

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Ronald Abramson, MD is in the Full-Time Private Practice of Psychiatry, on the Executive Board of ISPS-US, a Psychoanalyst, and the author of a book on the need for progressive innovations in the scientific and clinical practice of psychiatry.

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Elizabeth Breier, MA, CPRP is a Peer Professional who has worked in behavioral health in a variety of leadership roles for nineteen years. She has her MA in Health Advocacy and a CPRP.

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Billy Bromage, MSW is a community organizer, developing projects with grassroots leaders, people with mental illnesses, DMHAS-funded programs, and civic leaders to promote mental health and inclusion in New Haven neighborhoods.

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MaryAlice Brown, MSc has been active in the peer support movement for over a decade. She has presented at peer conferences held by the Mental Health Empowerment Project and the Self Help and Advocacy Council.

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Mark Napoli Costa, MD, MPH is a psychiatrist and an Associate Research Scientist at the Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health.

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Jay Crosby, PhD is a psychologist in private practice, and a candidate at the Columbia Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. He was a team leader at an early psychosis program at Bellevue Hospital.

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Alberto Fergusson, MD, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. Developed the approach of Accompanied Self Rehabilitation. Has published and presented on new ways to understand psychosis and accompany people in their recovery process.

Ana Florence, PhD is a Clinical Psychologist and Postgraduate Fellow with the Yale PRCH. She has experience with Community Based Mental Health in Brazil and investigates how Open Dialogue can inform public policy and services.

John Flowers Since his first episode psychosis and diagnosis of bipolar I disorder in July 2006, John Flowers has been dedicated to recovery and the comprehension of his own experience.

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