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□ Fall Greetings~



This is the first newsletter I am writing without the input of the AAGT Communications Director—Bob Witchel. His sudden passing four months ago has left a hole in the gestalt community and a deep sadness for those of us who knew him. I am grateful that I was able to work under his guidance and will always appreciate his humor and kindness...

In my part of the world autumn brings cool days and even cooler nights, fires, hot cocoa, and warm slippers! It is my favorite time of year as it brings renewed energy and a readiness to meet the American holiday season. If Autumn in your part of the world brings sunshine and warm

weather, enjoy! Hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy at this time of year, wherever it is you call home!

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Thank you to everyone who sent information for inclusion in this newsletter!

Please consider submitting your information for the Winter Newsletter.

Some examples of what you can submit:

- ⇒ Your publishable photos from gestalt conferences, workshops, and training centers
- ⇒ Articles, books, or other publication announcements from AAGT members
- ⇒ Upcoming trainings, workshops, conferences that may be of interest to AAGT members
- ⇒ Academic networking opportunities
- ⇒ Artwork, poetry, or other media to encourage and connect with others!
- ⇒ Limit your submission to 2 pages, as a Word Document—and please send to aagt.emeyerstewart@outlook.com

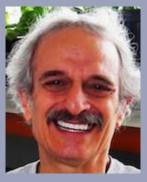
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The link to the AAGT FB page is: https://www.facebook.com/AAGT.org

This page can be used as a real-time way to announce AAGT workshops, member's Gestalt therapy activities, and other announcements of interest to the gestalt community.





Bob Witchel June 10, 1948 ~ May 3, 2017

Former AAGT
Communications Director
Pittsburgh, PA, USA



From the AAGT President, Toni Gilligan

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The time for this piece has come round so quickly; it feels no more than a few weeks since some of us were together at the AGM, and there is much to reflect on since then.



We continue to mourn the loss of Bob Witchel, who in such a short space of time became such an important, dedicated and loved member of AAGT and the Board. He was a big part of our planning for the AGM: we were sad, and it was strange to be there, without him. Others, too, have passed—leaving our gestalt community richer for knowing them...

I think the decision to link our AGM to the UKAGP/BGJ 25th Birthday Conference worked well. A big thank you again to UKAGP for their wonderful cooperation in this, and a special thank you to Liz Beauchamp, who was an amazing 'point person' throughout.

We were delighted that so many decided to stay on after the end of the Conference for the AGM. We were able to have time for both being together as a community and for the more focussed work of the AGM. In community we held and supported some courageous and moving contact between people who had felt hurt and discounted during our challenging process of deciding whether or not to move our conference venue away from Asheville. I am still moved as I write this now: *thank you*.

We structured our AGM so that we spent some time 'milling around': moving from accidental grouping to accidental grouping to discuss where we are, ideas for the sub-committees, visions and inspirations for the future and so on. Two of the photos of notes from the meeting *(on the last page of this Newsletter)* will hopefully give you an idea of what we are doing. Other photos of our conversations will be on the AAGT website: https://aagt.org/

In our more formal meeting, we said good-bye to Patricia who came to the end of her term as Vice-president and of her five year presidential commitment. Thank you again Patricia for all you did. We said hello to Tali as our new Vice-president, and we have some new Board members. Catie Beaulieu joins us as the new Co-chair of the Interest Groups Sub-committee, and Shareefah Sabur as our new Organisational membership Co-chair. Thank you both for volunteering, and welcome!

As you can see from this Newsletter's announcement on page 5, the planning for our 2018 Conference in Toronto is gathering speed. We have a superb trio of convenors backed by a Conference Planning Committee full of experience and creativity. They have demonstrated what 'hitting the ground running' means. With much less time than our conference convenors and planners usually have - not getting together until the spring - they have managed through an awful lot of hard work, and buckets of midnight oil, to have us on schedule for August 2018. We can't thank you enough! Please look for the links here and on the website that will let you know when various deadlines fall – early bird, proposal submissions, etc.

I write this aware of thinking about our US members affected by the storms and threat of hurricanes and our Mexican members who may have been affected by the earthquake there; of our members in Spain with the bombing in Barcelona. I am brought home to my sense of belonging to an international community. Please stay safe if you can, and feel the support of our community.

Warm wishes.

