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Mental Health Professionals Association

NEWSLETTER

YOUR GUIDE TO GAMHPA NEWS,
INFORMATION AND EVENTS
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A Note from the Editors



Elaine Ahmad,
LCSW

This will be my last issue of *GAMHPA Newsletter* as editor as I have decided to resign my position to focus on writing. Many of us emphasize the importance of writing to our clients, whether it be journal writing, keeping a log of their feelings and activities, or writing their family's story but we are often neglectful of making time for our own writing. Even though I mostly write fiction, I have found the exercise of writing (and re-writing and getting feedback and re-writing) reveals and articulates so much about my inner life. My writing time feels like a kind of meditation and inward exploration that I can't get anywhere else. Even so, it is only too often that I end up skipping writing for household chores and errands that are *really important* (I justify to myself). One of my writing mentors at a recent residency encouraged me to block off a certain amount of time every day for writing and not allow myself to answer the phone or pay bills (or whatever distraction I've chosen for that given day) during that block of time. This is something we're clearly used to doing in our therapy office: creating a peaceful, sacred space for our clients, but perhaps less accustomed to applying to our personal pursuits.

As I leave my post as editor, I encourage everyone to take the time to write and see what lands on that piece of paper (or more likely, computer screen). The truth of the words in front of you may surprise you. There is value in having something tangible to mark a moment of beauty, rage, or even weariness. And then, when you're feeling particularly brave, share your words with someone else, or perhaps send them in to GAMHPA so they can include them in the next newsletter. Thank you for your readership and support!

Elaine

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I want to thank Elaine Ahmad for all of her hard work and expertise as co-editor of the GAMHPA newsletter and wish her all the best as she focuses more on her creative pursuits. I'd like to second Elaine's encouragement to submit articles to this newsletter! Please send them to me at suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com. Looking forward to reading your work!

Suzette

Suzette Bray is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Executive Director of Village Counseling and Wellness in Burbank. She spends her limited time outside of the office frantically attempting to thwart the more dangerous adventures of her thrill-seeking four-year-old son. She can be reached at (818) 238-9895, villagecounselingandwellness.com or suzettebraymft@sbcglobal.net.



Suzette Bray,
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Calendar of Events

BOARD MEETINGS 2014
Shakers Restaurant
801 Central Ave
Glendale, CA 91203

Friday, March 21
Friday, May 16
Friday, July 11
Friday, September 12
Friday, November 14
All meetings 9:15 - 11 am
All are welcome.

LUNCHEONS 2014
Fortune Inn
Mandarin Restaurant
117 East Broadway,
Glendale, CA 91205

Friday, April 18
Friday, July 18
Friday, October 3

All lunches 12 to 1:30 p.m.
All are welcome.
Each person pays their own.

CEU Event
Introduction to Energy
Psychology
Thursday, May 8
from 9:30 - Noon
(network/continental breakfast
at 9:30 and 10-Noon
workshop).

A Must-Read Book by Local Psychologist Dr. Enrico Gnaulati

"Back to Normal is outstanding. Careful, measured, wise, compassionate, and powerful. Finally, someone is suggesting that lots of awkward, angry, tuned-out, defiant kids are not suffering from mental illness but, rather, are coming to terms with the human condition. And they shouldn't be medicated for it."

—PEG TYRE, author of
The Trouble with Boys

"Provides a compelling, insightful, and timely explanation of the multiple forces that lead to overdiagnosis and misdiagnosis of our children. It offers parents a much-needed guide to help distinguish behaviors that truly warrant medical intervention from those that may stem from other issues and require different approaches. Well done, Dr. Gnaulati!"

—DIANEM. KENNEDY and REBECCA S.
BANKS, authors of *Bright Not Broken*

"An exceptionally original and useful book. Gnaulati challenges the widespread rush to see pathology and medicate; he suggests, instead, that various behaviors may actually be expressions of normal development. **With a rare combination of creative insight and common sense, Gnaulati helps us appreciate children as they grow and cope with the stresses of modern life.**"

—WILLIAM CRAIN, author of
Reclaiming Childhood

"A valuable guide for parents and educators that includes tips on choosing a therapist and parenting strategies."

