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GAMHPA News

In this issue of the newsletter, on page 2 we feature an article by GAMHPA member, Stacy-Colleen Nameth, L.C.S.W., on the subject of professional training in Somatic Experiencing.

Our last networking lunch was attended by 27 clinicians in September. The next networking luncheon will be Friday, February 12. You need not be a member to attend. Please see the calendar on page 3 for details. The food at Notte Luna Italian Restaurant is excellent, the atmosphere quiet, the company outstanding, and the networking opportunities even better. We hope you'll join us.

On page 3 of this issue, we provide updated and corrected practice information on our members. If your directory listing is not up to date, please contact Bonnie Cesak, our Membership Chair to keep us informed of your important information.

Many of our readers assume they are automatically a member because they receive this newsletter. Membership requires just a simple one-page application and a low \$70 dues per year. If you have not already done so, please consider joining today. An

application form can be downloaded from the association website.

We would like to acknowledge the following new members:

- Rachel Barr, M.F.T.
- Susan Bredhoff, M.F.T.
- Valerie C. Cascadden, M.F.T.
- Lisa Colorado, Ph.D., M.F.T.
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- Jungyeol Oh, Ph.D., R.N.P.
- Roger Schwarz, M.F.T., J.D.
- David Steininger
- Miriam Vanounts, M.S.

Thank you, new members, for your support of GAMHPA!

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Somatic Experiencing

Stacy-Colleen Nameth, L.C.S.W.

As an LCSW in private practice, juggling a business, family, daily toddler mommy-hood activities, personal commitments and hobbies, I was unable to return to school full-time in order to earn another degree. I began to look into various specializations in the field, and found Somatic Experiencing, a specific training program for professionals working with clients who have experienced emotional and/or physical trauma and are looking for relief from the resulting symptoms.

After working for two decades with clients whose backgrounds have included the devastating influences of drug/ alcohol abuse, physical/ sexual/emotional abuse, gang involvement, hate crimes, homelessness, suicide, homicide, abandonment, neglect, burglary, assault, extreme financial hardship and more, I began to realize I had lost a little hope in mankind's ability to heal.

Clients approach me requesting answers to their problems, earnest for solutions to patterns that are leading them into the same black holes, again and again. The e-mails requesting initial appointments often include confessions of confusion, disillusionment with the psychotherapy field, and a general lack of feeling empowered. A colleague mentioned Somatic Experiencing (SE) and how well it

worked with her clients. Being both doubtful and curious, I discovered that there are over 5,000 SE Practitioners (primarily psychotherapists and bodyworkers) in the U.S. and other countries, who are working directly with clients who have experienced trauma from war, natural disasters, abusive childhoods, surgery, and car accidents.

Professional training in SE is provided by the Foundation for Human Enrichment (www.traumahealing.com), a non-profit, educational, and research organization dedicated to the worldwide healing and prevention of trauma.

As Gandhi inspires, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

I started to read FHE founder Peter Levine's book, *Waking the Tiger*, where he introduces SE as a way of focusing on the client's perceived body sensations (somatic experiences) to restore the capacity to self-regulate and heal from the physiological symptoms and sensations in order to recover from past life-threatening situations. This occurs very simply when clients revisit (rather than re-experience) the single-episode or chronic trauma and track their own felt-sense experience. He notes that animals in the wild do not

develop trauma symptoms due to their instinctual ability to release the intense energy that builds up in a traumatic situation. However, with humans, there can be a survival response of "freezing" (autonomic nervous system arousal into a frozen state) rather than the fight or flight response in the face of the traumatic event(s), where the client does not discharge the traumatic energy or learn to self-regulate. During treatment, by tracking their own felt-sense experience, the client gradually learns to release the physical tension that he/she has become increasingly aware of which leads to the discharge of symptoms created as the effect of a dysregulation of the autonomic nervous system.

The SE Practitioner (SEP) training appealed to me for many reasons. It fit into my busy schedule (3 years consisting of 216 credit hours), SEP's were required to gain hours as a client of SE as well as individual/group consultation hours in order to insure that the training was being integrated and practiced correctly, peer practice groups were highly encouraged between training sessions, there were multiple case examples in Peter Levine's and other faculty member books as well as DVD's demonstrating SE work, and most importantly, the professionals using SE were dedicated to helping clients with a severe range of symptoms, by guiding the clients in healing themselves rather than assuming the role of the expert.

Spending the past year in SE training, as well as being an SE client, has led to more than just renewed hope in

the helping field. I have seen firsthand how individuals have the ability to heal themselves, with the proper guidance, from devastating and life-altering events that have limited their ability to move freely through the world. As Gandhi inspires, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

GAMHPA member, Stacy-Colleen Nameth, L.C.S.W., is a psychotherapist in private practice in the Los Angeles/Atwater Village area and can be reached at (818) 754-4664, scnameth@yahoo.com, or visit her website for more information at www.tellyourstorytherapy.com.

