

**Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society  
presents**

**PRIVACY  
AND THE NEW MEDIA:  
ETHICAL AND LIABILITY ISSUES  
IN CONTEMPORARY  
GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY**

**Thomas Hurster, MSS, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA**

**Friday, October 16, 2009, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**Temple University Center City  
1515 Market Street, Room 322**

**Above SEPTA's Suburban Station  
(Enter on plaza side, not Market Street side)**

**PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT the Temple Main Campus or the old Walnut St. location.**

**3 CE credits for Psychologists, Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists  
& Professional Counselors**

**THE PROGRAM**

This workshop focuses on the ethical and legal ramifications for group therapy raised by the “New Media” and “Social Networking,” such as Skype, Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, and cell-phone cameras.

The program will begin with the presentation of an ethical framework for considering the kinds of challenges and dilemmas increasingly encountered in today's group settings. Discussion will highlight the new media's impact on concepts of privacy, confidentiality, and community.

Examples will be drawn from the presenter's work with adolescents. The workshop will conclude with group problem-solving exercises to help the participants apply the concepts and principles introduced.

**THE SPEAKER**

Tom Hurster, MSS, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, is a clinical social worker who has conducted therapy groups for children and adolescents in a variety of settings for over 30 years. He divides his time between private practice, the Benchmark School, and the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, where he is an adjunct instructor teaching group treatment and clinical social work with children and adolescents. A member of the board of PAGPS, he is a Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) and serves as the PAGPS representative to the AGPA Affiliate Societies Assembly.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the conclusion of the workshop, the participants will be able to:*

- Identify the ethical principles, professional codes, and state regulations that pertain to group psychotherapy.
- Discuss the limits of confidentiality in group psychotherapy and the merits of informed consent forms.
- Recognize the impact of the ever-changing technological world on the clinical realities of group psychotherapy.
- Work effectively with issues of privacy, confidentiality, and community in group settings.

## SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 a.m.—Registration. A continental breakfast will be provided.

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — Program. **Please note that we will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.**

## FEES

\$50 for PAGPS members, \$60 for non-members, \$20 for students.

Space for this program is limited. After October 12, we suggest calling or e-mailing to make sure space is available.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received at least five working days before the event are refundable, minus a \$10 processing fee.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Attendance entitles psychologists to 3 CE credits. PAGPS is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. PAGPS maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

PAGPS is approved by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors to offer continuing education for social workers, marriage & family therapists, and professional counselors. This program carries 3 CE credits.

Attendees will also receive 3 recertification credits, useful for individuals listed in the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society is an Affiliate Society of the American Group Psychotherapy Society (AGPA).

Membership in PAGPS is open to AGPA members as well as mental health workers, students, or trainees who are actively engaged in group work but who are not members of AGPA.

PAGPS members may list their group(s) on the PAGPS website.

For a membership application, contact Elsa R. Efran, M.S., Administrator, 310 E. Gowen Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19119-1022

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- I need a certificate for APA CE credits.
- I need a certificate for social work CE credits.
- I need a certificate for CGP credits.

**Registration fee enclosed:**

PAGPS members    @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-members        @ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_  
Students/interns   @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

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