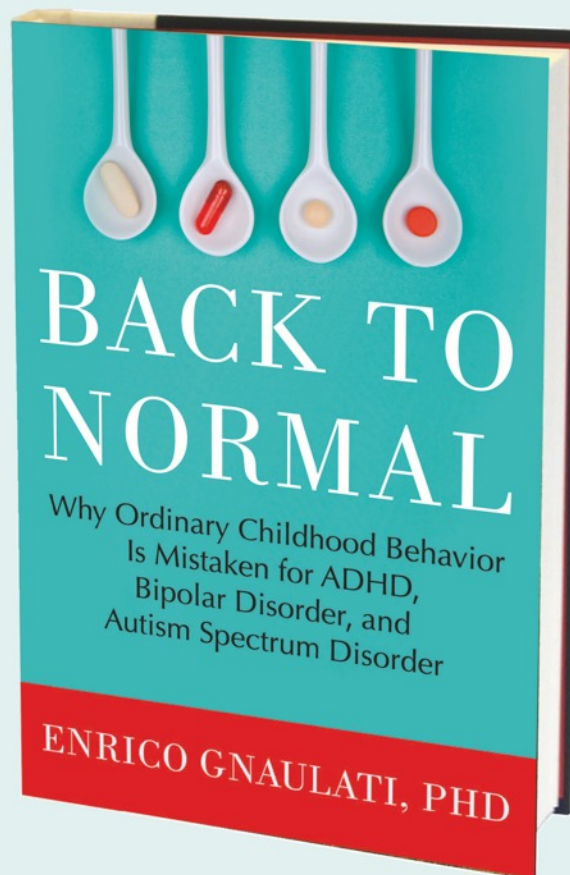
—Kirkus Reviews

"A welcome antidote to an alarming trend."

—Publishers Weekly

"Highly recommended for parents, caregivers, educators, physicians, and specialists working with children of all ages."

—Library Journal



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Back to Normal

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and e-books are sold.



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Working With Same-Sex Couples Living In A Heterosexual Society

By Jessica Davis MFT

"To Be, Or Not To Be... That Is The Question." But alas, easier said than done when doing that which is contrary to ones genetic orientation. Take the following example:

Alex and Bob are a same-sex couple who entered my office with a story to share. Their goal was simple -- validation. This will be easy, I thought. As a therapist, validation is what we offer... right? As our session progressed and I learned more deeply about the challenges faced by young people entering their "coming out" stage, or the couple that has been together for 20 years, but is still unable to be transparent about their sexuality for fear of societal judgment and rejection, I found myself pondering the question: Where, as human beings, did we lose sight of an individuals right to happiness and equality?

Alex described his inability to be his "true self" in the workplace due to his fear that his colleagues would lose respect for him. In the time we spent processing the difference between (1) internalized homophobia; compared to (2) an actual threat to his professional image; Alex concluded that it doesn't particularly matter which is causing him to remain in the closet, only that he feels it necessary to do so. Sadly, that is the societal issue and potential stigma that many homosexuals, lesbians, and transgender's face today.

So as therapists, what do we do about this? I found myself becoming highly frustrated at the idea that I cannot change the way society views homosexuality, nor can I speed up the acceptance progress. All I can provide is an objective open forum to self-expression, and guidance as to how an individual can live a "life worth living" without the need for society to tell them that they are good enough.

I needed to find ways to manage these personal feelings without becoming resentful of others' lack of acceptance. I reminded myself at the beginning of sessions, that each person has the right to his or her own beliefs and opinions, even if drastically different than my own. I continue to spend time educating myself on races, religions, and life-styles different than my own, so I can have a more honest connection with my clients. And, I spend time being mindful and present in the moment, allowing myself to live in each persons experience as they experience it.

Working with all types of couples in a therapeutic setting can pose many challenges. Issues surrounding same sex couples are unique, complex, and are driven by both internal and external factors that often affect the interactions between these couples.

As a therapist, it remains crucial for me to practice with an open mind, a non-judgmental ear, and a desire to help my clients reach their goal of a "life worth living." And I have hope that in my lifetime, I will be fortunate enough to live in a society where people come to therapy because they are mentally ill, not because they are gay.



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Introduction to Energy Psychology

CEU Workshop on Thursday, May 8

In this workshop you will learn basic energy hygiene, energy psychology methods, and how to use these methods in your practice and with yourself. You will have opportunities throughout the workshop to observe, practice and experience the use of basic energy psychology methods. This course meets the qualifications for 2.0 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (PCE 5187).

About Energy Psychology

Energy Psychology is a family of healing methods that blend contemporary and ancient healing traditions to provide relief from mind-body distress. The approaches used in Energy Psychology balance energy pathways to rapidly diminish disturbances in the thought and emotion. Energy Psychology provides tools that have been shown to quickly assess unconscious beliefs and resistances, release limiting beliefs and blocked emotions, promote readiness to change and strengthen positive attitudes. Energy Psychology healing methods have helped clients reduce stress; resolve trauma; let go of anger, guilt and other limiting emotions and beliefs; eliminate phobias, fears and panic attacks; reduce anxiety and depression; remove self-sabotaging behaviors; and resolve grief.