Toni

14th Biennial AAGT Conference Toronto, Canada August 14-19, 2018

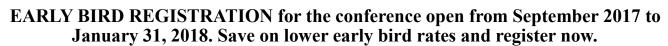
Theme ~ Radical Respect: Contemporary Gestalt Therapy In Troubled Times

Conference website: <u>aagttoronto2018.com</u>

The Conference committee has been busy since April putting together plans for next year's conference in Toronto, Canada and we are excited to share our planning with you now and as we move forward towards next August!

Please register on the conference website where you will also find information on:

- ⇒ Preconference and conference programs
- ⇒ Location and hotel accommodations at Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
- ⇒ Alternate accommodation links
- ⇒ Conference rates and links
- ⇒ Continuing education credits
- ⇒ Work/study information & application instructions for conference scholarships!



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS OPEN NOW!

There will be opportunity to submit workshop proposals for 4 hour or 8 hour preconference workshops or 2 hour conference workshops. We welcome all submissions.

On the website is the workshop submission form and a word doc that you can use as a working document in the process of creating your form.

DEADLINE FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS: Nov. 1, 2017

Workshop selections for preconference and conference workshops will be available in February following peer review of workshop submissions.

On behalf of all the conference subcommittees, we invite you to block out your calendar for August 14th to 19th, 2018 and meet us in Toronto, Canada for an opportunity to share knowledge, experiences and connection with fellow Gestalt practitioners in a beautiful Canadian city which welcomes all.

Look forward to seeing you there! <u>aagttoronto2018.com</u>
Conference Co-convenors,
Carolina Edwards, Heather Keyes, Jay Tropianskaia





From Mark Reck ~ AAGT Research Liaison

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Greetings all!

A quick report on the AAGT research front:

International Gestalt Therapy Research Conference

The 3rd International Gestalt Therapy Research Conference took place in late May in Paris, France, a coordinated effort between AAGT, the European Association for Gestalt Therapy (EAGT), Société Française de Gestalt (SFG), and Collège Européen de Gestalt-thérapie (CEG-t).

The conference featured some intriguing and thought-provoking presentations, exciting conversations, and deep dialogues pertaining to various facets of gestalt research.

In addition to workshops, panels, and small groups, the conference was proud to have three mentors-in-residence give incredible talks: Louis Castonguay ("Can Research Be Relevant to Gestalt Therapists, or Any Type of Therapists?"), Wolfgang Tschacher ("Embodiment and Synchrony as Fundamental Ingredients of Psychotherapy"), and Xavier Briffault ("Epistemological and Practical Consequences for Research in Gestalt-Therapy: If We Choose to Adopt Wampold's Contextual Model").

The conference also gathered attendees to have a larger dialogue about continued support of and action with the gestalt research movement. What came from that dialogue was the beginnings of establishing a web-based system to coordinate the research efforts of various researchers to create more dedicated research programs and interconnected practice-based research networks.

Keep on the lookout for information about the 2019 International Gestalt Therapy Research Conference coming soon.

Researching, Investigating, Inquiring: A Gestalt Research Interest Group

With support from the AAGT Interest Group Co-Chairs, an interest group dedicated to research is coming into being. Although organized around the topic of gestalt research, the interest group is an opportunity for participants to form community and connection.

Interest group meetings will use the online videoconferencing system of Zoom, with members meeting once a month for 90 minutes.



The first meeting of the interest group will be on Sunday, 15 October at 12:00pm EDT.

For those who have questions about research efforts or wish to join the research interest group, feel free to contact me at mark.reck.psyd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Call for Process Group Facilitators at the 2018 AAGT Toronto Conference from the Process Group Planning Committee

Hello Everyone!

As members of the Process Group Planning Committee we want to express our excitement about AAGT's 2018 Conference in Toronto, Canada, and encourage you to volunteer to be a Process Group Facilitator!

Process Groups are an integral part of AAGT conferences and a unique Gestalt Therapy approach to conferencing. Process groups each consist of eight to twelve participants who meet daily to share thoughts and feelings that the conference brings up in them. This offers opportunities for contact, support, risking, and understanding. They occur as organically emerging here-and-now experiences that contribute to the conference as a whole as members bring their process group experience to workshops and other activities.

