**AGPA Connect 2023 Presenter Information**

**Course Code:** VI

**Course Title:** Vitalization, deadness, and unfolding in group process

**Course Times:** 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Course Dates:** Tuesday, March 7 & Wednesday, March 8

**Instructors:** Angelo Ciliberti

**Course Description:** In a group pulsing with aliveness, risks ‎are taken, and new meanings emerge as ‎members engage with a wider range of thoughts & ‎feelings. But what about when this ‎process stalls or stops? How do we ‎make sense of a group retreating into ‎silent withdrawal or defensive chit-chat? How can episodes of deadness be a threshold rather than a threat? ‎This SIS Institute addresses these ‎questions by exploring what catalyzes states of aliveness and deadness in the group’s unfolding life.

**Learning Objectives**

The attendee will be able to:‎

1. ‎‎‎‎‎‎‎‎‎Identify aliveness as a relational longing that is uncovered rather than artificially engineered.
2. Describe how the security of bond between leader and member is a key influence to group vitality.
3. Classify factors that cause deadness to be a threat to group cohesion and vitality
4. Evaluate interventional responses to deadness that result in process deepening and re-engagement.
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6. Discuss how group's recognition of racial/gender/cultural differences influence felt-security, inclusivity, and vitalization.
7. Analyze how aliveness appears and is influenced by stages of group development.

**Significant Articles:**

1. Cooney, A. S., & Sopher, R. (2021). Vitalization in psychoanalysis: Perspectives on being and becoming. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
2. Director, L. (2016). The analyst as catalyst: Cultivating mind in the shadow of neglect. Psychoanalytic Dialogues, 26, 685-697
3. Fonagy, P., Campbell, C. & ‎Bateman, A. (2017). Mentalizing, ‎attachment, and epistemic trust in ‎group therapy. International Journal of ‎Group Psychotherapy, 67(2), 176-201.
4. Black, A. E. (2019). Treating ‎insecure attachment in group ‎psychotherapy: Attachment theory ‎meets modern psychoanalytic ‎technique. International Journal of Group ‎Psychotherapy, 69 (3), 259-286.
5. Stern, D.N. (2010). Forms of vitality: Exploring dynamic experience in psychology, the arts, psychotherapy, and development. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Agenda**

**Assessment Questions**