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Presenter Biographies

Joseph I. Abrahams, MD was born in 1916, Dallas, Texas. Educated in New York City, M.D. at Emory University 1939. Psychoanalytic training, Washington Institute of Psychoanalysis. Interests, psychoanalytic treatment of severe disorders.

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Zelda G. Alpern, MSW values meaning-making and network-based approaches to supporting people in emotional distress. Influenced by open dialogue and the hearing voices network, she works at the Counseling Service of Addison County.

Edward Altwies, PsyD is the Program Manager for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York Queens Mobile Parachute team that conducts home-based network therapy based on the practices developed in Open Dialogue.

Diana Babcock speaks from personal experience, working with and for her voices outside the professional mental health system, using formal and informal peer networks and a great deal of creativity.

Chelsea H. Bagias, PsyD is a licensed psychologist in Northern California specializing in Thought Disorder and Voice Hearing for the past 10 years. She currently works at an outpatient program with an integrated treatment team.

Charles Boisvert, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Counseling, Educational Leadership, and School Psychology at Rhode Island College and is a practicing clinical psychologist at the Rhode Island Center for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Ghislaine Bourdon is a recovered patient wanting to share her life's experiences. She has a Bachelor's Degree, and taught swimming in France. She loves life, and what it offers.

Benjamin K. Brent, MD is a psychiatrist who has published on schizophrenia and a mentalization-based psychodynamic approach to psychosis.

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Ty Colbert, PhD, a clinical psychologist, serves on the boards of two professional organizations. He has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry.

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Martin A. Cosgro, PhD has helped clients struggling with psychosis for over thirty years in out-patient, in-patient, residential and forensic settings. His experience continues to benefit clients, clinicians and families.

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Peter M. Pascatore, MA is an early career analyst-information and social worker in Chicago. He is interested in Lacanian and Freudian treatments for people with extreme and psychotic experiences.

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