Each group has two "facilitators" who encourage, stimulate, and support conference participants to attend to their experience exploring the unique meaning/value of the conference to them. Process Group Facilitators participate / facilitate the excitement of sharing interests, doubts, confusions, curiosity, satisfactions as well as dissatisfactions toward a new Gestalt. The Process group is not group therapy or a leader-led topical group. Rather it is an opportunity for contacting as an esthetic, existential Gestalt Therapy experience of people in the relationship learning together.

Since everyone will participate in the Process groups we urge all you experienced as well as less experienced group facilitators, and those of you who want to develop your skill in facilitating groups to volunteer. This is a wonderful way to contribute to AAGT, the conference, your colleagues and to meet the new people who are attending.

There will be a Process Group Facilitator training and orientation on Wednesday afternoon, 2:00- 4:00 PM the week of the Conference, as well as support meetings during the conference.

A detailed description of Process Groups is presented on the AAGT Webb site. You can register to be a facilitator when you register for the conference. Volunteering to be a Process Group Facilitator is quick and easy to do by just filling out the facilitator volunteer option when you register for the conference.

Your help with group facilitation will be very much appreciated! For more information please contact Nives at nivesv@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Warm regards from the Process Group Committee Co-Chairs:

Nives Vrecic Lorbek, Slovenia Claudia Fernandez, Mexico Diane Gibfried, USA Luisa de Amaral, Canada



Greetings from the Scholarship Fund Committee!

The Scholarship Fund is made available for financial grants in connection with <u>any AAGT-sponsored event</u>. This means that persons may apply for grants to events, in addition to our biannual conferences! Events such as Annual General Meetings, regional and research conferences, and other events may be applicable.

Consequently, we are hoping to energize more AAGT members to be pro-active with regard to fund-raising for the Scholarship Fund! In the past the SF has raised money via donations as a line item in biennial conference registration forms (as you will soon be able to do when registering for the Toronto 2018 conference), auctions at biennial conferences, events mounted by members, such as workshops, song recitals and so forth.

Many more kinds of fund-raising events could be mounted, based on the imagination and ingenuity of members. Here are some ideas to consider: on-line individual or group supervision, either as a one-time event, or periodically (every month or two, for instance), half-day or full day workshops in your specialty, a showing of Fritz Perls sessions (a DVD containing 5 sessions is available free from this committee), showing of other DVD's as may be available to you, hosting a dinner party, picnic, boat ride, or other activity, hosting lectures by senior members.

If you mount an event you can donate whatever percentage of the proceeds you wish. For example, if you charge \$20/session per person for an online supervision group, half could go to the SF.

We welcome other ideas, so if you have one, please let us know! We are glad to help you organize any effort you care to make. So If you would like

to participate with us in raising funds for scholarship grants, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Domi Chabre (co-chair)......dominique.chabre@gmail.com

Adam Kincel (co-chair)..... adam@gestalt.uk.com

Bud Feder (member)......bfeder@verizon.net

Cathy Gray (member).....cathybgray@gmail.com



From the Membership Chairs:

Jon Blend & Maryanne Nicholls

jon.blend335@gmail.com









We welcome all members, new and returning, to AAGT!

The 2018 conference is less than a year away, and we're excited about having new members join us. Whether this is your first time, or whether you're a regular to AAGT conferences, we want to invite you to our informal gathering before the conference begins.

There, you'll have a chance to connect with others, learn about AAGT from personal stories and anecdotes, and ask questions.

Stay tuned for details as we get closer to the conference time!



From the AAGT Organizational Member Representatives:



Co-Chairs

Nives Vrečič Lorbek

&

Shareefah Sabur



Greetings all AAGT Members!

And especially Organizational Member Representatives!

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce new Organizational Member Representative Shareefah Sabur who joined me as Co-Chair in July 2017!

As you may already know Organizational Member Representatives serve as liaisons between the AAGT and affiliated Gestalt organizations. Shareefah and I are both committed to represent the interests of Gestalt institutes, trainers, consulting firms and other affiliated organizations on the Board of Directors. We hope to foster interest amongst Gestalt organizations to present their institutes, trainers, consulting firms, etc. as members of AAGT.

We look forward to having regular communication with the Organizational Members and co-create new ideas and projects to enrich all of us. We will coordinate communications and activities among the Organizational Members, and are open to your suggestions to facilitate the processes of this group.

Those of you who are currently members, we thank you for your continued participa-



tion! If your membership has lapsed, we will be encouraging you to rejoin. It is also our desire to increase our numbers.

