OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Linda Condon, LMHC, TEP

Linda is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Trainer, Educator and Practitioner of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy. She has a private practice in Clearwater, FL. Her energy extends in a few different directions. She enthusiastically facilitates an ongoing training group in Clearwater. She enjoys writing and has published “The Warm Up Ring: Keys for Energizing Your Group”, a chapter on Bibliodrama in Interactive and Improvisational Drama, an article on "Untangling the Drama Triangle Using the Circle of Restoration" in the Journal of Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy and authors a daily affirmations blog. She has served in a variety of ASGPP roles over the years and has been touched by the gifts, caring and unlimited creativity of the organization’s membership.

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VICE PRESIDENT
Erica Michaels Hollander, PhD, JD, TEP

I came to psychodrama many years ago, while a practicing trial lawyer, in the course of learning about dramatic presentation in general. Although at first my interest was simply in improving my courtroom advocacy, I came to value psychodrama and sociodrama for many other reasons, including the notions of healing both individuals and society that they embody. My late husband, Carl Hollander, was a brilliant psychodramatist and teacher of the art and loved psychodrama and ASGPP as parts of his family. In part, I carry his love forward for him. In addition, I find myself increasingly fascinated by human creativity and diversity, wanting to spend more and more of my time and effort on advancing expression and communication. One of my principal concerns now is to help bring solid contemporary research into the field, increasing its intellectual standing, reimbursability, and its wider recognition and appreciation.

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SECRETARY
Stacie L. Smith, MA, LPC

Stacie is a Licensed Professional Counseling Intern currently living in Allen, TX, and supervised for licensure by Kacy Flanagan, LPC-S. Stacie’s primary psychodrama trainer is Katrina Hart, MS, LPC-S, CBT, ATA, CETT, TEP; with whom she has worked for the past seven years. Stacie is currently employed as a psychotherapist at a children’s advocacy center located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and she also counsels individuals, families, and couples at a private practice located in Dallas, TX. Stacie has presented at ASGPP Conferences, and frequently presents at local universities regarding Psychodrama and Sociometry in hopes of informing others of Dr. Moreno’s methods and increasing the understanding and knowledge of psychodrama and the importance of working with Certified Practitioners of Psychodrama. Stacie also participated in and assisted with the organization of the inaugural North Texas Psychodrama Conference in 2014 and assisted with the preparation for the 2015 conference.

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Rhona has been a member of the Psychodrama community since 1991. She is a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania and a Trainer, Educator & Practitioner of Psychodrama since 1997. Rhona is a founding partner in a group practice called Crossroads Counseling Center, that was formed in 1995. She is the administrative manager. Rhona has presented at ASGPP National Conferences and has introduced Psychodrama techniques to professionals in various settings. She was a co-chair of the 2012 National Conference in Jersey City, NJ. As co-chair of the Silent Auction/Live Auction/Basketcases for the last four years, Rhona helped to expand the program and increase profits for the ASGPP Treasury. Rhona enjoys working behind the scenes and has dedicated much time and effort to promote the goals of the ASGPP. I bring my energy, enthusiasm and business skills to promote the advancement of Psychodrama and the organization. It is important to me that we bring young energy into the ASGPP to take on active leadership roles. I enjoy working within a team, and together we can work to preserve the integrity of the organization and advance its mission.

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MaryAnn works with individuals, couples, and families in the areas of personal growth, relationship issues, mood disorders, problem solving, and trauma resolution. She has specialized training and experience in women’s issues, addictions, action methods, families of alcoholics/addicts, abuse/trauma survivors, grief and loss, gay and lesbian issues, and mixed orientation marriages. Her Masters degree is in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling and she is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Florida (MH #7778). MaryAnn is also a Certified Sexual Addiction Therapist, a Trainer, Educator, and Practitioner of Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama and Sociometry, and is trained to conduct Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR sessions) for trauma resolution.

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Kim has been a member of the psychodrama community since 2003, training with Linda Bianchi and the Hudson Valley Psychodrama Institute. Her work is divided between being the Managing Director for the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA) and as a Professional Organizer in her business, PackRat Solutions. Kim brings to the Council her numerous non-profit management skills from working for AFTA for several years, along with her professional organizer skills. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the Institute for Chronic Disorganization. Through her organizational work, she uses her psychodrama skills with her clients. Kim has presented and co-presented at ASGPP Conferences. She currently serves on the Program and Web Site Committees.

