



THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS, INC.

31ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS

Lake Geneva, WI & Chicago, IL ♦ June 24-June 28, 2009

"HONORING OUR ROOTS - NURTURING OUR GROWTH"

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups invites you to submit a proposal for presentation at its 31st Annual Symposium, to be held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois. Bridging two sites with deep-rooted histories of planting seeds for social change through groups, this dynamic symposium, hosted by the Illinois Chapter, seeks to honor our group work roots and nurture our growth.

An exciting program of pre-symposium events will begin on June 24 at the George Williams College campus of Aurora University, on the tree-lined shores of beautiful Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. George Williams College, an institution historically devoted to social group work, served as one of two training schools during the early years of the YMCA movement. Currently, it is a vibrant academic community in a serene setting, continuing to provide small group experiences through educational and retreat programs.

The main Symposium will convene on June 26 at The Palmer House Hilton in downtown Chicago. This historic hotel is in the heart of the city, a few steps from the Art Institute, Millennium Park, Michigan Avenue, the theater district, and only a short distance from the building that first housed Jane Addams' Hull House. In addition to being the site of historic social work and group work innovation, Chicago is rich with arts and architecture, a stunning lakefront, and excellent shopping and dining – providing fertile ground for entertainment and cultural enrichment.

The Chicago portion of the Symposium seeks presentations by practitioners, students, field work instructors, teachers, researchers, and professionals across disciplines. Though not a requirement, presenters are especially invited to offer papers, workshops, and poster presentations elaborating on group work's past, present, and future – both its "roots" and its "growth". Abstracts related to this theme can be submitted in areas such as:

- History of social work practice with groups; historical themes in current practice
- Creative and purposeful use of activities
- Supervision; peer support; professional development – for students and/or practitioners
- Academic/practice partnerships
- Pursuit of social justice through social group work
- Local and global connections and collaborations
- Strategies for strengthening group work education and practice
- Innovations in social group work practice

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS:

- **PAPERS** are 45-minute didactic and discussion-oriented presentations.
- **POSTER PRESENTATIONS** are brief didactic presentations, offered at a collective forum.
- **WORKSHOPS** are experiential and last 90 minutes.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

- Proposals consist of a 500-word abstract and should be submitted online at www.aaswg.org.
- Workshop proposals should also describe objectives, structure, and presentation method.
- **ABSTRACTS FOR PAPERS & WORKSHOPS:** Due by January 15, 2009
- **ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** Due by January 31, 2009
- **NOTIFICATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE:** By March 31, 2009
- Membership in AASWG is not required for submission, but will be required if accepted.
- Presenters must register for the Symposium by June 2009.

For additional information please contact Symposium Co-chairs:
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or visit www.aaswg.org for updates about the Symposium