfortable setting at JHU is the "no problem" parking. We are trying to have the dining arrangements made more handicapped accessible. Our conference is located in the Academic and Research Building, which is the one of the left as you drive up facing the University. A new event at this spring's conference will be a reception and facilitated discussion for first-time attendees and their mentors, to be held on Saturday evening. We hope this will provide attendees new to group process and/or MAGPS a chance to integrate and process their conference experience in a supportive and relaxed environment.

The Department of Counseling and Human Services of the School of Education not only co-sponsors the program, but also provides CEU's for counselors, social workers and psychologists attending the conference. I have been working with Farooq Mohyuddin and Paul Timin to see about finding a way to offer CME's to the physicians who attend. Farooq has been most actively involved in this matter. If it does not happen in time for this conference, it may be something we can offer our physician members in the near future.

The Courtyard Marriott in Rockville has reserved rooms for us at \$89 per night. It is only 4 minutes away from the campus and proved to be a comfortable and affordable site for our members last year. Please make your reservations before April 5th by calling: **(800) 321-2211**.

If there are other questions, Venus can be contacted at 301-365-3948

Please note Molly Donovan's interview with Dr. Nettles beginning on Page 10



AGPA is Coming to Town!



Molly Donovan & Barry Wepman, Co-Chairs



Mark your calendars because the 2008 Annual AGPA Meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton from February 18 through the 23rd. MAGPS is responsible for chairing the Local Hosting Committee. The job of the local hosting committee is to suggest possible themes, plenary speakers, entertainment for the luncheon, band for the dance, prepare a booklet to orient visitors to our city and all it has to offer, set up and staff a booth at the meeting, assemble and work with a corps of volunteers, and more (whew!).

We are hard at work along with our subcommittee chairs and subcommittees for Program, Marketing and Hospitality. George Saiger and Bob Schulte are the Program Chairs. Susan Jacobson and Nicholas Kirsch are the Marketing Chairs. Maryetta Andrews-Sachs, Venus Masselam, and Lenore Pomerance are the Hospitality Chairs. We appreciate all of you who have volunteered and are pleased to have you on board as committee members. For those of you who might like to help out, there will be opportunities as the meeting approaches and during the meeting itself. Please let us know by being in touch with one of us or one of the subcommittee chairs. So far, the Local Hosting Committee has come up with possible themes, speakers, and entertainment, and has submitted our suggestions to the powers that be at AGPA. We will keep you posted when we get word about their decisions so you will be in the know as the Annual Meeting develops.

Our immediate tasks ahead are to make contact with local institutions and agencies that might be sources of program presenters, attendees, and/or volunteers. As the call for papers will come out right after this year's meeting in Austin, and the turnaround time for proposals is pretty tight, we need to have identified people who might be good program presenters and encourage them to submit proposals by the deadline. *If you know of people who you think would make especially good presenters, or if you would like to submit a proposal yourself, please let us know as soon as possible!*

We are pleased that MAGPS is hosting AGPA in our great city and pleased for the opportunity to have our MAGPS community work together on this project.

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Welcome to the New Board of Directors!

By Emily Lape

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of the Board of Directors election for the 2007-2009 Term. We will be welcoming six new people and retaining six returning Board Members, though most are shifting to new positions.

All new Board Members take office at the end of the Spring Conference in April. We thank everyone who ran. It was a very close election among highly qualified candidates willing to give back to our organization.

There are many opportunities for members to become more involved on an organizational level through committees and leadership opportunities. Please approach anyone on the Board with your interest.

Emily Lape, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Chair of the Nominating Committee
Amy Bush, PhD, Paul Timin, MSW, Tom Wessel, EdD, Nominating Committee Members

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The Torch Is Passed!

By Lenore Pomerance

As I contemplate succeeding Bob Schulte as President of MAGPS I am reminded of how it felt to succeed him as Conference Chair. At the wrap-up of the Spring Conference on Social Dreaming Bob slipped a piece of paper into my hands on which was written the particulars of when, where and who was to present the Fall 2005 Conference, thus thrusting me into the spotlight. I read it in a disembodied voice.

My next memory is securing my final small group leader during my August vacation, a scant week before brochure publishing time! It was a good thing I had not read Bob's handbook suggesting a 6 to 12 month lead-time in selecting small group leaders. In the beginning, I felt like I was hosting a weekend sleep-over party for seventy to one hundred guests and panicking at the prospect of no one showing up!

I have paid a lot more attention to Bob these past two years. As President, he initiated and carried out the appointment of a Spring Conference Chair thereby greatly reducing the previously stressful responsibility of planning two annual conferences. He was always looking for ways to help people work together more collaboratively and more efficiently.

