



The landscape of our work is constantly evolving! Sometimes that evolution comes at such a rapid pace that we can barely keep up with the changes in our world, our profession, our clients, and ourselves. It can feel as though the whole ground is shifting, perhaps seismically. The #MeToo movement, issues of immigration and refugees, and the opioid crisis catch our national attention and deep concern, while apps, telehealth, blogs, and new treatments knock at the doors of our clinical practices for both early career and seasoned clinicians. Training and supervision of the next generations seek to encompass innovations and current concerns, while research lends a perspective on issues that goes so much deeper than the headlines. Both content areas of change and the process of change itself can be both inspiring and challenging. Many have questioned what our roles as psychologists might be in this swirling confusion. It's time to talk about this.

***WE NEED TO TALK:  
A CHANGING CULTURE, A CHANGING WORLD, OUR CHANGING SELVES***  
**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**Four Points by Sheraton – Norwood, MA**

Please join your colleagues at the 2018 MPA Conference to explore:

- Changes happening all around us and their effects on clients, psychotherapy, training, assessment, advocacy, and research.
- How we can reflect upon and integrate these changes in ourselves and our work?
- As Gandhi said, how we can “become the change we wish to see in the world” on whatever level we choose?
- How we can embrace the changes that make our work more relevant and effective?

The MPA Conference Planning Committee invites speakers to submit proposals for workshops and breakout sessions broadly addressing issues related to the important concerns and changes on the level of culture and society, the profession, and ourselves from the perspectives of clinical practice (both assessment and psychotherapy), scholarship, training, education, and consultation. We invite speakers to include a way in which some amount of self-reflection about the changes and the change process are integrated into each proposal, as well as to provide attendees with tangible take-aways from your talk.

*We welcome proposals related, but not limited, to the following areas:*

- **Psychologists' changing selves**
  - Tools to market self and run your practice
  - Changes in training and supervision: What do students need to know at this point in the profession and in our current world? The relationship between supervisors and supervisees and clients.

- How do you enter and exit the profession? Developmental issues throughout the lifespan of the psychologist, from initiation to ending
- Relationships: how are our relationships with clients, colleagues, and students changing? What is the role of relationship in an online, social media driven world?
- **Being a psychologist in a changing world**
  - Practicing in a Political World: what does that mean? How does that involve us?
  - Interventions with refugee and immigrants; How do language, culture, acculturation, and multiple levels of PTSD affect these populations and our work with them?
  - Addiction treatment/opioid crisis – how can psychologists get involved?
  - Assessment: what are the cutting edge issues and challenges for both adult and child assessment?
  - Issues of loss and grief – from personal, to professional, to societal
  - Today's technology – legal and ethical implications - and how it relates to practice: apps, telehealth, social media, outcome measures, etc.
  - Primary Care Integration: Building connections with it, how to specialize in it
- **Cultural changes impacting psychologists**
  - Psychologists reconceptualizing who they are in the mental health world... or who they want to be?? Branching out further into different areas.
  - Prejudice and Bias: how do these affect us? How to grow beyond them? How do we work with clients, students, colleagues, and systems?
  - Dialogue opportunities: How do we talk while remaining in connection?

Workshops and Breakout Sessions will be 75-90 minutes in length. Proposals should directly address the general conference theme and integrate multicultural and ethical considerations either as part of the presentation or in the self-reflection portion of the presentation.

**Please submit a Proposal that includes a Presentation Title, list of Presenters (including credentials) and Abstract of 500 words or less, by 5:00pm EST on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, via email to [casey@masspsych.org](mailto:casey@masspsych.org). Be sure to include "2018 MPA Conference Proposal" in the subject line.**

**Please direct any questions regarding your submission to conference committee co-chairs: Lorraine Mangione ([lmangione@antioch.edu](mailto:lmangione@antioch.edu)) and Wendy Vincent ([drwendy10@gmail.com](mailto:drwendy10@gmail.com)).**