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Jemela Macer, Ph.D.

Calendar of Events

QUARTERLY NETWORKING LUNCH

Friday, February 12
Notte Luna Italian Restaurant
113 N. Maryland Ave., Glendale

All lunches 12-1:30pm

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Glendale. All are welcome.

Feb 12

Apr 16

Directory Update

Please make a note of this updated information for your records. Thank you.

Elaine Ahmad, L.C.S.W.: New address is: 4444 W. Riverside Dr., Ste. 105, Burbank, CA 91505.

Cathy Alegria Chazenbalk, M.F.T.: Address is: 4405 Riverside Dr., Toluca Lake, CA 91505.
New fax is: (818) 506-8224. See online directory for other updated information.

Sally Gordon, M.F.T.: Groups held 6-9pm, fee is \$10. After-school theatre program held 4-6pm, fee is \$10.

Crescent Orpelli, M.F.T.: Correct address: 4055 Riverside Dr., Ste. 203, Burbank, CA 91506.

Linda Goodman Pillsbury, L.C.S.W.: New address: 715 N. Central Ave., Ste. 108, Glendale, CA 91203.

Margaret Stoll, Ph.D.: Corrected address is: 320 Arden Ave., Ste. 240, Glendale, CA 91203.



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Continuing Education Workshop

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Time: 9 AM – 4 PM
CEUs: 6 hours (meets BBS requirements for supervisors and has been submitted for approval to the MCEPAA)

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for Therapists Starting Out

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<http://drlarrybrooks.com/>

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CREATIVE PROCESS GROUP. A group for practicing and aspiring writers, musicians, visual artists, actors, etc., utilizing the "art as practice" Zen approach of Natalie Goldberg. This ongoing workshop will support and energize your creative process. Saturday, 10am-1pm. \$30 per meeting. South Pasadena location. Call Deborah McColl, M.F.T., at (626) 665-7363.

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GAY MEN'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP. Growth and insight-oriented group addresses dating and relationships, career issues, life enrichment. Uses here-and-now interaction to increase self-awareness. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy. Thursday, 6-7:30pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic. # PSY10315, (818) 551-1714.

LESBIAN PROCESS GROUP. Ongoing, meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month from 7-8:30pm. \$50 per month. Openings for 2 people. Maximum 8 women. Interview required. In Sherman Oaks. Call Dr. Mathis, (818) 386-9028.

MEN'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP. Growth and insight oriented group addresses male-female relationships, career, self-care, and personal fulfillment. Uses here-and-now interaction to increase self-awareness. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy. Thursday, 7:45-9:15pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic. # PSY10315, (818) 551-1714.

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PARENTING GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEEN AND PRE-TEEN GIRLS. This 12-week group format combines parent education with sharing and support. This group is designed to help parents enhance their relationships with their teens. For more information contact Lisa Blum, Psy.D., Lic. # PSY19790, at (626) 585-8075 x104.

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SASS GROUP. Sexual Abuse/Assault Survivor's Support Group for women who have been sexually abused, experienced incest, raped, sexually assaulted, exposed to adult sexuality too young, used in child pornography, or who have been or who are currently being stalked. Closed group of 6 or less. Must be willing to make a minimum of a 6 month commitment to the group and attend on a regular basis. Group meets every other Saturday 1-3pm. Contact Cynthia Henrie, M.F.T., BCETS, License # MFC 41617, (323) 829-3568.

SECOND HALF OF LIFE GROUP for women 48+ who are interested in deepening their relationship with the Self through creative activities designed to tap inner resources and promote individuation in a nurturing and supportive environment. Activities include art, music, movement, sand play, meditation, guided imagery, dream work, role play, as well as cognitive exercises and group discussion. Tuesday and Wednesday evening groups in Encino. Limited to six people per group. Concurrent or prior individual

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SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT GROUP. Group for women whose significant other has a gender identity issue or is gender variant. Partners may be transsexuals, transgender, intersexed, cross-dressers, gender-queer, transvestites.... They can be either male-to-female or female-to-male. Group meets every 2-3 weeks depending upon availability of group members. Closed group of 6 or less. Must be willing to make a minimum of a 6 month commitment to the group and attend on a regular basis. Contact Cynthia Henrie, M.F.T., BCETS, License # MFC 41617, (323) 829-3568.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN. You are invited to work out your issues in a warm and supportive environment. For more information, please call Dawn Krikyan, R.N., M.S.N., PMHCNS-BC, at (626) 399-6646.

