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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear IAAGT Community;

In the midst of so much violence going on in the world and the consequent suffering of so many human beings, there are a great number of questions and mixed feelings that arise among us. There is an immediate impulse to respond to this broken humanity and to *do something*.

The air that comes into our bodies sometimes feels very heavy and we can barely breathe;

there is an urgent need towards compassionate human connection.

In this sense, I think in terms of the letter "P" as one possible path towards meaningful and caring contact with each other:

- **Pause:** taking enough time to ground ourselves, allowing the supportive air to come in and widen our awareness.
- **Process:** discovering our sensations, emotions, feelings and needs, by trusting in our inner reflections and inter-subjective dialogue, through the creative dance of *I-Thou*.
- **Pain:** being aware of my pain as well as the pain of the other that is part of our personal and cultural histories.
- **Peace:** understanding peace not as a fixed entity but as a constant intention of building bridges among our differences.
- **Presence:** honoring and acknowledging my own experience as a constant attitude to honor and acknowledge the other's experience.

With these five "P" words in mind, I believe that together we can achieve new and creative ways of compassionate being with each other.

I want to acknowledge each and every member of the IAAGT Board for their commitment towards the whole membership, for their hard work and time devoted to achieving our goals as an organisation. In doing our business we have been trying to keep a balance between getting things done and honoring the need to pause, trust the process, and co-create peaceful and compassionate bridges among us.

My deep gratitude to IAAGT for the excitement and commitment towards the advancement of Gestalt in this fragmented world.

In the middle of painful experiences inside IAAGT and outside the organisation throughout the globe, it is more and more clear to me that "*there is no way to peace, peace is the way*" (Mahatma Gandhi).

Warmth and peace,

Eduardo

Eduardo Rubio
IAAGT President

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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT ELECT



We are very quickly approaching our Biennial Conference in Ireland. The world is changing – sometimes for the better, sometimes not so.

Very likely on all our minds is what is happening in the Ukraine. How can it not be on our minds? For any of us who have friends or relatives in the Ukraine, it is heart-breaking and horrifying. I keep thinking of the terror and isolation, the anger and outrage – not only for people in the Ukraine, but also throughout Eastern Europe and Russia.

If you're like me and many Canadians, we have mobilized – volunteering where we can, contributing our time and money. It doesn't seem like much, but maybe it can help to bridge that isolation. The theme of our conference – Edges of Exile and Belonging – seems so very timely for us.

Out of Covid, virtual meetings are common, many of us are working from home, and plan on continuing. I have friends who have sold their house and moved to an RV or Tiny Home, travelling most of the time.

What it means for our IAAGT community is more possibility in terms of meeting virtually and exploring virtual ways to connect – never as contactful as in-person, but something! Our long standing problem of including all members around the world is one step closer.

Covid is becoming manageable. My hope is that we continue to manage our connections better as well. I know that many of you remain sceptical about connecting in person, including at the conference in May, and I respect that. I for one feel good that some of us are able to meet. After these long 2 years isolated, meeting in person in a reasonably safe way, seems so needed. I hope to see many of you soon!

Maryanne

Maryanne Nicholls
Vice President Elect, IAAGT

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THANK YOU ALL

The IAAGT Board wants to extend a huge thanks to all our new and returning members for supporting the ***Pay What You Are Able*** experiment that started in April 2021 and will continue in 2022. The success of the experiment was a reflection of the solidarity and connection that is very alive in our gestalt community, despite such challenging times. We are deeply touched and encouraged by the many warm expressions of gratitude you shared with us, as well as the generous support of those who felt they could contribute more. Representing 35 different countries from every corner of the globe, our membership is truly international. We also take this opportunity to warmly welcome our 71 new members (and counting) who have joined the IAAGT community this year. We look forward to seeing you, and everyone else, at this year's conference in Ireland and at all our IAAGT events.

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STATEMENT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – WHO ARE WE?