Presenters:

Diann Wingert, LCSW, BCD is a licensed psychotherapist specializing in integrative mental health, combining traditional and alternative techniques. In addition to energy psychology, Diann practices neurofeedback, biofeedback, mind-body methods and cognitive therapy. Diann Wingert, can be reached at (818) 679-4879 or diannwingertlcsw@gmail.com.



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Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Registration & Networking (bring business cards)

10:00 a.m. Workshop Presentation

The Gooden Center

54 N. Oakland Avenue (2nd Floor)

Pasadena, CA 91101

626-356-0078

Parking available for \$10 at nearby lot at 473 E. Union

Registration (Space is Limited, Register Now!)

Free for GAMHPA Members! \$25 for Non-Members

Registrants who do not attend or fail to request a refund one week prior to the event will be charged full fee

THE GOODEN CENTER

Register online at www.gamhpa.org/events or contact Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW at (626) 260-1356, or Rachel Thomasian, MFT at rachelthomasian@gmail.com for more information.

Planning For Your Future, Life After Retirement

By Steven Kessler

Just imagine having to choose between paying the mortgage, our daughter's college tuition, or paying for my mother's long term care. When it became clear my mother could no longer live in her home by herself, she had two falls plus 3 car accidents, I began the search for a more appropriate living situation. This began my long and challenging journey into the world of elder care. I have since learned the difference between Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care facilities. I've also had to become a bit of an expert on mandatory IRA distribution requirements, Social Security, taxes and the realities of Medi-Care. As hard as this has been at times I was fortunate in that my mother had the foresight to purchase long term care insurance after my father passed away 15 years ago. While the purchase of long term care insurance wasn't an easy one for her, it's a decision that has allowed her to preserve her assets, live in a safe and comfortable setting, along with easing the minds of her sister, children and grandchildren.

My mother's monthly bill for room and board alone has ranged from \$5,000 per month for Independent Living to over \$8,000 per month for Assisted Living. Shockingly I discovered it's common for these facilities to also have quarterly rate increases. This experience made me wake up to the reality of what lies ahead for so many of us late 50 and early 60 year olds. You know, those of us sandwiched between our parents and our kids. My mother is about to turn 85 this summer, her mother lived to almost 100 leading me to think about my longevity and the possible impact this may have on our daughter's life. As a loving and dedicated father I felt compelled to explore long term care insurance for both my wife and myself.

Here is what I asked myself: Who will take care of us? Will we be able to stay in my home? How will we pay for care? The answer to these questions led me to take matters into my own hands, the last thing I wanted was to be a burden to our daughter in our later years. Planning for our future lets us put our heads on the pillow at night with the knowledge we've done what we can to be prepared.



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What might be found?

How to reach it?

Where does it lead?

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GROUPS

Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Training Groups for teens and adults who have difficulty with emotional regulation. We are comprehensive DBT program in Burbank. Please contact Suzette Bray, MFT, MFC37518, Executive Director of Village Counseling and Wellness, (818) 238-9895 or suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com.

Co-ed Adult Personal Development Group. Growth group for high achievers who want more out of life – to find lasting intimacy, achieve career satisfaction, and expand friendships. Uses here-and-now interaction to increase self-awareness. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy. Wednesday, 6-7:30pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic # PSY10315, (818) 551-1714
jidesantis@aol.com.

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, 7-9 pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic # PSY10315, (818) 551-1714
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Moving Through Bereavement. On-going supportive and educational group uses here-and-now discussion, as well as cognitive, psychodynamic, and biopsychosocial perspectives to optimize self-care and coping. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy for your clients. Consultation about a case, call Bonnie Cesak, LCSW, RN, Lic # LCS18570. Glendale, (818) 240-1355.

Thriving with Diabetes. Ongoing supportive and educational group uses here-and-now discussion, as well as cognitive, psychodynamic, and biopsychosocial perspectives to optimize self-care and coping. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy for your clients. Consultation about a case, call Bonnie Cesak, LCSW, RN, Lic # LCS18570. Glendale, (818) 240-1355.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder / Trauma / Sexual Abuse Survivors Process Group for Women. This group will allow survivors to share their abuse and recovery experiences, while providing a safe space for healing and to try out new, healthy coping skills. This group is targeted to sexual abuse, incest, assault, and rape issues. This is held every other Wednesday morning in Pasadena, CA. Please contact Cristina Mardirossian, LMFT at (818) 434-6051 for more information.