We also want to inform you that we are planning a lunch meeting at 11:45 AM on Friday during the AAGT conference in Toronto 2018, where we can

hopefully meet face-to-face. Until that time, we will be in touch by e-mails.

We look forward to hearing from you as well! Email your questions or interest in Organizational Membership \sim and \sim we encourage you to submit workshop proposals for our upcoming conference in Toronto 2018!

Nives & Shareefah Organization member representatives to the Board of AAGT

Nives Vrečič Lorbek, <u>nivesv@gmail.com</u> Shareefah Sabur, <u>ssabur@gestaltcleveland.org</u>

Welcome New AAGT Board Members!

Shareefah Sabur has been the Executive Director of the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland since April 2016. She joined the AAGT Board in July 2017 as an Organizational Member co-chair. She came with 30 years of experience in various roles in health care and education.

Recently, at Hospice of the Western Reserve, Shareefah held the titles of Chief Strategy Officer, Compliance Officer, HIPAA Privacy Officer, and Chief Quality and Education Officer. She also provided oversight of the Hospice Institute, which supported a culture of inquiry where clinicians were challenged and supported in doing research, presentations and publications to further advance hospice and palliative care.

Shareefah has also lead initiatives at the state, national, and international levels to advance quality of care, public policy, and advocacy. Over a period of eight years, she worked as a loaned executive in the startup of a multinational organization in Uganda. She also worked in Zambia, Rwanda, and South Africa providing training, board development, and strategic planning to support the delivery of palliative care during the AIDS pandemic.

Through her consulting practice, primarily focusing on strategic planning, board development, and quality improvement, she supports the efforts of nonprofit organizations to stay true to its mission and achieve sustainability. She is committed to the Gestalt approach and uses it to leverage powerful, positive change in her practice.

As a Certified Diversity Professional, she continues to teach in the Diversity Management Program at Cleveland State University, is adjunct faculty at Kent State University, and visiting faculty at the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland.



Catie Beaulieu is the owner of Gestalt Wellness Studio in Ashville, North Carolina. Catie is

a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Personal Trainer, working with people who identify as being impacted by race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, and/or sexuality.

On the AAGT Board, she serves as co-chair of Interest Groups, and states, "I'm enjoying meeting gestalt therapists from all over the world, and

am excited to be part of AAGT!"

Interest Groups: Connecting our Members

Co-Chairs: Billy Desmond & Catie Beaulieu

Firstly, welcome to Catie our new co-chair and a warm farewell of deep gratitude to Daniel who has stepped down, but is still co-chair of the vibrant Gender & Sexual Diversity group.

We (Billy & Catie) are building on the work of

Daniel and Bob who had revitalized the AAGT Interest Groups. We currently have two AAGT interest groups (Gender and Sexual Diversity -GSD group and Gestalt Group Therapy) that are regularly meeting via Zoom, a virtual online platform provided by AAGT. Here is a brief update from these groups:



Gender & Sexual Diversity Group

"Our group meets on the last Sunday of every month. We are an open group. Members may identify as LGBTQIA*, may be questioning of gender, sexuality, sexual expression, heteronormative structuring of relationships, and/or are working with clients who identify in any of these ways. We have members from England, Ireland, Mexico, Poland and USA. Please contact the co-chairs if you are interested in joining us- Daniel psycholog.med@gmail.com or Billy billy.desmond@icloud.com"

Gestalt Group Therapy Interest Group

"Our Gestalt Group Therapy Interest Group has been meeting for about 2 years now, on the third Friday of each month. We are group therapists from all over the world. We all actively facilitate groups in our private practices. We have different styles but the common theme is that we all have had some Gestalt training and are interested in here-and-now focused, long term, unstructured, interpersonal process groups.

This group is helpful for all of us to keep our interest and passion alive for our group work. We use this forum to reflect on some of the Gestalt principles we use as group facilitators and find inspiration and support in each other as we get a glimpse into each other's work.

We welcome new, committed members! If you are facilitating groups and interested in joining us please contact Shanon: shanon@shanonsitkin.com. "

In recent months we've been more attentive to the AAGT field and also the wider Gestalt community. We have noticed and identified some emerging interests among members. As we are keen to support the formation of groups we've reached out to specific individuals in the hope that they may have the capacity and desire to initiate a group.