March 2022

The Amendment to the Constitution creating a Human Rights and Social Responsibility Committee, with the Chairperson being a member of the Board, was passed at the AGM in 2018. Julia Roddy was appointed by the Board in 2021 to chair this committee. The chairperson of the HRSR committee is charged with the following:

- Organizing a diverse committee of members so as to represent our AAGT community (now IAAGT).
- Facilitating the committee in making recommendations as to how the organization could support the purpose and ethical values of our community, including the human worth and dignity of all; thus, furthering our commitment to social equality and justice among persons within our community and in the more global community.
- Providing guidance and counsel to the AAGT (IAAGT) Board of Directors around the recommendations of this committee in order to support the tenets of our Covenant of Community.

The current HRSR committee began our journey in September 2021, exploring conversations on how we could best support our IAAGT community from a humanitarian perspective. Our emergent themes explore *“what it means to be human”* through embodying safety as a basic human right. We identify our longing to belong to our environment and bodies and how colonization / displacement creates an absence in our sense of belonging. We explore absence at contact

boundary and the affect of trauma when our sense of belonging is threatened with exile.
We consider the risk climate change poses on humanity and all forms of life on earth.

We are aware of the need to raise awareness of fixed gestalts in division, race, gender imbalance, sexual orientation and exclusion within our community and wider field. We endorse equality. Our intention is a shared goal that serves our community in a humane and dignified way that embraces diversity. We acknowledge and welcome input from interest groups within the IAAGT who support dialogue.

Whilst we are aware of a present global political, criminal, and civil unrest, we are not an activist committee, yet we encourage members to engage in a pro-active response to any injustices. We endeavour to offer a dialogue that we hope serves as a vigorous support mechanism which in turn can offer a supportive ground to our wider international field.

Our intention is to bring awareness to our field experience in a here and now through exploring how our field is shaping our community.

Our goal is to advance Gestalt by offering pluralistic perspectives, recognizing the multiple contexts of reality, encouraging critical thinking, and cultivating creative solutions.

We promote fostering a relationally inclusive way of being that nurtures a compassionate oneness accepting and embodying growth dialogically in the beauty and wisdom of our differences.

Our committee fosters contacting intentionally and should any of our members wish to address concerns regards humanitarian perspectives within our community please make contact and the HRSR committee will dialogue such concerns in our monthly meeting.

Julia Roddy
Chair HRSR

On behalf of the **current**
HRSR Committee:

Kirti Singh
Shareefah Sabur
Deirdre Foley
Marlene Blumenthal
Marie Middleton
Fernando Cocolichio
Eduardo Rubio

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OPEN BOARD POSITIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Dear friends,

I am pleased to present the names and statements of all who have accepted nominations for Board Offices, to be elected by the Membership. I encourage you to view the attachments from nominees for the following positions:

- [Nickei Falconer](#) for President Elect and Vice President;
- [Sari Scheinberg](#) for Secretary;
- [Shareefah Sabur](#) for Treasurer;
- [Deirdre Foley](#) for Co-Chair of Membership.

It is still possible for you to nominate another or yourself between now and the AGM. The list of open elected Board positions and their responsibilities is attached. Also, please read the New Board Member document to view the expectations and responsibilities of being a Board member.

Open Board Positions

New Board Member Orientation

The IAAGT Board is inviting all candidates for board positions to attend the 2nd day of the current board retreat at the Ireland Conference on May 16th. If you are thinking about becoming a candidate for a board position and have not contacted Maryanne Nicholls (President Elect) maryanne@iaagt.org with your interest, please do so by Wednesday, 6 April.

See you all in May!

Sending warm wishes for safety and well-being,

Maryanne Nicholls
Vice President Elect, IAAGT

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2022 IAAGT CONFERENCE - IRELAND

Biennial Conference
17-22 May 2022



Falls Hotel
County Clare
Ireland



EDGES OF EXILE & BELONGING



COMMUNITY

IAAGT invites you to our biennial conference to advance Gestalt practice through a community gathering



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Joyful human connection once again in-person



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CALL FOR PROCESS GROUP FACILITATORS

We would like to interest you in the opportunity to be a Process Group Facilitator at the forthcoming IAAGT 2022 Conference.