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Steven Durost is the Founder, Executive Director & Owner of C.R.E.A.T.E! Center for Expressive Arts, Therapy and Education in Manchester, New Hampshire, which employs 25+ counselors, arts-based therapists, psychologist, interns and staff. Steven has a PhD in Expressive Therapies, is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Registered Art Therapist with the International Association for Expressive Art Therapist. Steven is the 2014 ASGPP Zerka T. Moreno Award recipient for his work in the field of psychodrama, the 2009 Heroes of Justice Award by the YWCA Crisis Services for his work with the Male Sexual Abuse Survivor's Group and for being the Crisis Services' first responder for human trafficking, and the 2008 Soul Sisters Appreciation Award for his aid in creating a safe space for women to meet and grow. His organization, C.R.E.A.T.E!, is the recipient of the 2010 New Hampshire National Alliance for Mental Illness Award for Systems Change. Steven teaches as adjunct faculty for Lesley University, New Hampshire Institute of Arts, New England College and Springfield College. His counseling work centers on trauma recovery and his research focuses on the meaning of aging for people over 65. In learning about both of these topics, Steven conducted research, taught courses and created groups in South Africa, Israel, New Zealand, Australia as in America.

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Grayce Gusmano, LMFT, LPC, CP

Grayce is a certified practitioner of psychodrama. She is a Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed as a Professional Counselor. She has her own therapy practice “grayce counseling” in Scottsdale Arizona. Grayce also facilitates a weekly psychodrama group at Psychological Counseling Services an established intensive outpatient program. Grayce was trained by Dorothy and Mort Satten as well as Rebecca Walters and Judy Swallow. She is also certified in Sensorimotor Psychotherapy and is an Approved EMDR Consultant and Certified Therapist. Her specialties include working with complex trauma, eating disorders and addictions. She works individually and in action from an attachment and neurobiology informed place.

Chi-Sing Li, PhD, LPC-S, LMFT Board Approved Supervisor

Chi-Sing is an Associate Professor teaching Masters and Doctoral programs in the Counselor Education department at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He has been a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Texas for over twenty years, and has also served as a supervisor for both licenses for ten years. As far as Psychodrama is concerned, Chi-Sing considers himself a student, actively pursuing knowledge and experience. Chi-Sing fell deeply in love with Psychodrama five years ago when he joined the psychodrama training of Katrena Hart in Texas. It is really an awesome experience to Chi-Sing and he has been able to tap into his own creativity and spontaneity. Through psychodrama, Chi-Sing has gained new discovery of himself which has been amazing and shocking to him every day. Over the past three years, Chi-Sing has utilized a lot of the techniques from psychodrama in his teaching and training of counselor interns in Texas. His teaching skills have expanded tremendously. Chi-Sing presented in the ASGPP annual conference two years ago in Oakland and will hopefully present again. Currently, Chi-Sing is coordinating research projects within the ASGPP research committee.

Maria Mellano, LICSW

In 2005, seeking a true healing path for her eating disorder clients, Maria discovered Psychodrama’s power from clients who’d experienced it residentially. By trying some action methods on her own, Maria quickly learned the need for training. She found the ASGPP’s upcoming conference, took a deep breath, dove in and became certified in 2017. Both personally and professionally, Maria is committed to awakening, transformation and leadership for individuals who are interested in claiming their unique place in the world. She is a seasoned, intuitive and skillful therapist, Psychodramatist and mentor with over 20 years’ professional experience and training with a specialty in eating disorders. Maria combines Psychodrama and Internal Family Systems with her mind-body-spirit-shadow oriented approach to ignite the inherent capacity for Self - presence and healing we each have within allowing for breakthroughs and sustainable change in peoples’ lives. From her practice based in Boston, MA she offers individual and group sessions for therapy, training, consulting and mentoring as well as open Psychodrama sessions, Psychodrama training and self-growth workshops.

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS continued**

**Susan Mullins, LMHC, CEDS, TEP**

Susan has been involved with the psychodrama community for over 24 years attending her first training group in 1993 with Nina Garcia. Psychodrama, Susan says, has been the most powerful healing modality she has ever worked with both personally and professionally. It has changed her life in the most profound ways while igniting her passion for psychodrama.

