Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture 38th Annual Meeting

CULTURE AND MENTAL HEALTH: FAMILY MATTERS

April 27-29, 2017

Villanova University Conference Center

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Come join us for three full days of lectures, symposia, and interactive workshops, and leave with new knowledge and skills. There will be many opportunities for networking, seeing old friends, and getting to know new ones.

Our call for papers closes September 15. For more information about submitting an abstract or the meeting itself, please visit **psychiatryandculture.org** or email your questions to us at **sspculture@gmail.com**.

Conference Overview

The conference will address questions such as: How is culture transmitted by the family? How does family treatment improve options and outcomes? How do important social changes, such as mass migration, war, and poverty, affect family and individual health? Do a cultural/community framework and effective family inclusion in care enhance clinical outcomes and reduce health care disparities?

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Families, culture, and resilience
- Cultural discourse on "family"
- Trauma and family
- · Family and help-seeking
- Family-centered care for refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrant communities
- Families caring for their chronically mentally ill (CMI) parent or child
- Evolving concepts of family
- The family and suicide
- The role of family in the internet and new technologies culture
- Training in family therapy and culture
- Family through the lifespan

Highlights of the program include three invited plenary sessions. One, led by Dr. James Griffith, will focus on the importance of the family in global mental health. Another will feature Dr. Celia Falikov presenting her widely recognized research on transnational families and the clinical model she has developed for working with them. A third session will explore the rapidly changing gender spectrum and focus on how families learn to support their LGBTQ children. Speakers will include leaders of PFLAG, the nation's largest grassroots organization uniting LGBTQ people with their families, a clinician who specializes in treating the LGBTQ patient population, and a social anthropologist/historian.



Overall Learning Objectives

After attending this meeting, participants will be able to:

- Identify cultural variations in the definition, composition, and dynamics of families and how this variation affects the mental health of its members, their interpretations of mental illness, and the process of help-seeking.
- Integrate family assessment into the practice of cultural psychiatry and global mental health, including the use of family-focused interview instruments.
- Discuss the theory and practice of therapy approaches that emphasize both family and culture, such as a culturally aware family therapy, a trauma-focused family systems approach for individuals with PTSD, and/or family-based suicide prevention models for diverse cultural groups.
- Describe how families from different cultural traditions adapt differently to major mental illness, changes in gender roles and/or in gender identity, and other complex behavioral and psychological processes in their members.
- Discuss the effects of the current refugee crisis on immigrant and host families, and the family's process of adaptation over time.

More Information:

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