So, now I do have a better idea of what I'm getting into as President. I have made my peace with that other Robert and his Rules of Order (I can now call a vote if I have to), and am excited about mentoring our President-Elect/Conference Chair, Reggie Nettles. We have a strong, new Board and an enthusiastic Host Committee paving the way for AGPA's 2008 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Let the games begin!

MAGPS Annual Dinner at the AGPA Meeting in Austin, TX

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You're Our Dreamgirls

By Bob Schulte



Amy



Emily



Trish

Every generation has leaders able to dream of a better future and the conviction to make it happen. Three women who have helped reshape the modern-day face of MAGPS are Amy Bush, Emily Lape and Trish Cleary. Together they have over 30 years of experience on the Board and their 'vision to reality' successes are evident in our Society's friendly and welcoming atmosphere, marketing visibility, creative programming, mentoring and a deep commitment to excellence.

Bob: *You've all been on the Board a long time. What are your thoughts as you depart?*

Amy: What a terrific opportunity this has been to redo high school and get to be in the in-crowd! I have loved it!! Working behind the scenes putting people in the right positions without anyone noticing or even them knowing how they got there has been great fun. When I joined MAGPS the Board was screaming at each other. What's different now is how well the Board gets along and how well we have worked together.

Emily: I went to my first MAGPS conference in 1987. I hated it! It felt very cliquish. I felt 20 years younger than everyone and out of the loop because I lived 2 hours away from most other members. But I was determined to find a reference group to affiliate with. I hung in with MAGPS and now it feels like home. I have loved being part of the MAGPS Board and watch our organization grow with renewed vitality.

Trish: My MAGPS Board involvement started *ex officio* as the Newsletter Editor. The need arose, I was asked, and I accepted. The task allowed me to learn about the organization and its members while working at home (with free-time generated by my life-partner's commitment to her PhD studies) and at my own pace - due to limited computer skills and to chronic medical issues. It was a good fit. Then, of course, one thing led to another. Over the years, I have focused on highlighting our assets and streamlining production processes to support smooth transitions.

Bob: *What are you most proud of in your work with MAGPS?*

Amy: I'm proud of having brought in new people to the organization, especially the Women's Center women who are now such an integral part of MAGPS. I am very proud of the Women's Center Group Therapy Training Program that I designed and implemented and connected to MAGPS for many years. And I think the Directory you and I have created is pretty cool.

Emily: I worked hard to change the MAGPS culture to make it feel more inclusive and welcoming to new and younger members. I made some structural changes at conferences, expanding small group sessions, wrote guidelines for small group participation, developed a model for debriefing small group leaders, initiated a very popular guest small group leader program, and gave registrants their choices of small group leaders. I added an appointed student/new professional position to the Board, and I've worked hard to champion the creative ideas of others.

Trish: I am proud of my work on our Newsletter and Website. Learning desktop publishing as the Newsletter Editor supported the next logical application in our technological world - the creation and development of www.magps.org. My flair for design and editing on the computer resulted in being made Chair of the MAGPS Publications and Communications Committee. I am also proud of developing, marketing, promoting and launching the Cinema Series. It was a fun and entertaining way to welcome the varied mental health providers from the DC Metro area to explore group themes and dynamics. I delight in having earned the distinction as the "Perle Mesta" of our community by providing enjoyable meals at MAGPS leadership activities and Cinema Series events.

Bob: *What advice do you have for new board members?*

Amy: Listen at first and see what is already going on. Then jump right in and put out there all your ideas and dreams, new programs—whatever you think would help. If it doesn't happen now, it will happen later and though you might not always get credit you can feel satisfied that you made a difference.

Emily: Have fun. Work hard, be creative, speak your mind, share your ideas and your talents but also be able to say "no" so you don't find yourself overextended. Pay attention to the relational aspects as you will develop new or deepen existing friendships.

Trish: Show up and work hard even when it feels like you are flying solo. Delight in sharing successes with the Society membership and enjoy discovering that they are the "wind beneath your wings."

Bob: *What will you do with all your free time? Ha!*

Amy: I'm expanding my practice and doing more work with couples and affairs rehabilitation. At home I am renovating a house, doing most of the work myself, and training my new dog for field and hunting trials.

Emily: I am becoming more active in the eating disorders field. I'm looking forward to coming to conferences just as a member but would also love to lead more small groups. I've started taking yoga and Nordic walking.

Trish: As a member of the Marketing Committee for the 2008 AGPA Annual Meeting in DC, I will be working to support our success as hosts for this international event. As the AGPA/GPF Scholarship Chair, I hope to stimulate donated scholarship funding from our local group psychotherapy community to assure record attendance for all 2008 scholarship applicants. Professionally, I am exploring new entrepreneurial options. Personally, I am looking forward to relaxing at home with the new Doctor in our house and hosting smaller gatherings with friends and colleagues.