What are Process Groups?

Process Groups are an integral part of IAAGT Conferences. They are a unique Gestalt Therapy approach to conferencing. Process Groups help shape the experience of the participants and contribute to the on-going creation of the conference as an organically emerging here-and-now experience. They are a place for people to process their experience at the conference and to meet each other intimately in small groups. After every IAAGT conference the feedback most often received from participants is how wonderful the process group experience was for them.

What is the role of a Process Group Facilitator?

Process group facilitating is different from running a therapy group, however there is a similar role in that facilitators hold the group and its process. Their job is to encourage, stimulate, and support the conference participants in attending to their experience, exploring this and the value of the conference to them. Process Group Facilitators work in pairs in a group of about 10 people. Those who have less experience are partnered with someone who has more, so that they can be mentored into the role, therefore we welcome volunteers with experience of running groups, as well as those who are less experienced.

What support will I get if I volunteer for this role?

You will receive a facilitator training prior to starting the conference. We will also provide you with support, supervision and information through Process Group facilitators meetings during the conference. From our experience these meetings are enriching as often conference themes spontaneously emerge with the offer of a greater learning experience. Over the years we have found that many colleagues are so gratified from this experience that they want to repeat it in future conferences.

Are you curious now? Please, show your interest by filling out the application form.

We need your help and would like to encourage you to take the step of offering to co-lead a process group. If this would be your first time, we suggest that it is a step worth taking and that you are likely to find it a valuable experience. To do this, register your interest on the conference registration form.

If you would like any further information, please contact **Perry Klepner**: perry302@aol.com

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SATURDAY NIGHT AUCTION AT THE IAAGT CONFERENCE

Dear Colleagues,

The IAAGT Conference in Ireland draws near!

As we look forward to gathering in Ennistymon, we are preparing for our lively Saturday night auction. All auction proceeds go to the Bud Feder Scholarship Fund, which supports the attendance of students and professionals who may not otherwise be able to attend the Conference. Your contributions matter.

Whether you are attending the conference or wishing you could attend, you can support the auction with your donations. Items may be professionally related such as books or videos, Gestalt culture related items such as a framed photo of Laura and Fritz, services such as consultation or a training via Zoom, or something fun such as use of your vacation home for a week or a guided tour of your city. Be creative!

Using the subject line **Auction 2022**, please email information about items you'd like to donate, your mobile number, and your full contact information to:

lori@iaagt.org

Thank you for supporting the auction!!

Lori Farley
Bud Feder Scholarship Fund Committee

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ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT APA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to you at this time because we acknowledge that the needs of IAAGT members, as a global community, are evolving. These changes impact how we, IAAGT's Continuing Education Committee, can best serve you.

We appreciate those of you who participated in the Continuing Education Advisory Council's Survey. Your responses were generous and informative.

After digesting the information gleaned from the responses of our international community, there was consensus that the benefits did not warrant the expense of continued sponsorship by APA and the number of volunteer hours necessary to maintain it. We entertained both virtual and e-mail discussion between the global members of the IAAGT CE Advisory Council before arriving at this decision.

Therefore, while we understand that this disappoints a small number of US members, and we commiserate about the loss of this opportunity, we recommended to the Board that IAAGT discontinue our request for renewal of our Accreditation beginning in February 2023. The Board agreed with our recommendation.

As we continue until the end of 2022 to be an APA approved provider of continuing education credit hours psychologists (and others who can benefit from this), CEs are available in May for workshops that indicate such eligibility.

Now and in the future, the continuing education committee will continue to provide certificates of attendance for our conferences and work to be a resource for members as they meet their professional continuing education needs.

Most sincerely,

Marlene Blumenthal, Continuing Education Officer
Dina Miller, Associate Continuing Education Officer

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CABARET & CÉILÍ IN IRELAND, MAY 2022



IAAGT CONFERENCE – IRELAND, MAY 2022

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! OUR ENNISTYMON GESTALT CABARET & CÉILÍ....