Thanks to Jon Blend, Mark Reck, Anita Barnes and Catie Beaulieu's generosity of spirit and commitment to their topics we are delighted to announce the following new AAGT Interest Groups:

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- Researching, Investigating, Inquiring: A Gestalt Research Interest Group: Mark Reck mark.reck.psyd@gmail.com.
- Working with Children & Adolescents: Interest Group Jon Blend jon.blend335@gmail.com
- Gestalt People of Color: Introducing Gestalt to more people of color and connecting with other Gestalt POC Co-chairs: Anita Barnes anitabarnes77@gmail.com and Catie Beaulieu gestaltwellnessstudio@gmail.com

We may have two more Interest Groups forming:

Yoga and Gestalt

Social Interventions in Communities

Stay tuned!

If you are interested in any of the above, please email the chairs. Your participation contributes to the ongoing life of our international community.

In the upcoming months we are intending to experiment with our social media presence (e.g. Facebook) and to expand into Twitter. We hope to become more proactive in our postings to encourage dialogue and foster a sense of connecting with current members.

If you have any ideas on how Interest Groups could become more an integral aspect of our community as a way of connecting us to each other in the advancement of Gestalt Therapy, please let us know.

Or, would you like to lead or be connected to an interest group? Contact either of us for more information on how to connect with or start an interest group!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Warmly,

Billy & Catie, Co-Chairs

Billy: <u>billy.desmond@icloud.com</u> Catie: <u>gestaltwellnessstudio@gmail.com</u>





Gestalt Therapy with Children & Adolescents Interest Group:

An Open Invitation to Join!

Dear Colleagues,

I am starting a bi-monthly AAGT Interest Group for members interested in using Gestalt concepts and methods in work with children and adolescents. This will offer a forum where child therapy practitioners, students and others with an interest in child welfare can discuss matters of interest and share local initiatives. I may seek a co -chair at a later date.

I am a Gestalt psychotherapist and an Integrative child psychotherapist based in London, UK working with adults, children and supervisees in private practice. My publications include a chapter in Relational Child, Relational Brain (Harris & Description of the European Interdisciplinary Association for Therapeutic Services with Children and Young People. I'm a mentor for 'BabyWatching: UK 'and senior musician / conductor with Playback South Theatre Company.

Since 1980 I have worked mostly in the mental health field, initially as a social worker, later as a counsellor. I spent fifteen years as a Gestalt practitioner working at an (NHS) Child and Families Clinic. I draw on the work of Gestaltists Violet Oaklander and Mark McConville as well as Attachment, Family Systems, Object Relations and other theories. Lately I've become interested in stepfamilies, transgenerational trauma, bullying and cyber safety, resilience and wellbeing. I joined AAGT in 1999, was a regional contact person (RCP) and moderated a child and adolescent plenary at the Philadelphia conference.

How the group might function

I wouldn't see this as a supervision group though we may want to offer informal consultation to each other. It's an opportunity to swap news across countries and cultures, to share good practice, discuss differences and dilemmas, recommend reading material, to give and receive support- whatever emerges as figural for the group. I'm planning for us to meet face- to-face at next summer's conference if we can schedule this. (This gathering could also welcome members from further afield who, due to time zone differences, find it unfeasible to participate in the calls). Let's be inclusive in our outlook and bear in mind the Covenant of Community in our discourse. (For details of the Covenant see main page of AAGT website).

Save the Date!

Our inaugural meeting takes place on Sunday 8th October at 6pm UK time or equivalent in your locality. Those for whom the meeting time is not realistic we will consider the possibility of periodically disseminating items of interest/recommended reading if feasible.

In this meeting we will consider logistics, decide on a confidentiality contract and share thoughts about how we might operate- eg on an open or closed basis. I suggest we meet for 90 minutes to start with. We will be connecting via Zoom, a stable and confidential online platform that handles group discussions well (see below). The meetings will be cost- free to all who join the calls.

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To register your interest in joining the Gestalt Therapy with Children & Adolescents Interest Group, please send an email to me, Jon as soon as possible as follows: jon.blend335@gmail.com.

It would be helpful to know whether you work with children or adolescents and in what setting (school, private practice, hospice, hospital, adoption, residential care etc.).

You will need to Google Zoom and obtain their free download in order to take part in our meetings. Mari McGilton AAGT administrator (see contact information, below) has I kindly agreed to coordinate the technology, helping all who want to join the call to do so. I will send Mari the list of interested persons before we meet online on October 8th.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Good wishes.

