

# iSPS-US



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY  
FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL  
APPROACHES TO PSYCHOSIS  
UNITED STATES CHAPTER

## CALL FOR PAPERS

ISPS-US Sixteenth Annual Meeting:

### ***Psychosis in Context: Exploring Intersections in Diverse Identities and Extreme States***

November 17-19, 2017

Portland, Oregon

University Place Hotel

Cosponsored by the EASA Center for Excellence at PSU

#### **Keynote Speaker: Gogo Ekhaya Esima**

Gogo Ekhaya Esima is an initiated Sangoma Traditional Healer in the Zulu culture of South Africa. She is a certified Peer Recovery Specialist in mental health, a trauma survivor, and a spiritual teacher. Gogo Ekhaya is a strong advocate for challenging standardized mental health concepts in America, she has written for the forthcoming ISPS series book, *Women and Psychosis: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, and her shamanic journey of healing and recovery is featured in the documentary CRAZYWISE. Her gifts include seeing and hearing voices of the ancestors, mediumship, and earth based medicinal healing. Gogo Ekhaya has a full-time shamanic healing practice in Southern California. [www.sangomahealing.com](http://www.sangomahealing.com)

#### **Honoree: Narsimha Reddy Pinninti, MD**

Narsimha Reddy Pinninti, MD is PACT Psychiatrist and Professor of Psychiatry at Rowan University. Dr. Pinninti is a certified Cognitive therapist and uses CBT, MI and Yoga mindfulness based Cognitive therapy (YMBCT) for psychosis. He is a coauthor of *Cultural Adaptation of CBT for Serious Mental Illness: A Guide for Training and Practice*.

### **DEADLINE: Submissions Due by MAY 29, 2017**

Extreme mental states and psychotic experiences occur within a context that includes a person's unique family story, ethnicity, religion, race, socioeconomic status, gender and sexual identity, trauma experiences, and more. The attempt to isolate these states and experiences from the soil in which they grow often results in diagnosing people instead of understanding them. Yet individuals' reactions and adaptation to the nexus of social constructs, cultural beliefs, and personal and collective histories that form the backdrops of their lives are sources of their strengths and their suffering alike. How can those who are struggling come more fully to appreciate the complexities of who they are, why they hurt, and what the possibilities might be for transformation? And how can helpers better understand the intersection of these layers of relevant factors so that assistance can be provided that truly fits the person?

ISPS has focused on psychological and social approaches to psychosis, madness, and extreme states of mind for over 50 years. The ISPS-US 16th Annual Meeting will feature a diversity of perspectives on psychotherapies, research on recovery, and theoretical developments. The points of view of experts by experience and family members will be highlighted. A main focus will be intersectionality or the interconnected nature of social identities as they relate to systems of discrimination and oppression.

We welcome proposals for papers, panel discussions, and creative or alternative formats focused on psychological and social approaches to psychosis or extreme mental states. A variety of perspectives and topics are welcome and we are interested in representing a diversity of voices. All professional disciplines, experts by experience, and family members are encouraged to submit proposals. Please share your knowledge, experience, energy, and hope. We hope to see you in beautiful Portland, Oregon! **See submission guidelines.**

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**Submission Guidelines**

**PAPERS** are 60 minutes long, including 15-20 minutes for discussion.

**PANELS** can include two or three papers, with a chair, and with or without a discussant. Panels can be 60 or 90 minutes long, including 15-20 minutes for discussion.

**ALTERNATIVE FORMATS**, such as conversation hours and book talks, are 60 minutes long.

**ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Title of presentation (maximum of 15 words)
2. Type of presentation (paper, panel, or alternative) and length (60 or 90 minutes)
3. Abstract (maximum of 300 words)
4. The following for each presenter (only those who will actually be present, not absent coauthors):
  - a. Name, address, phone, e-mail, institutional affiliation(s)
  - b. Brief biographical statement (maximum of 30 words)
  - c. CV or resume (maximum of 3 pages, simple format - must be copied and pasted into website form)
  - d. **Every presenter must sign the online conflict of interest disclosure.**  
Go to [www.iahbdisclosure.com](http://www.iahbdisclosure.com) and click on ISPS.
5. Designated contact person if more than one presenter
6. Audio/visual requirements (we do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee all equipment)
7. Any of the following statements:
  - I DO give permission for my presentation to be videoed and sold by ISPS-US (smaller audience).
  - I DO give permission for my presentation to be videoed and posted for free on YouTube by ISPS-US.
  - I DO NOT give permission for my presentation to be videoed or distributed by ISPS-US.
8. Expected experience level of target audience:
  - INTRODUCTORY: No prior knowledge of specific content required.
  - INTERMEDIATE: Some prior knowledge, but no in-depth knowledge, required.
  - ADVANCED: Significant knowledge of the specific topic required.
9. Three learning objectives, including measurable goals, stating what the participant will be able to do to demonstrate learning.
10. Three or more bibliographic references that support the validity of the presentation content, that are **within the last 5 years**.

**DEADLINE: Proposals must be submitted at [www.isps-us.org](http://www.isps-us.org) by May 29, 2017.**

**Incomplete/late proposals will not be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted by mail or email.** Questions about the submission process should be emailed to Karen Stern at [contact@isps-us.org](mailto:contact@isps-us.org). Questions regarding content of proposals should be sent to Meeting Chair, Khaki Marino, PhD, LCSW ([Experts@isps-us.org](mailto:Experts@isps-us.org)).

**NOTE: ALL PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER AND PAY** to attend the meeting. **ACCEPTED PRESENTERS MUST SUBMIT ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK** in a timely manner. **THE CONTACT PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE** for keeping ISPS-US informed of any changes in contact information or if any presenters are unable to attend.