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TRANSWOMAN SUPPORT GROUP. Group for transsexual women who are in the process of transitioning from male-to-female who are at different phases of their transitioning process. Age of group members is currently between 30-60. Highly supportive process group! Closed group of 6 or less. Must be willing to make a minimum of a 6 month commitment to the group and attend on a regular basis. Meets every other Saturday from 10am-12pm. Contact Cynthia Henrie, M.F.T., BCETS, License # MFC 41617, (323) 829-3568.

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WOMEN'S MIDLIFE PASSAGES.

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CONSULTATION GROUP.

Discussion of case material with a focus on a Contemporary Relational Psychoanalytic perspective. Reading provided if desired. Location is 10-15 minutes from Glendale, 20 minutes from Pasadena, at 1800 Silverwood Terrace, Los Angeles. Call Elaine Silberman, Ph.D., Psy.D., (323) 664-8240 or e-mail esilbos@aol.com to inquire further.

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SUPERVISING THE SUPERVISOR. This ongoing bi-weekly consultation group focuses on the experience of doing supervision. It adapts the supervision case model to look at supervisory case material. Using a contemporary psychoanalytic framework, it will provide a forum for supervisors to discuss their supervisory experiences, present cases, receive feedback on their work, and discuss relevant topics in field of supervision such as the use of the self in therapy and in supervision, the difference between supervision and psychotherapy, and the dynamics of co-transference in the supervisory relationship. Contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 at (818) 243-0839 and check out drlarrybrooks.com.

SUPERVISION CONSULTATION GROUP. For experienced licensed mental health professionals interested in contemporary psychoanalytic theory. The goal of this small group (limited to 5) is to provide a place for open, creative discussion of case material with the objectives of deepening one's therapeutic work, enhancing one's clinical understanding, refining one's ability to apply theory to practice, and more effectively using one's self in the clinical encounter. Contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 at (818) 243-0839 and check out

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SUPERVISION CONSULTATION GROUP FOR THERAPISTS STARTING OUT IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. Targeted to clinicians with less than 5 years of post-licensure experience. This small group (limited to 5) will provide a setting to strengthen clinical skills as well as deal with the personal/professional challenges of being in private practice. It will utilize a contemporary psychoanalytic framework to discuss clinical material with objectives of deepening one's therapeutic work, enhancing one's clinical understanding, refining one's application of theory to practice, and more effectively using one's self in the clinical encounter. Contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 at (818) 243-0839 and check out drlarrybrooks.com.

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CHILD PSYCHIATRIST DIRECTORY. Concise list of 400 physicians who provide psychiatric services to children and adolescents throughout in Los Angeles county, available on the internet at JJDeSantis.org.

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GROUP THERAPY DIRECTORY. Request a free copy or submit your free listing. Concise, up-to-date directory of outpatient psychotherapy groups in Los Angeles county. 500 facilitators and 1,200 groups. Edited by a licensed psychologist and certified group psychotherapist. Web page has received 20,000 hits from visitors. View or download from TheGroupList.org.

AFFILIATE AGENCIES

COLDWATER COUNSELING CENTER is a non-profit organization based in Studio City providing depth psychotherapy to adults and children on a sliding-scale basis. All therapists and interns have had, and continue to engage in, extensive personal analysis. The staff—mostly licensed M.F.T.s—includes three Jungian analysts and a number of analysts-in-training. For information or a brochure, call (818) 508-0703, or visit us online at www.coldwatercounselingcenter.org.

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NAMI GLENDALE. National Alliance on Mental Illness provides support, education, and advocacy to families and friends who have a loved one with a severe persistent mental illness. We have a weekly support group on Tuesday evenings at 6pm at Verdugo Mental Health Center, 1540 E. Colorado St., and a Spanish-speaking support group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at the same time and place. For further information, visit www.namiglendale.org or call (323) 654-3844.

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MISSION

GAMHPA was founded in 1992 by a few local area mental health professionals in private practice. Within several years, it grew to over 100 members. Our mission is to advance professional development through networking, continuing education, and public awareness. We offer equal membership to all licensed mental health professionals regardless of discipline, reflecting real patterns of professional referral. We are an interest group only and do not provide referrals to the community. We are not a profit-making organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Contact any Board member for an application form to join or download a copy from our website. Full Member dues for licensed mental health professionals, \$70 per year. Associate Member dues for students, interns, and others, \$45 per year. Organizations, \$125 per year. Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

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Members receive a number of exclusive benefits. Members can present a talk or publish an article on a professional topic. They are listed in the annual membership directory, distributed to the local professional mental health community and posted on our website. They have access to our internet discussion group.

Members can place free classified ads and receive discounted rates for display ads, newsletter flier inserts, and mailing list labels. Members are automatically entered in random drawings for free newsletter insert advertising. They receive reduced rates for continuing education. New members can submit a brief professional biography for publication in the newsletter.

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