Jon Blend www.gacp.co.uk

MA Gestalt Psychotherapy, Dip Integrative Psychotherapy, CQSW Cert Supervision, UKCP and ECP registered. Psychotherapist, Supervisor, Author, Trainer, Lifemusic practitioner.



Greetings from Mari McGilton! AAGT Administrator

I'm happy to help you with an administrative need related to AAGT! You're welcome to call the AAGT voice mail: 971-238-2248. Be sure to leave your call back number and email address as well as a brief description of how I can help you.

I'm originally from Colorado, and live in Portland Oregon currently. I just graduated with my masters in Clinical Psychology from Pacific University and I am starting my doctorate degree this week at Pacific in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology. Looking forward to working with you!

Mari Email: admin@aagt.org.





Registration is now open for the

2018 Training Programs!

The Indianapolis Gestalt Institute was founded in 1977. We stay on the growing edge of Gestalt teaching, advancing our approach and creating bold experiences for our students. In IGI training students acquire their Gestalt "tools of the trade" and learn to work with awareness, presence, contact, and creative adjustments from first hand experience. These concepts are understood "live," within the context of the student's own experience.

Our First Year Gestalt Training Program is the entry point for students interested in becoming Gestalt therapy practitioners. Goals of the First Year Training include acquiring the fundamental principles of Gestalt therapy and theory, an introduction to the principles of Relational Gestalt Therapy and an intense focus on the personal growth of the trainee. Our Advanced Years delve further into Gestalt theory, particularly Relational Gestalt Therapy and Clinical Applications.

These programs are held concurrently on 9 Saturdays:

January 13, 2018

February 24, 2018

April 14, 2018

May 19, 2018

July 14, 2018

August 25, 2018

September 22, 2018

October 20, 2018

November 17, 2018

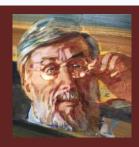
The day begins at 9:00 am and finishes at 5:30 pm.

63 Hours CE Clinical Training and a Certificate are awarded upon successful completion.

The complete fee is \$2150 per year and payment arrangements are available. There is a \$100 application and interview fee.

To register visit us at indygestalt.com





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Theory:

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Therapeutic Practice:

• Use of contact and emotional attunement in therapy • The functional approach to working with armor: characterological and somatic interventions • Working with transference and countertransference • Working with different presenting problems • Therapist's use of self and finding his/her therapeutic style

Fee: \$850 for 17 meetings Student rate: \$750

The group is open to a maximum of 7 participants. CE credit currently being applied for. 25.5 hours

FOR FURTHER INFO: 503-290-4655

Daniel Schiff, PhD is a psychologist in private practice in Portland, Oregon with 40 years of clinical experience. He was first exposed to the work of Wilhelm Reich in the early 1970's and has incorporated Reich's character analytic and somatic focus in his clinical work and teaching ever since.

Dr. Schiff currently teaches somatic psychology in Lewis and Clark's graduate school of counseling. In addition, he supervises therapists, runs a training program in Contemporary Reichian Therapy and teaches in Europe and Mexico.

Studies in Somatic Psychology Somatic Psychotherapy Training and Case Consultation Group

October 2017 – June 2018
1033 SW Yamhill St., Suite 402 Portland, OR 97205
Daniel Schiff, PhD

A training and case consultation group for therapists, health practitioners, and students in the health field who wish to incorporate an emotionally focused somatic approach into their work with their clients, based on the integration of classical Reichian therapy (as developed by Wilhelm Reich, MD), Gestalt Therapy, self-psychology, and current theories on human development, attachment and emotions.

Training will be offered within a small group and case consultation format, where therapists will be introduced to and learn how to apply the key theoretical and technical principles underlying somatic psychotherapy through lecture, dialogue, role-playing, demonstration, case consultation and discussion, and skill building via working with one another in the group setting. There will be a short article or book chapter (or parts of) to be read prior to each meeting.

Learning objectives:

- I. Develop an understanding of and ability to apply the key theoretical dimensions of a somatic psychological perspective within the context of individual counseling.
- 2. Develop an increased capacity to use contact and emotional attunement as a ground from which to engage clients in individual counseling.
- 3. Learn to apply characterological and somatic interventions with clients in individual therapy to help them address problems with estrangement from somatic experience and identify and lessen defenses against emotional contact, experience and expression.
- 4. Learn to identify and work with transference and countertransference reactions as they emerge in the therapeutic process.

