

International Research Conference: The Challenge of Establishing a Research Tradition for Gestalt Therapy, Part II

Dates	May 27-30, 2015 Begins Wednesday, 6pm Ends Saturday, 12 noon
Fee	\$345 GISC Members: \$295 (accommodations not included)
CE hours	14
Co-Chairs	Joseph Melnick, PhD, and Philip Brownell, MDiv, PsyD Offered in cooperation with the Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy (AAGT)

This three-day international conference is a continuation of the work begun at the 2013 conference of research focused on the Gestalt approach in psychotherapy and organizational consulting. The research conference is designed to put interested Gestalt therapists and practitioner-researchers together in order to stimulate and encourage their growth. We have invited two Mentors-in-Residence to present challenging and informative ideas, to engage in conversation and share their expertise with Gestalt practitioner-researchers, and to contribute to the ground of an emerging research tradition for Gestalt therapy.

In addition to the Mentors-in-Residence, nearly two dozen practitioners from around the world will present on a diverse range of topics, both qualitative and quantitative in nature. Please visit the conference page on the GISC website for topic descriptions and complete conference details.

Mentors-In-Residence

Leslie Greenberg, PhD

Leslie Greenberg is Distinguished Professor of Psychology, York University and has been a visiting scholar at Katholieke University of Leuven and at Macquarie University, Australia. Dr. Greenberg is a trained Gestalt therapist whose research in process-experiential and emotion-focused therapy has been referenced in various publications as partial support for the practice of Gestalt therapy. He is a prolific scholar, researcher, and writer whose books, chapters, and peer-reviewed articles are numerous.

Plenary presentation: "Engaging in a research program: an example of using model building, measurement, hypothesis testing, and relating process to outcome." Dr. Greenberg will present the development of a research program for studying how people change in therapy, arguing that change process research

is one of the best ways of studying how people change. This approach is based on the view that to become a true applied-science psychotherapy, research needs to not only provide evidence of effectiveness but also to specify the processes of change that lead to the effects.

Scott Churchill, PhD

Scott Churchill is Professor of Psychology and Human Sciences at the University of Dallas. His professional focus has been on the development of phenomenological and hermeneutic research methodologies, particularly in understanding modes of access to various forms of expression. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and a liaison to its Science Directorate, he is the recipient of the APA's 2013 Award for Outstanding Lifetime Service and the 2014 Bühler Award for Outstanding and Lasting Contributions to Humanistic Psychology. Editor-in-Chief of *The Humanistic Psychologist* and past president of the Society for Humanistic Psychology, Dr. Churchill has given lectures at universities and conferences around the world.

Plenary presentation: "Empirical Phenomenological Reflection (EPR): An Adaptation of Giorgi's Descriptive Phenomenological Method using Gestalt Principles and Hermeneutics." This plenary will attempt to sort out where the researcher stands when reflecting on his or her own experience, versus reflecting upon someone else's as communicated to us in words. We will discuss first person, second person, and third person perspectives insofar as they come to play in the experience of conducting research. The audience will be challenged to reflect upon the possibility of developing a viable method for conducting research into the process and outcome of Gestalt therapy.



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