INTERVIEW WITH DR. REGINALD NETTLES

By Molly Donovan



On a Friday afternoon in early December, I met with Dr. Reginald Nettles in his home office, a large, but cozy space, in Columbia, Maryland. This account cannot cover all that we spoke about, but I do hope it conveys something of the considerable thought and personal experience that Reggie will be bringing to his presentation.



Molly: Reggie, your theme for the Spring conference is working with multiple minority identities – would you explain what you mean by that and what makes it an important concept?

Reggie: Multiple minority identities refers to individuals belonging to more than one stigmatized or disenfranchised group. This focus represents a point of departure from traditional multicultural or diversity studies. Multiculturalism has tended to look at specific ethnic minority groups and how they differ from each other, and particularly how they differ from the majority culture – the idea being that therapists of the majority culture background need to understand things about these different cultures to be able to work effectively across cultures. And, while I believe that's true, individuals often have multiple identities. When we look at multiple - either minority or stigmatized or disenfranchised - identities, we have a much more complex multicultural matrix.

Molly: So, how does this come into play? How can we look at this in a way that will be most beneficial both to the person with the multiple minority identities and to the person of the majority who may be interacting with that person?

Reggie: Well, I think that people respond to each other based on what is most salient to them. So, therapists and clients, individually and in groups, respond to what is most salient to them from the outside looking in without really knowing what's going on inside the other person.

Molly: And of course that's true of everyone - we can't know what's inside another person and often make assumptions. How is your focus different?

Reggie: The person, therapist or client, who identifies with a stigmatized group is likely to have encountered stressors that are unfamiliar to members of the majority culture. When that person belongs to several stigmatized groups, the stress can be multiplied and can contribute to various defensive maneuvers, including hiding what is considered socially unacceptable. In the process of self-discovery, one may uncover parts of the self that had been hidden, even from oneself. An example of this would be someone coming out as a gay person after struggling with that question for a long time. And when we talk about hiding and coming out, this can also be relevant to race. In group, depending on many factors in the therapist (like his/her own attitudes or aspects of him/herself that s/he wishes to keep hidden), the therapist may collude with the client's tendency to hide or "pass", and the client will remain essentially invisible.

Molly: What can the conference participants look forward to learning about? And what might they look at differently after the experience?

Reggie: I'd like people to understand multiple minority identity and the common elements that unite the experiences of ethnic minorities, sexual minorities, and people with disabilities. For example, a black gay man going to a family wedding might be more aware of his gayness and others may also – his gayness will stand out in that setting. The same gay man may go to a gay bar after the wedding and is comfortable being surrounded by other gay people, but may find that he is one of only two blacks in the room. So here, his race becomes salient and he is responded to differently. People often react with anxiety and seem to want the minority person to do something to make them feel comfortable. It can be difficult to have to handle these reactions and

discrimination on a daily basis, and very stressful. All of these elements of multiple minority cultural phenomena are relevant to the therapy relationship where it is important for the therapist to be sensitive to these factors along with the intrapsychic.

Molly: I'm wondering how you think the small groups at this conference might be different from small groups at any other Mid-Atlantic conference?

Reggie: I think the discussion of these topics may set up a tension in the group for both leaders and members about how much to share about one's identity. I hope that questions and comments about projections around the differences will be shared, that people will be able to talk about their reactions to each other – the anxiety, the curiosities, the attraction, the discomfort, the prejudice. I would hope that the group will be able to identify and talk about their reactions. And, I would hope that there could be talk about the experience of being black or Hispanic or gay or having a disability.

Molly: Seems that if we don't acknowledge the differences and what they stir in us, it is hard to get beyond them, hard to connect in any real way. So, your hope is that participants may discover hidden aspects of their own make-up which can then be spoken?

Reggie: Yes, that would be my goal: to have participants come to know parts of themselves and each other that have been "unknown". This conference feels important to me in both professional and personal ways and I look forward to sharing it with the Mid-Atlantic community.

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Stewart Aledort M.D., CGP, Chair
January, 23-24, 2009

Beyond Theory: The Art of Group Psychotherapy

Bob Schulte MSW, CGP, Chair
April 17-18, 2009

Thank You, Venus - You're Out Of This World!

By Lenore Pomerance

MAGPS has long been the beneficiary of Venus Masselam's creativity and resourcefulness. I recently emailed her a few questions: where'd she get that unmistakable Boston accent, what was it like to be Armenian, and what was her first experience in MAGPS?

She was born in Boston, she first met people in MAGPS at a group studies program at Psychiatric Institute, and oh, by the way, she's not Armenian, she's Syrian and Lebanese. Ahhhhh...



