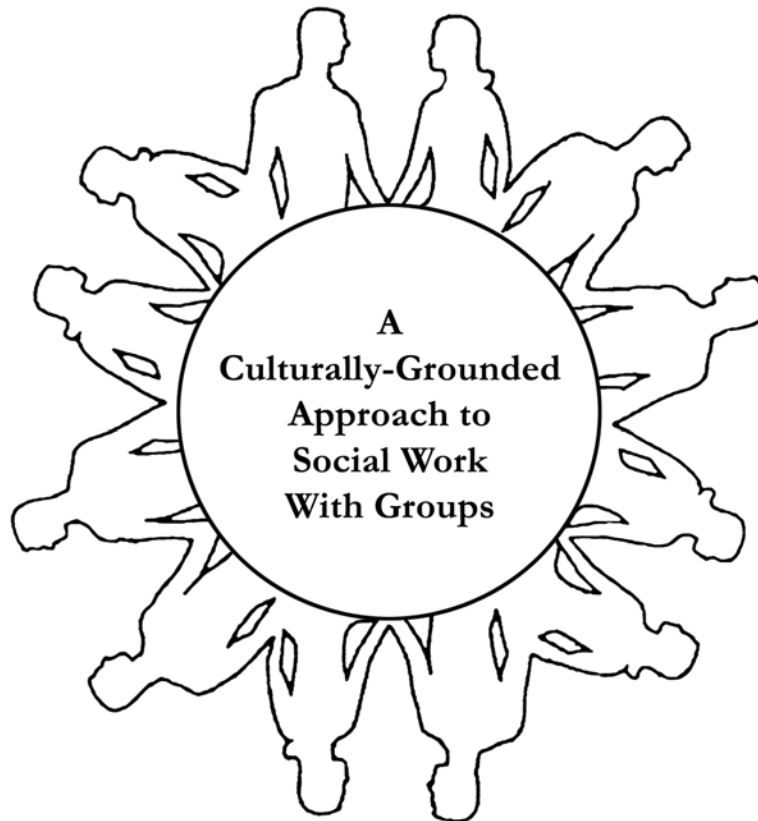


**A Culturally-Grounded Approach to
Social Work with Groups
Flavio Francisco Marsiglia, Ph.D.
Friday, March 19, 2004 at Barry University**



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AASWG WINTER CONFERENCE A Culturally-Grounded Approach to Social Work with Groups

Friday, March 19, 2004 : Barry University
ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Flavio Francisco Marsiglia, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor and director Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Consortium (SIRC) School of Social Work – College of Public Programs, Arizona State University.

In this presentation, Professor Marsiglia will provide an overview of the theoretical and practice underpinnings of a culturally-grounded approach to social work with groups. The participants will learn about the genesis of the approach as a synthesis of the presenter's own biography, professional development, and empirical research.

Group work is introduced as a natural or native response to the needs and strengths of cultural minority individuals and families. The role of the social worker is discussed as a group facilitator who supports the emergence of stories and narratives within the safety of the group. This approach assists group members to collectively edit their own stories by integrating their strengths coming from their culture and communities of origin as tools for change.

keepin'it R.E.A.L., recently named a Model Program by the leading U.S. government agency funding drug use prevention services (SAMSHA) will be presented as an exemplar of the approach. The process of creating the intervention from the ground-up with the active participation of youth representing the targeted communities will be described. The results of this National Institute on Drug Abuse/National Institutes of Health funded experiment will be discussed as they related to cultural specificity and group work, which were key factors in the effectiveness of ***keepin'it R.E.A.L.***

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Friday, March 19, 2004 at Barry University

8:00 – 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE AT ANDREAS 111
8:30 – 9:00 AM	GREETINGS
9:00 – 12 noon	PRESENTATION BY FLAVIO MARSIGLIA
12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH AND AGENCY EXHIBITS AT THE SOCIAL WORK FESTIVAL
1:30 – 3:00 PM	AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
3:00 – 4:30 PM	INTEGRATIVE DISCUSSION with Dr. Flavio Marsiglia
4:30	CEUS

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Workshop 1: DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING SUPPORT GROUPS FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS USING AN HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP AS A CASE IN POINT

The necessary skills for forming a support group related to a special needs population will be described, outlined and highlighted. Participants will learn to apply this facilitating structure to their own groups. Practice with formation, beginnings, ends, and on going work with this kind of group will provide general principals and a practice approach applicable to open ended support groups having a central focus, purpose and need. Experience with an HIV/AIDS Support Group will be used as an exemplar for other special needs groups. Attendees will be encouraged to present their work with groups.