Calling all budding poets, musicians, singers, rappers, dancers, and storytellers. Do you sing, play the fiddle/blues/ tin whistle, recite, tell a crafty tale, dance or juggle plates?

We are creating our own entertainment together in the form of a **Céilí** (pronounced *kay-lee*). Céilí is a Gaelic term for a social gathering often involving music and dancing; equally it can describe an evening of story, humour, song and verse.

We are seeking contributions from members for a varied programme of music, merriment and reflection that takes place after dinner on Friday night. We welcome **songs, musical pieces, stories, rants, poems (self-penned or from your favourite writer), your latest dance moves, conundrums and whimsy.** Our emphasis is on fun and soulfulness – a cabaret for the people by the people.



If you prefer to sit in the audience with your favourite tippie, tapping your toes, perhaps joining in the occasional chorus (yes, we have some audience participation in mind!) you are very welcome to do so.



To discuss a possible contribution please contact one of our 'Quartet' of organisers:

Jon Blend (England)

E: jon.blend335@gmail.com

Anne Randolph (Ireland)

E: anne.m.randolph@gmail.com

Allan Singer (USA)

E: asingerlicsw@aol.com

Tomaš Divéky (Slovakia)

E: tomas.diveky.83@gmail.com

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- a. Title of the piece (and where relevant, author/composer)

- b. How many people it involves (eg solo/ duet/ group)
- c. Time required (*time yourself! Up to 10 mins max*)
- d. Any other requirements (eg musical accompaniment /staging etc).



Thank you for supporting our Cabaret & Céilí: an evening of serious fun!

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IN MEMORIA: SEAN GAFFNEY

Sean Gaffney

1942 - 5 MARCH 2022



"Sean and I first met at the then AAGT Conference in Cleveland in 1998 and I remember I was guiding him around the conference and we saw a notice board which advertised the meetings for the various Special Interest Groups that were happening and he said "Let's form our own Special Interest Group." And so was formed the Irish Interest Group which we facilitated across many

IAAGT conferences for many years. And so began a long friendship that lasted until he passed away. He came to Australia many times and ran groups as guest faculty for our students at the training center run by my wife Jenny and I and in the course of time he became an adopted uncle to our sons Ben and Sam as well as a great shopping companion for Jenny.

His accomplishments are many as he worked and ran workshops not only on Gestalt therapy but was well known for his writing and consultancy in gestalt at work. He eventually received a Ph.D. for his writing, which is extensive, including a book we co-wrote on gestalt field theory which was edited and introduced by our dear friend Malcolm Parlett. He and I shared a wonderful week in Belfast after the Manchester conference with Bud Feder and Jack Alyward and the kids in the street said to him "Are you Santa Claus mister?" "Yes," he said, "and this is my elf" pointing to Bud. When I last saw him in person at Sydney airport as he left I could feel this would be our last time together. We caught up again for ongoing supervision by zoom in the last few years and this was a lovely way to end such a unique friendship.

He told me much of his personal life including losing his son and wife in Sweden and at that point he said "Absence is presence" which still stays with me. Once when coming from the airport and talking about AAGT politics he said "Brian, even when you are in the wrong, know I am on your side." Now he is gone I know I can still feel absence is presence."

Brian O'Neill

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IN MEMORIA: ISABEL FREDERICSON

Isabel Fredericson

28 SEPTEMBER 1922 – 16 MARCH 2022



"I am sad to pass the news on to the IAAGT community that Dr. Isabel Fredericson passed away on March 16th in Palo Alto CA. She was 99 years old – just a few weeks from her 100th birthday. Isabel had been involved with the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland for many years – almost since its inception. She moved to Santa Barbara California with her husband, Dr Joseph Handlon in 1981. Isabel and Joseph were both Gestalt Therapists who published many articles in Gestalt Review and other journals. Isabel was an accomplished individual and group therapist. She taught internationally. For many years she facilitated a growth group for Gestalt Therapists in the Bay Area. Isabel was a lifelong friend to Erving Polster – they were students in the same Kindergarten class in Cleveland Heights Ohio (!) and remained close throughout both of their lives.

