

**Widener University
Post-Graduate Center
Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology
and
Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society (PAGPS)
present...**

The Intimate Circle: Love and the Erotic in Group Psychotherapy

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Friday, April 27, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30

Widener University

Quick Center

Conference Room 108

**(Note: This is a change from the building and room location listed in the original brochure.
The Quick Center is about a half a block from the University Center.)**

Chester, PA 19013

6 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms. The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, Widener University, is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Widener University maintains responsibility for the program and its contents.

Update! 6 CE credits for PA Social Workers have now been approved.

Workshop Description

Love, passion, sexuality, and desire all occur in psychotherapy groups and powerfully impact the group, its members, and the leader. Containing and utilizing the enlivening energy and velocity created from group expressions of Eros can lead to healing, creativity, and growth. Mishandling of these potent sentiments may result in defensive flight, destructiveness, and psychic deadness.

This workshop will explore the rich opportunities and potential dangers in engaging love and the erotic in group psychotherapy.

Objectives

- Identify overt and covert manifestations of love and the erotic in group psychotherapy
- Understand what it is about the group therapeutic process that helps create a milieu of close and passionate bonding
- Discuss the complicated group tensions that occur when issues of love and the erotic emerge in the therapy group
- Appraise the risks and benefits of experiencing and expressing desire and love in the therapy group setting
- Describe the constructive as well as harmful impact of group leader subjective and countertransference issues that arise when love and erotic feelings are voiced

The Presenter

Allan B. Elfant, PhD, ABPP, is a licensed psychologist in independent practice in State College, Pennsylvania. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, Pennsylvania Psychological Association, and American Group Psychotherapy Association. Dr. Elfant is a diplomate in group psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology; he serves as president of the American Board of Group Psychology, and is on the Board of Trustees of the American Board of Professional Psychology. He has held faculty positions at Penn State University, Texas A&M University School of Medicine, and Brooklyn College, City University of New York. He is on the Board of the Division of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy, Division 49, of the American Psychological Association, and is editor of *The Group Psychologist*. He presents nationally on themes pertinent to intensive psychotherapy and the therapist's own life journey.

Registration

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Name: _____

Print Clearly or Type

Affiliation: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (day): _____

_____ \$120 for Professionals

_____ \$110 for Widener Alumni/PAGPS Members

_____ \$100 for Widener Alumni Chapter Members

_____ \$40 for Students

_____ \$20 for Widener Students

* Fees are nonrefundable after April 20, 2007 *

Applying for CE credits? * YES ___ NO ___

* First certificate free / \$5.00 charge for replacement

Form of Payment: Check or Money Order ___

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Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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Please mail/make checks payable to:

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Chester, PA 19013

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Tel: 610-499-1083 Fax: 610-499-4625

Feel free to duplicate this form as needed for additional registrations.

Confirmation letters will not be sent.

Visit us online at www.widener.edu

Directions

For more comprehensive directions and maps, go to Widener University's Web site at www.widener.edu
FREE parking is available in the parking lots at 14th, 17th, 18th, & Walnut Streets

FROM PHILADELPHIA: Take I-95 South to I-476 North and MacDade Boulevard. Follow the Widener University sign. MacDade Boulevard will become East 22nd Street. Turn left onto Providence Avenue, Route 320 South. Follow the Widener University sign. Turn left onto East 14th Street into the main entrance of the university. University Center is located on 14th Street. (There are small parking lots and street parking nearby.)

FROM DELAWARE: Follow I-95 North to Exit 6 (Routes 320 and 352) in Pennsylvania (not Delaware). At first traffic light, turn left over bridge. Bear right at fork on other side of bridge. Go to first traffic light and turn right onto East 14th Street into the main entrance of the university. The University Center is located on 14th Street. (There are small parking lots and street parking nearby).

FROM CENTRAL NEW JERSEY: Take NJ Turnpike South to Exit 2. Proceed on Route 322 West across the Commodore Barry Bridge. Follow signs for I-95 North and Philadelphia to I-95 North. (See "From Delaware" directions above.)

FROM SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: Take the Atlantic City Expressway to I-295 South to Commodore Barry Bridge. Thereafter, follow instructions from Central New Jersey.

Upcoming Widener Events (For more info visit www.widener.edu)

- 5-11 Transforming Vicarious Trauma: Tools for Living with the Client's Pain
David Mandelbaum, PhD, & Robin Sesan, PhD
- 6-01 New Developments in Structured Personality Assessment *John E. Kurtz, PhD*
- 6-13/14 Opening Pandora's Box: Annual Child Sexual Abuse Symposium

Upcoming PAGPS Events (For more info visit www.pagps.org)

- 4-21 In the Grip of Hunger: Large Women and Their Therapists *Harin Feibish, LCSW*
- 5-18 Annual Dinner
- Fall 07 Ethics Workshop *April Fallon, PhD*