The group will meet twice a month for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ months, $\frac{1}{2}$ hours per session, for a total of seventeen sessions.

Beginning Wednesday, 10/4/2017, 7-8:30 AM.

Moving Towards the Edge: An Advanced International Event in Gestalt Therapy

with Ruella FRANK • Jean-Marie ROBINE • Michael Vincent MILLER

Bilbao - Spain • 2018, July - 23-29

This six-day program, a collaboration among Michael Vincent Miller, Ruella Frank and Jean-Marie Robine, three international trainers and theorists, is intended for experienced practitioners as well as trainers of Gestalt therapy.

The emphasis is on expanding possibilities and exploring new horizons in our work. Foundational concepts of Gestalt therapy, such as contacting, contact-boundary, theory of self, etc., will be scrutinized and given new shape. Some of our concerns to be taken up: The phenomenology of movement in early development and therapy; anxiety, depression, and trauma from a temporal point of view; the central place of form in the aesthetics of health and pathology; reflexivity--the moving I and the feeling Me--in the theory of self.

Each half-day, one of the presenters will open the topic and the other two join in to contribute to a further illumination of the theme, and arrive at an integration of our various perspectives. There also will be ample time for experiments, small group discussion, and therapy demonstrations to ground this new material in participants' experience.

Information - Registration

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Workshops

Asheville, North Carolina, United States

Personal Development Workshop. Come as you are. This workshop is facilitated by trained, gestalt therapists: Christina Rosen, Anne Jacobe, & Catie Beaulieu. There will be opportunities for both group and individual experiences. A certificate of experience will be awarded to participants (CEs are *not* provided). Workshops are on Saturdays (see dates below) from 9am-5pm with a 1-hour break for lunch. The cost is \$100 per workshop.

For more information or to register, call Catie at 828-263-7273 or see me at http://www.gestaltwellnessstudio.com

Workshop Dates:

09-30-17 10-21-17 11-04-17 12-02-17 01-06-18 02-03-18 03-03-18 04-21-18





Friday F--- Off & Launch into the Weekend: An Experiential Exploration of Expletives for Mental Health Professionals Join Teresa Slye and Catie Beaulieu on Friday, 9-29-17 from 6-8pm (dinner from Standard Pizza is included). The cost of this experience is \$30.

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Your Facilitators:

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Edinburgh Gestalt Institute Workshop & Training

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Voice, Power and Presence

A two day workshop with **Susan Gregory**. Susan is a gestalt therapist and author in New York City and was formerly a principal artist with the New York City Opera. She will bring her in depth understanding of voice and over 25 years experience teaching therapeutic aspects of voice worldwide.

This workshop which is open to trainee and qualified psychotherapists from any modality.

Location: Edinburgh Gestalt Institute, Edinburgh UK

Dates: 21st - 22nd October 2017

Cost: £295 including a non-refundable deposit of £100

9:30am-5pm over 2 days

http://egi.uk.com/events/voice-power-and-presence-with-susan-gregory/

Supervision training

This is a twelve-day course with **Graham Colbourne**, for experienced counsellors/ therapists from all modalities, run over four weekends. Graham will teach a creative and practical gestalt-integrative-based model, covering theory, themes and issues relating to supervision. This will include skills practice and preparation for accreditation as a supervisor. The course provides a pathway for accredited counsellors and psychotherapists who wish to develop their supervision practice.

Location: Edinburgh Gestalt Institute, UK

Dates: 10th - 12th November 2017, 2nd - 4th February 2018, 20th-22nd April 2018, 8th-

10th June 2018

Cost: £1,600 including a non-refundable deposit of £250

http://egi.uk.com/events/diploma-in-supervision-of-counselling-and-psychotherapy/

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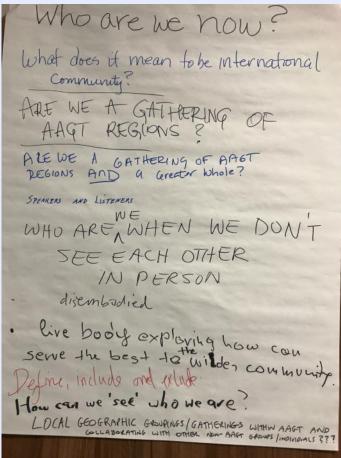
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