She will be remembered by her many students, patients and colleagues as a warm, honest, intelligent and thoughtful woman who had a zest for life and was a gifted clinician."

Peter Cole

Isabel's obituary can be found [here](#).

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GESTALT THERAPY CONSULTATION, INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP

Rich Hycner, PhD is offering Consultations for individuals, or in a group setting

He has been a therapist for 50 years, and is author of *Between Person and Person* (translated into German, and Portugese). CoAuthor with Lynne Jacobs of *The Healing Relationship in Gestalt Therapy*, (translated into Portugese, Greek, and Polish). CoEditor with Lynne Jacobs of *Relational Approaches in Gestalt Therapy*, as well as author of numerous articles. He trained with Erv and Miriam Polster, and was a training faculty member of their Gestalt Training Center-San Diego. He has conducted numerous training workshops and consultations in Brazil, Canada, England, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Wales, and the United States.

Description of the Consultation:

The consultations will allow participants to have the chance to explore with Rich their unique “Relational Between” co-created by their client and themselves.

Rich is particularly focused on the therapeutic relationship as the nexus for healing, and views the therapist’s presence as an especially unique and challenging medium for exploring the relational and experiential dimensions of therapy. The therapist needs to be mindful of her/his emotional range and depth, to be as fully present as possible, maintaining awareness of the innumerable possibilities for connecting and/or disconnecting in the therapeutic relationship.

It is an ever-ongoing challenge to be as present as possible to ‘what is,’ but to also imagine and ‘lean into’ the next possible connecting movement toward ‘what can be.’

For more information and contact details, [click here](#).

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REICHIAN/GESTALT ORIENTED SOMATIC PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING

Individual or Group Supervision-Training in Reichian/Gestalt oriented Somatic Psychotherapy, via Zoom.

Offered by Daniel Schiff PhD

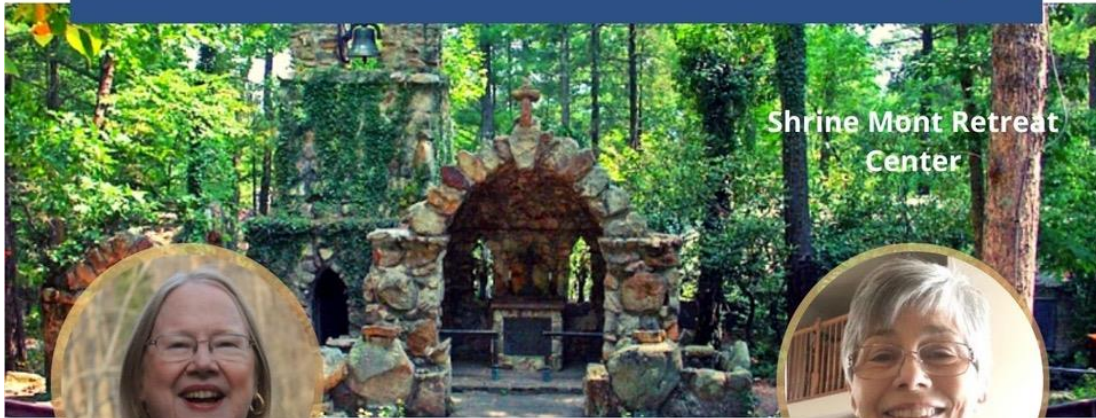
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GESTALT PASTORAL CARE FOUNDATION TRAINING



Gestalt Pastoral Care Foundation Training



Shrine Mont Retreat
Center



Alexandra MacCracken
M.M., ACC-ICF Coach, GPCM/T

In Person Sessions held at
Shrine Mont Retreat Center
as well as online
Zoom Sessions



Susan Vande Kappelle
D. Min., M. Div., GPCM

Foundation Training is a way to learn how a GPC perspective may give shape to already existing ministries of pastoral care, spiritual direction, and healing, as well as counseling practices. It is also the beginning level for those who may come to sense a call to become GPC ministers. If you have participated in Opening to Grace events, or other GPC sponsored programs and you are sensing a nudge to "more", then taking the Foundation Training may be a step in the right direction. Participants continue in their own healing journey as they learn Gestalt Pastoral Care.