Susan is in private practice in Tampa, Florida. Her areas of specialization include eating disorders, trauma, and substance abuse. She is an adjunct professor at the University of South Florida in the Mental Health and Rehabilitation Counseling Program. In 2009, Susan co-founded South Tampa Psychodrama Training with Sandra Seeger. Through STPT she co-facilitates an ongoing training group, along with a variety of other workshops. Susan has presented at local, national, and international conferences, including ASGPP and BPA/IAGPP. Most recently she was a conference co-chair for the ASGPP conference in Clearwater in May 2017. She has served as a session assistant, worked on the silent auction committee, and the scholarship committee for multiple ASGPP conferences. Lastly, she serves on the Executive Council of the ASGPP and is a fellow of the ASGPP.

To further her creativity and spontaneity, Susan performs in a local Playback Theatre troupe in the Tampa area.

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**Mary Anna Palmer, LICSW, LMFT, TEP**

Mary Anna began her career as a social worker 43 years ago working in a varied agencies both profit and non-profit settings. She began her psychodrama training in 1983 in Milwaukee first with Ron Anderson. She began her journey to become certified as a practitioner in 1989, becoming a CP in 2003 and TEP in 2014.

Mary Anna is a founding member of the Midwest Chapter – ASGPP 1994 and served as the chapter’s president for two terms. She was co-sponsor and chief organizer of three Midwest Chapter Conferences held in the Twin Cities in late 1990’s and early 2000’s.

Mary Anna is the Executive Director and Primary Trainer at The Psychodrama & Psychotherapy Center in Eagan, MN since 1992. She provides training and workshops in universities, schools, prisons, community organizations, and business.

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**Sandra (Sandy) Seeger, MA, LMHC, TEP**

Sandy is in private practice in Tampa, Florida and has been working with women, children and families for over 20 years. After receiving her masters in counseling she worked in a variety of settings including the Florida Juvenile Justice system and has worked to incorporate health based modalities such as yoga, with psychodrama and play therapy. She currently teaches as an adjunct professor in the Masters of Counselor Education program at the University of South Florida. She and Susan Mullins Overman co-developed, South Tampa Psychodrama Training where they currently have an ongoing training group and are active in a local Playback Theater troupe. Sandy is a fellow in the ASGPP and co-chaired the 2011 ASGPP conference in Clearwater, FL.

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**Marianne Shapiro, LMHC, TEP**

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Marianne has a private psychotherapy practice and lives in Mount Vernon, WA. She was appointed to the Executive Council to fill a vacancy in May of 2017. She has benefitted from being an appreciative participating member of the ASGPP for many years and believes that this is the time for her to step forward and give back, hopefully contributing for the greater good in this more structured, and perhaps co-creative role.

Marianne’s Primary Trainer for both her CP and TEP was John Raven Mosher. She and her husband Bob Shapiro, CP have been co-facilitating an ongoing weekly psychodrama group and a monthly workshop for at least the past 17 years.

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Daniela Simmons, PhD, PAT

Dr. Daniela Simmons’ professional experience, both in Europe and the US, is in educational, research, and consultancy work in the social sciences and mental health. Her background includes serving as the president of the Bulgarian National Association for Mental Health and founding and editing a professional magazine for mental health. She has been utilizing action method sessions since 1995 in Europe and since 2005 in the US. Daniela is the founder of the Expressive Therapies Training Institute (ETTi) where she teaches Psychodrama, Sociometry, Theater of the Oppressed, Playback Theater and other action methods in North Texas, nationally and internationally. Daniela is holding workshops on action methods, including weekly retreats. She had a wide array of interests with priorities on dreamwork, sociometry, person-centered care and culture change, aging, team work, developing an international network and preparation of professionals for their exam for certification through the American Board of Examiners. Daniela is also utilizing action methods in her teaching practice in colleges and universities in North Texas. She frequently makes public presentations and is the author of numerous articles. Daniela is the Executive Council liaison to the ASGPP journal; and she is also one of the Executive Editors.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Debra (Debbie) Ayers, MMHS

Debbie has worked her entire career in the non-profit sector. She holds a Master’s in Nonprofit Management/Social Policy from the Heller School at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. She has assisted the Massachusetts Committee for Children and Youth in Boston in the area of Board Development, and worked at Massachusetts Social Service Agencies and the Concord-Carlisle School District as a Program Manager. Since moving to New Jersey in 2003, she has worked at the American Red Cross organizing hundreds of volunteers as Blood Services Coordinator. Joining the ASGPP in 2010, she has worked closely with the Executive Council and countless dedicated volunteers and looks forward to helping the organization continue to grow.

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