



Multi-Affiliate Transmodal Continuous-Online-Group (COG)

in honor of Dr Bob Hsiung

24 July - 3 Aug, 2026

Continuous Slack with two Zoom Sessions

- **Mon, 27 July 7PM ET (60 min)**
- **Saturday, 1 Aug 12pm ET (60 min)**

Primary Task:

The primary task is to learn through experience about online here-and-now group processes across communication modalities (asynchronous, synchronous, audio-visual, and text-based).

Fees and Registration

Register here : <https://tinyurl.com/matcogregistration>

Standard Fee - \$100

Full-time Student - \$25

Sliding Scale available upon request.

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Staff

Joe Wise, Director



Joe Wise, MD, CGP is a Group Relations practitioner and psychiatrist-psychoanalyst in fulltime private practice in Brooklyn, NY. He directed the Transmodal Continuous Online Group (TCOG) at AGPA in 2025 and 2026, having been on Staff since 2019. He has presented about the COG at the AKRI Dialogues and Belgirate. As a former Army doctor, he has much clinical experience with trauma, military/Veterans issues, and is co-editor of *Gay Mental Healthcare: Provider and Patients in the Military*, published by Springer in 2018.

Mari Tang, Administrator



Mari Tang is a Group Relations practitioner, leatherdyke, and software engineer based in Los Angeles, CA. She spends her free time riding motorcycles.

Elyce Cole, Consultant



Elyce Cole (she/they); MA (TC, Columbia University); MSc (UCL); PhD Candidate (NIODA); is an organizational psychologist and social researcher who supports multidisciplinary teams working on complex challenges in technology, health, and social care.

Elyce is also co-founder of Hard Problems, a nonprofit that helps designers find meaningful full-time work on the world's hardest problems — like climate change and public health. Her work is driven by a commitment to understanding how organizational design and power dynamics shape —and often undermine—the creation of more effective, equitable, and humane organizations.

Other GR-related roles include: President, New York Center for the Study of Groups, Organizations, and Social Systems; associate member, ISPSO; associate member, AKRI for the Study of Social Systems; and co-founding member, Black Leadership and Authority Coalition.

Barney Straus, Consultant



Barney Straus is an adventure-based therapist in private practice in Chicago, IL, where he works with individuals and groups to treat people recovering from addictions and compulsive behaviors. He is a part-time faculty member at Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work, Roosevelt University, Department of Psychology, and New Mexico Highlands University, School of Social Work.

Barney is the author of the 2018 book *Healing in Action: Adventure-Based Counseling with Therapy Groups*.

He is co-author along with Phil Flores and Jeffrey Roth, of the 4th Edition of Group Psychotherapy with Addicted Populations, published by Routledge in 2023, as well as co-author of a manual based on this book, recently published by Routledge. He is a longtime member of AKRI and CCSGO and he is a fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Barney has been on the staff of many group relations conferences, and he has directed four conferences, all in the Chicago area, most recently at Roosevelt University in May of 2026.

Rose McIntyre, Consultant



Rose McIntyre, LCSW, CGP and AKRI Certified Group Relations Consultant is a Psychotherapist practicing in the Northern Virginia area. She has worked on staff for several in person and online group relations conferences, as well as, the Transmodal Continuous Group (TCOG) at AGPA in 2026. She has presented with a Co-Convener at AGPA on the Median Group.

She has held various board positions on group associations, and has co-chaired group conferences. She completed the two year NGPI group training program at the Washington School of Psychiatry as well as the Fellow in Leadership program.

In 2015 she with a Co- Convener, began at the WSP a monthly Median Group which followed the work of Patrick DeMare. This group has continued into 2026. She is an artist, beach and nature lover, and one whose faith, family, friends, pets and communities mean much to her.

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