Men's Separation and Divorce Support Group. For men either contemplating separation or divorce, going through it, or recovering from it. Communication with an estranged spouse, co-parenting, building a

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Teen Talk Support Group. This co-ed support group is a safe place for teens to talk about everyday challenges with school, parents, relationships, and to get support from other teens. Increase self-esteem, healthy decision-making and self-awareness. Weds, 6-7:30pm. Glendale. Susan Chakmakian, MA, MFT, MFC41817 contact by 818-839-0390 or susan@susanchakmakian.com.

Write Your Life to "Right" Your Life. Writing group in Toluca Lake. This group meets once per week for 10 weeks; anyone can join any week as this is not a "chronological" process. Help your clients augment their therapy process by journaling and writing, even fictionalizing the stories of their lives into publishable works. I am both a licensed MFT in California and a professional writer and teacher of creative writing.
Vickie.saxon@gmail.com or 818-640-3789.

Men and Women's Interpersonal

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GROUPS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Consultation Group.

For experienced licensed therapists who are 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. Tuesdays 12:00 – 1:45. For more information contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 (818) 243-0839 or drlarrybrooks.com

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 use in one's self in the

clinical encounter. Fridays 3:15 – 5:00 For more information contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 (818) 243-0839 or drlarrybrooks.com.

SERVICES

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Private Practice Office Forms. Field tested, up-to-date fast-start kit of forms includes patient intake, financial agreements, HIPAA notice, consents and releases, and clinical screening forms. CD-ROM, paper copy, or via e-mail. For more information or to examine samples, visit JJDeSantis.com.

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PUBLICATIONS

Child Psychiatrist Directory. Concise list of 440 physicians who provide psychiatric services to children and adolescents throughout Los Angeles County available on the internet at JJDeSantis.com.

Subscribe to The Therapist's Journey, an E-newsletter that focuses on the subjective experience of doing psychotherapy in these changing times. Go to drlarrybrooks.com.

Diagnostic Testing Directory. Free directory of 350 licensed psychologists throughout Los Angeles County who offer psychological assessment services: educational, neuropsychological, forensic vocational, custody, and general psychiatric differential diagnosis. View or download from www.JJDeSantis.com.

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Free directory of 156 mental health professionals east of the 605 freeway from Azusa to Pomona, cross-indexed by specialties, services, second languages, and insurance accepted. View or download at www.JJDeSantis.com.

GAMHPA Members Directory.

117 licensed mental health professionals in the Glendale area, cross-indexed by specialties, services, second languages, and insurance accepted. This 65-page is available free at the GAMHPA website: gamhpa.org.

Group Therapy Directory. Free, up-to-date directory of outpatient psychotherapy groups in Los Angeles County. 500 facilitators and 1,250 groups. Directory has received over 25,000 visits on the internet. View or download from www.TheGroupList.org.

Home Schooling. "Finding Your Way: Exploring Your Family's Educational Journey," a workbook of discussion topics and thought provoking exercises by GAMHPA member Michelle Barone, MFT. Learn more at michellebarone.com.

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LA CANADA. Just completed office space in La Canada with private waiting area, therapist signal system, sound proofing, plus separate entrance and exit. There are a total of 4 offices within the suite, the building is very well

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LA CANADA. Part time office space available for rent in La Canada (in a newly remodeled building with 4 other offices, 1 large bathroom, waiting area, kitchen, private parking, on a small street) Cost: \$550. Available hours: M-W: anytime before 12pm, Th-Sun: all day New year lease starts March 1st. Contact Hillary Haynes at (818) 516-3561.

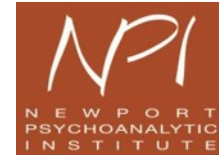
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We want to hear from YOU!

GAMHPA is looking for mental health articles, essays, or case studies (under 1000 words) for our upcoming issues.

Submit to Suzette Bray at

suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com



Obstructing and Welcoming Connections

Presenter:

Jeffrey Eaton, M.A., FIPA

Saturday, March 22, 2014

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM , 6 Continuing Education Hours

Hilton Pasadena

168 South Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Childhood traumas can lay the groundwork for powerful defenses against emotional contact with others and often block people's capacity to engage fully and freely in subsequent relationships. The contemporary dynamic therapist must be able to discern and work with these early structures as they transfer into the therapeutic setting.

Mr. Eaton will present his very moving work demonstrating how the therapist can become a "projective identification welcoming object."

For more information and to register: www.npi.edu (626) 796-2776 Admin@npi.edu

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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.

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Download an application form from our website. Full member dues for licensed mental health professionals, \$60 per year. Associate Member dues for students, interns and others, \$35 per year. Organizations, \$125 per year. Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

BENEFITS

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.

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