Sessions: Sun 5:00pm - Wed 3:00pm

In Person

2022

April 24-27

May 22-25

Sept 25-28

Oct 30-Nov 2

2023

Jan 22-25

Zoom Dates (TBA)

Class fee:

\$3,300 Full Participants

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For more information contact:

alexandra.maccracken@gestaltpastoralcare.org

<https://www.gestaltpastoralcare.org>

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4TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON CONVERSATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Leverage the power of conversation to unlock creative thinking, innovation and continuous self-improvement for you, your organization, and the broader community. Conversational Leadership is a brand new field emerging from the convergence of Gestalt in Organizations, Knowledge Management (KM), Organization Development (OD), and Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). This online 5 day immersive course is the only place to experience “C-Groups” which are basically an online process group to practice Conversational Leadership in real-time.

For the first time, this course is now being delivered through the University of Maryland, which is based in the United States. This means that you’ll earn an accredited certificate in Conversational Leadership at the end of the course.

Official registration and more details are now available online at <https://epm.umd.edu/workshop-program/conversational-leadership/>

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GESTALT EXPERIENCE WEEK

Gestalt Experience Week in Amsterdam 4-10 July 2022

Celebrating life by being aware in a great city



Dear Gestalt Colleagues,

Let's co-create an event by meeting in Amsterdam for one week
In which we will communicate, make contact & connect in Group meetings
And will discover the magic of the city by walking, sailing, riding bicycles,
Taking trams and metros to visit museums, parks, theaters, concerts
and of course by sitting in sidewalk cafés looking at the people.

This workshop will be open in the sense that there is no fixed program.
Our meeting place is the Polanentheater where we have a studio
with a piano and a music installation. It is a place where we can organize
our lunches and dinners by bringing them ourselves or using a catering service.
The main focus is on our Group dynamics. You are invited to present
workshops, books, songs, poems, music, ideas. Leadership can be in turns.
The main aim is to be open and curious without judging. Of course

we can confront each other constructively, realizing that what is offered is not about good or bad, but about someone's creation that is unique and therefore interesting. Worth getting the right attention. The idea behind this plan is to celebrate life in a Gestalt way by being fully AWARE.

Cost: workshop € 100 ; Location: Polanentheater ; Date: 4-10 July 2022
It is up to you if you go to a camping, stay in a hotel, a B&B or?

More information: tinevanwijk.nl

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THE GESTALT INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE: WORKSHOPS

www.gisc.org



Cape Cod Training Program: The Third Week (Live-Online) – Begins April 21, 2022

Advanced training in the Cape Cod Model®

This program is open only to graduates of the Cape Cod Training Program and is structured to increase the learning and practice of core principles of the model. New theory and concepts not covered in the first two weeks are introduced, and participants have the opportunity to tailor the learning - and use of the model - to the application they're most interested in.

[Learn more](#)

The Cape Cod Training Program (In-Person Program, Wellfleet, MA) – Begins May 12, 2022

Develop Presence, Insight, and Skills for High-Impact Interventions with the Cape Cod Model®.

This world-renowned program is the foundation for GISC's powerful and unique approach to psychotherapy. It will change the way you see human behavior, connections, and potential, while enriching your capacity to intervene with impact.

CCTP teaches a specific process of intervening for the highest possible impact for individuals, dyads and small groups/work-teams. Content and theory presentations are followed by intensive small group practice sessions in which the foundational principles are applied.

"The Cape Cod Model gave me a coherent, simple framework, almost a new aesthetic, through which to understand human interactions. What I learned is a continued source of clarity about how we relate to each other."

[Learn more](#)

For more workshops and information, [click here](#).

