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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Deadline April 18, 2025

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**DREAMING THE FUTURE**

As we move through unprecedented individual and collective pressures, our human capacity also allows us to experience joy amidst the turmoil. We can dream the future and feel, think, imagine, and even behave in different ways. Join us at this conference to examine how to go forward, applying multiple psychodynamic perspectives to what we are facing in the consulting room, in the broader world, and in ourselves – in the darkness and in the light.

**GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS, PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND ESSAYS**

The Conference Committee invites submissions related (but not exclusively) to the theme. Papers may reflect but are not limited to the following:

- Ways to understand seemingly contradictory phenomena.
- The clinical implications of the inner and outer worlds, including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability, religion, age, and socio-political phenomena.
- Internal and external psychic turmoil, as it emerges in the therapeutic process.
- Trauma and its evolving theories.
- Group, family, or couples therapy
- Social media and its impact on psychoanalytic practice and values.
- Historical perspectives and debates in psychoanalysis.
- Applied psychoanalysis to areas such as politics, economics, and organizations.
- The application of scientific findings and outcome studies -- neuroscience, technology -- to clinical work.

## **Please include**

- Cover sheet: (a) Name, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail for each author, co-author, or panelist, (b) title of paper, (c) two - three sentence abstract summarizing core ideas of presentation, (d) two educational objectives that state what the audience will learn, The statement reads: "After attending the presentation, participants will be able to..."-- using "measurable" active verbs such as: describe, define, identify, discuss, explain, list, apply, demonstrate, analyze, assess, compare, critique, (not "understand"), (e) 3 references in APA style (i.e., peer reviewed journals) within the last 10 years that are relevant and evidence-based that you used to create the activity and that we can provide to learners, so they can learn more about the topic post activity, (f) 1-2 sentences about the practice gap and educational need that your presentation fills.
- A brief professional biographical statement, *listing* your name, credentials, 1-3 affiliations, 1-3 book publications or topics of papers, geographical area of practice, etc.

*Published papers are not acceptable.*

## **Presentation Categories**

- Case study/clinical paper: Include a copy of the full paper with no biographical or identifying data. Presentations will be approximately 25-30 minutes each, maximum 15 pages (approximately 3,600 words), double-spaced, 1.25 inch margins, with no smaller than 12-point font.
- Panel (90 minutes): Panels consist of two or more presenters. Include a prepared paper (if any) or a three-to-five-page abstract for each presenter, describing how the discussion will be structured, the overarching theme and specific focus. Allow time for discussion among the presenters and between the presenters and the audience.
- Workshop (90 minutes): Workshops should consist of didactic and practical or experiential components for 2 or more presenters. Include a prepared paper (if any) or a three-to-five-page abstract for each presenter, describing how the workshop will be structured, the overarching theme and specific focus.

## **E-mail submissions to: [aapcsw@gmail.com](mailto:aapcsw@gmail.com)**

Please have the subject line of your e-mail read: *AAPCSW 2025 Conference Submission*

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## **CALL FOR STUDENT AND/OR CANDIDATE PAPERS**

Please follow the submission guidelines detailed above for the case study/clinical paper and mark your paper as an entry for the special student or candidate award. Awards will be granted to the best papers in each category. The winners will be invited to present their papers.

**Address inquiries to Student Papers Chair:**

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*All presenters must pay registration fees and are eligible for a registration discount.*

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