Presenter: Peter Rossi, MSW, Private Practice, Miami Shores, FL
Chairperson: Alison Bregman, MSW. Social Work Therapist,
Biscayne Institutes, Aventura, FL

Workshop 2: BACK TO BASICS! ALL THE BASICS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LEADING A GROUP!

This workshop will identify the basic group work knowledge and skills that all group leaders should utilize when working with groups. These knowledge and skill components include group planning, session preparation, stage identification, leader communication skills, and celebrating the group as a whole. This workshop would be useful for any experienced agency group workers who want to review and revitalize their work as well as any new agency group workers who want to better prepare themselves for the challenge of running groups. Lecture and discussion will be interspersed with creative group role playing to demonstrate the concepts covered.

Presenter: Greg Tully, Ph.D. Associate Professor,
Barry University School of Social Work.
Chairperson: Mark Smith, MSW, ABD, Instructor,
Barry University School of Social Work.

Workshop 3: HOW TO RUN A SHORT-TERM DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

This workshop aims to help practitioners plan, implement and evaluate short-term divorce support groups for men and women. It discusses the content that is appropriate to cover during the sessions. The mutual aid approach to working with divorce groups is emphasized. Role-playing will be used to demonstrate practice skills. Application of practice principles will be applied to other groups.

Presenter: Olga Molina, DSW, Assistant Professor, Barry University
School of Social Work.

Chairperson: Joseph L. Romance, Ph.D., LCSW, Private Practice,
Miami, FL

Workshop 4: CREATING SYSTEMS OF MUTUAL AID GROUPS THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE GRANT GROUPS & MAXIMIZING EFFECTIVENESS BY EMBRACING DIVERSITY.

Collaborative grant writing is a means to develop the resources necessary to create programs that serve a wide range of populations that social workers typically serve. Group work theory and attending to diversity practices can readily apply to such a group, thereby informing the social worker's practice. Increasing the strength of the group as a whole by acknowledging and embracing diversity can provide a stronger vehicle through which a group can make local connections in order to diminish funding barriers, and enhance community-wide capacity building by creating a synergistic grant writing environment within a culture of diversity.

Presenter: Ellyn Drotzer, MSW, LCSW, Assistant to the Director of
Program Services, Children's Services Council of
Broward Co.

Chairperson: Elwood R. Hamlin II, DSW, Associate Professor and
Coordinator MSW Program, Florida Atlantic University

Workshop 5: FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING: BRIDGING CULTURES, BUILDING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Family Group Conferencing (FGC) brings together a family group with service providers to come up with a plan to resolve family challenges. The single-session FGC involves a group worker called a coordinator, but its success is based on people – citizens – banding together in culturally responsive ways. This presentation describes FGC and shows how it fosters partnerships across cultures and builds social responsibility.

Presenter: Mark J. Macgowan, Ph.D., LCSW, Assistant Professor,
Florida International University, Miami, FL

Chairperson: Keile Allen, MSW, Miami, FL

3:00 – 4:30 PM INTEGRATIVE DISCUSSION with Dr. Flavio Marsiglia.

Through the use of probing questions and discussion, Dr. Marsiglia will involve participants in an exploration of their experience with group work with cultural minority individuals. Attendees will be encouraged to identify the meaning of Dr. Marsiglia's ideas for them in their practice with groups.

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Mission statement...

The Association is a not-for-profit charitable corporation. All of its resources are devoted to the practice of social work with groups for the improvement of society and the well-being of citizens whose needs are most intense.

Goals of the Association...

- To promote the offering of social work services though group modality
- To provide a forum for members to collaborate and share information and ideas to improve their group work practice
- To promote educational materials for group work practice
- To stimulate and provide continuing education and staff development for those persons who work with groups

Membership Benefits...

- Contact with group professionals throughout the world
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- "Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups", produced by the AASWG, Inc.
- ANNUAL International Symposia on Social Work with Groups

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AASWG has members in Japan, United States Canada, Germany Pakistan, Argentina, Ireland, Lebanon, England, Ghana, Netherlands, Australia, South Africa, Israel, Belgium, India, Norway, Aruba, Hong Kong, Switzerland, the Bahamas and the Philippines.

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