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IPSIG AND GESTALT STUDIA

T U R I N *of* SCHOOL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

DIRECTORS

GIANNI FRANCESSETTI

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The School offers an approach to psychopathology from a phenomenological and Gestalt therapy perspective. It represents an original combination of the European tradition of phenomenological psychopathology and of contemporary Gestalt theory applied to clinical practice.

We consider psychopathology as a field phenomenon emerging in the session and aiming towards transformation in the process of therapy. Clinical sufferings and symptoms are expressions of different ways of being absent in the situation. Therapy, consequently, is the art of presence and supports the forces acting in the field and moving towards transformation.

This understanding deeply impacts the therapeutic work and opens up new ways of meeting the client and of approaching clinical situations and the therapist's interventions. Since individual suffering is indissolubly entangled with the wider field, the social dimension becomes the ground to understanding the clinical phenomena and, conversely, therapy becomes the crucible to foster the social change.

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THE GESTALT INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO



The Gestalt Institute of San Francisco's Online Gestalt Training Program is now inviting interested parties to inquire about participation in the Spring Quarter starting April 17th 2022. Visit: <https://www.getraining.net/gestalt-institute-of-san-francisco>

We are also opening registration for our live summer intensive training on the island of Hydra, Greece, July 29 -31, 2022. Visit: <https://www.getraining.net/gestalt-workshop-hydra-greece>

To keep up with announcements and our latest videos visit our new YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi7qVYzQaBop_7Ri_lxFFjg

The Gestalt Institute of San Francisco is celebrating 25 years under the direction of Morgan Goodlander. We will have a special dinner on Hydra on Saturday July 30th and all are welcome regardless of whether you are participating in the summer intensive. RSVP to office@gestaltinstitute.com

The Gestalt Institute of San Francisco presents the gestalt approach as both a highly effective therapeutic technology and an extraordinary path for personal growth. The institute offers students an opportunity to learn skills that will transform both their personal and professional lives, through demonstration, direct application, personal experience, and mentorship. The institute provides high quality, structured training, in the context of experiential learning and personal growth. The behavioral "nuts and bolts" of the gestalt approach are taught in an

atmosphere of spontaneity, creativity, self-acceptance, and group process. Participants therefore begin to demonstrate not only skill acquisition, but also authentic expression and artistic development.

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5TH INTERNATIONAL GESTALT THERAPY RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Gestalt for Future - Creating a Network for Research **Hamburg, Germany** **2-4 September 2022**

With our first invitation to the conference in July 2020, we wrote:

"...Ten years ago, when we chose to encourage research in Gestalt therapy by organizing these conferences, we thought that our modality should regain its place in the set of recognized psychotherapeutic treatments. Moreover, we thought it was important to join the movement of our humanist colleagues who were opposed to a technical and medical vision of health that claimed to hold the truth of psychic care....

Gestalt therapy thus faces two different risks: being marginalized as an ineffective archaism in the medical model that now dominates the health care system in many countries, or being seen as interesting but, up to a certain point, irrelevant as a distinct therapeutic approach in the contextual model.

This conference is the place where we will draw together the possible future of Gestalt therapy. Let's bet that this could involve choosing to support our theoretical-clinical intuitions by giving them convincing justifications with research and thus contribute to collective progress."

Today, in early 2022, this is still accurate!

With this conference, jointly organized by DVG (German Gestalt Association) EAGT, and IAAGT, we want to create an international network for gestalt research.

We cordially invite all colleagues to participate in this network and look forward to many participants and their potential and creative energy.

If you are still unsure whether you want to travel to Hamburg, we offer the possibility to use a livestream. If you decide later this year to come to Hamburg and take advantage of the full program, we offer you - if you registered for the livestream in the early bird period - the possibility of an "upgrade" to live participation.

You can register at: <https://research-conference-hamburg2021.com/>

Sincerely,
The Hamburg Convening Group
(Vincent Beja, Hella Gephart, Olaf Zielke, and Mark Reck)

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