Isn't that what the Spring 2007 Conference is all about: when vagueness, ignorance or insensitivity can add insult to injury? Venus is the daughter of Syrian and Lebanese parents. She said she was not hypersensitive about being Arab until the 1967 Israeli War. Her sensitivity has heightened with the growing anti-Arab sentiment of recent years.

Pat Monell-Goncz brought Venus to her first MAGPS conference around fifteen years ago. Since then she has co-chaired and chaired the MAGPS Training Day, conducted the Basic Principles Course for three years, served on the Board Secretary and as a Member-at-Large, and run two Spring Conferences. She commissioned the original artwork for the save-the date postcard and handsome black tote bags given to all participants at the Spring 2006 Conference.

Her resourcefulness brought about the realization of a dream long held by the MAGPS leadership: to find a welcoming university that would house and cosponsor our Spring Conferences. Our Spring 2007 Conference, at The Johns Hopkins' Rockville campus about seen and unseen diversities within and between ourselves, in our groups, in our lives, and in MAGPS, promises to be a rich and challenging meeting. Maybe I will learn something about why I thought Venus was Armenian!

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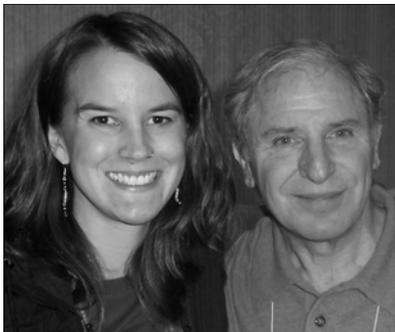
Memories of Fall

By Lenore Pomerance

Our Fall 2006 Conference on Wild Civility: Working with Erotic Feelings in Group Therapy and Supervision gave us a chance to explore the continuum of feelings between too much danger and too much safety that exists as we experience eros in our individual and group settings.

Drs. Dale Godby and Melissa Black who teach and practice together in Dallas, Texas, complemented their presentation with three large group experiences in three different formations. We ended Friday evening in one large circle exposing our vulnerable bellies to one another. On Saturday we were in a spiral where participants gave voice to the power of being both seen and hidden. Our large group experience on Sunday in which we were in concentric circles reverberated with the square and circle dancing we did Saturday night reflecting inclusion and exclusion, energy and intimacy without words, to lively Blue Grass music.

It looks like some form of dancing may become a permanent part of our Saturday evening activities. We're looking to Maria Ross and Josh Cordonnier to come up with some Latin rhythms!





Member Memos

by Deborah Sinek

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

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Rob Williams and **Kati Vadar** have received Barry Bukatman Scholarships to attend the 2007 AGPA Annual Meeting this year in Austin, TX.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/PUBLICATIONS:

Steward Aledort and **Beatrice Liebenberg** participated in a Washington School of Psychiatry (WSP) panel titled, *The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, And Even the Beautiful: Thoughts on the Current State and Future Direction of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis*. **Maryetta Andrews-Sachs** will be chairing the WSP's National Group Therapy Institute Conference, *Group Psychotherapy and Existential Confrontation*.

AT THE UPCOMING 2007 AGPA ANNUAL MEETING:

Mary Dluhy is the Co-Chair of the Annual Meeting. **Joan Medway** is the Co-Chair of the Open Sessions Committee. At the Institute, **Bob Schulte**, **Joan Medway**, and **John Dluhy** will each lead a general process group. **Stewart Aledort** will lead a special interest section entitled 'Fostering Regression: The Omnipotent Child Takes Center Stage'. During the Conference portion of the meeting, **Michael Stiers** will chair a three-part Large Group open session. **Rosemary Segalla** is offering a session titled, "Using Forbidden Affects in Group Therapy: The Leader's Desire and Aggression." **Beryce MacLennan** will co-present the workshop, "Group Psychotherapy Experience with Seniors: Different Therapeutic Changes at Different Age Levels." **George Saiger** will be speaking at a breakfast meeting on the topic, "The Future of Group Therapy in Psychiatry Residency." **Nina Brown** will offer a workshop on "Leading Psychoeducational Groups." **Sally Brandel** and **Trish Cleary** will present the workshop, "Sexual Intimacy: Lost and Found." **Mary Dluhy** will co-present "Living with Cancer." **Lorraine Wodiska** will offer the workshop, "Great Teaching Ideas for Group Course Instructors." **John Dluhy**, **Bob Schulte**, and **Molly Donovan** will be among a group offering an open session titled, "Using a Stage Play to Illuminate Competitive and Affiliative Dimensions of Group Life." **Stewart Aledort** will be chairing the open session, "The Role of the Therapist's Theory on the Development of the Group Culture." **Barry Wepman** will offer the workshop, "The Geometry of Supervision Groups: Parallel Processes and Intersecting Boundaries." **Emily Lape** will be among a group offering an open session for "Developing Group Interventions in College Counseling Centers: Part III."

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