

## NAPT 2024 Conference at a Glance

### Wednesday, April 10 (*all times are EST*)

- 12:45-1:00 pm Registration for Pre-Conference I only  
 12:30-6:00 pm Pre-Conference I Day Trip – Geri Chavis, M.A., LP, PhD, CPT, CM and Barbara Kreisberg, MS, CPT  
**National Portrait Gallery USA/Smithsonian American Art Museum and bus tour of historic sites in the Washington DC area**
- 6:00 pm Dinner – Hotel restaurant or dinner on your own

### Thursday, April 11

- 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast  
 9:00-9:30 am Registration for Pre-Conference II & III only  
 9:00 am-4:00 pm NAPT Board Meeting  
 9:30 am-12:00 Noon Pre-Conference II – Peggy Heller  
**Strangers in a Strange Land: Finding Home with Poetry Therapy**
- 12:00 Noon-1:00 pm Lunch on your own (*Restaurant*)
- 1:00-4:00 pm Pre-Conference III – Sherry Reiter, PhD, LCSW, PTR-M/S  
**Life Lessons from Mermaids, Monsters, and Immortals**
- 3:45-5:15 pm Registration Set-up  
 4:30-5:45 pm Attendee Folder Set-up  
 4:00-5:30 pm Documentary Film – Cheryl Buchanan, Executive Director Writers Without Margins with Karen “Ren” vanMeenen, Ph.D., MA, CAPF  
***In Their Shoes: Unheard Stories of Re-entry & Recovery***
- 5:30-6:00 pm Registration  
 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner – Hotel restaurant or dinner on your own  
 7:00-7:30 pm Registration  
 7:30-7:45 pm Meet the NAPT Board  
 7:45-8:30 pm **Welcome and Mix and Mingle:**  
 Catherine Tanguis, MA, NBCT, CAPF & Barbara Kreisberg, MS, CPT
- 8:45-9:45 pm **Opening Event:** Zorina Exie Frey, MFA, with Patti (Spady) Ross, MS, & Kari Martindale, MA  
**EC Poetry & Prose: Peace – Poetry – Truth**

### Friday, April 12

- 7:00-8:00 am **Morning Triple Workshop: Experience a Poetry Therapy Group**  
 (First Session – 2 Groups)  
 Nancy Scherlong, LCSW, PTR, CJT, M/S & Elaine Brooks, RN-BC, MA, PTR, M/S

7:45-8:45 am	Registration
8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00-9:15 am	Welcome & Overview – Nicholas Mazza, Ph.D., PTR, NAPT President
9:15-10:00 am	Keynote Speaker – Nancy Scherlong, LCSW, PTR, CJT, M/S <b>There is No Number Smaller Than Two: Building and Sustaining Intentional and Inclusive Communities through Poetry, Writing, and Action</b>
10:30-12:00 noon	Workshop Series A
<b>A1</b>	<b>“Let’s WOW” – Write Our Words: A Revolutionary Approach for Normative and Neurodiverse Children and Teens</b> – Channah Magori, BOT, MA, MFA, OTR, CAPF
<b>A2</b>	<b>Individuation: Poetry as a Path to Enlightenment</b> – Jon Sayers
<b>A3</b>	<b>Unlocking Healing Words: An Interactive Poetry Workshop for Educational, Clinical/Health Care, and Social Justice Settings</b> – Professor Lee Ann Roripaugh & Shira Dentz, Ph.D., MFA
<b>A4</b>	<b>Poetry at Work: A Modest Proposal for Organizational Intervention</b> – Julie Benesh, PhD & Jasmine Green, PhD
<b>A5</b>	<b>Sleep and Poetry Therapy</b> – Alison Johnson, RN, MBA, DNP, PTR
12:00-1:00 pm	Luncheon
1:00-1:45 pm	Certification & Awards Event – International Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy
2:00-2:45 pm	<b>IFPBF Credentialing Information Workshop: Your Life Could Be Poetry</b> Alison Johnson, DNP, PTR, IFBPT Credentials Chair and Harriet Kohen, LICSW, CPT, IFBPT Secretary
2:00-2:45 pm	<b>Regional Representative Meet &amp; Greet</b> Cynthia Holloway Kelvin, Psy.D., RDT, NAPT Public Relations & Social Media Chair and NAPT Board Member-at-Large Jenna Robinson, LMFT
3:00-4:30 pm	Workshop Series B
<b>B1</b>	<b>Poetry, Place, and Loss: A Writing Workshop</b> – Danielle Beazer Dubrasky, MA Ph.D.
<b>B2</b>	<b>The Healing Power of Poetry Exchange While Incarcerated: Disrupting the Isolating Geography of Mass Incarceration by Meeting On the Same Page</b> – Julia Mascioli, MFA, Deputy Director, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop, Antoine Coleman, Poetry Ambassador, & Sofia Dean, Program Assistant
<b>B3</b>	<b>These Black Kids: Culturally Responsive Poetry and The Lived Experience of African American Adolescent Girls</b> – Jennifer Nicole Bacon, Ph.D.
<b>B4</b>	<b>Poetic [In]sights: Utilizing the Creative Arts Therapies for LGBTQ+ People</b> –Mari Alschuler, Ph.D., LISW-S, PTR-CM, MPTP & Deborah Eve Grayson, Ph.D., LMHC, PTR

**B5** **Personal Poetry as Catalyst for Positive Change: Embracing Your Advocate Identity Through Poetry, Symbol, and Story** – Cynthia Holloway Kelvin, PsyD, RDT/BCT, CPT

4:30-6:00 pm Mentor/Supervisor Round Table Discussion

6:00-7:45 pm Dinner – Hotel restaurant or dinner on your own

8:00-9:30 pm **Open Mic Poetry: Sign-Up & Reading**  
Emceed by Jenna Robinson, LMFT

### Saturday, April 13

7:00-8:00 am **Morning Triple Workshop: Experience a Poetry Therapy Group**  
(Second Session – 2 Groups)  
Nancy Scherlong, LCSW, PTR, CJT, M/S & Elaine Brooks, RN-BC, MA, PTR, M/S

7:30-8:30 am Registration

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

9:00-10:30 am Workshop Series C

**C1** **That’s Ridiculous! The Value of Integrating Joy, Play, and Silliness into Therapeutic Uses of Poetry** – Jenna Robinson, MA, LMFT & Ashley S. Schaaf, MA, APCC

**C2** **Şəfali Şeir - A Fulbright Project Exploring The Healing Poetry of Azerbaijan**  
– Elnur “El” Gajiev, PsyD

**C3** **The Symbol of Circles** – Laura Santner, LCSW, PTR-CM

**C4** **Contributing to the Professional Literature: A Place to Write. Always the Write Time** – Nicholas Mazza, Ph.D., PTR

**C5** **Playful Poetry: Combining Expressive Writing and Play Therapy for Children with Trauma** – Jennifer Taylor, LCSW-C, RPT-S

10:45-11:00 am Honorary Awards Presentation

11:00 am-12:00 pm Keynote Poet – Cornelius Eady

12:15 - 1:15 pm Luncheon

1:30 -2:45 pm **Collaborative Bibliotherapeutic Resilience Research** –Stanley Nile, PhD, & Steffani Fletcher, MEd

3:00-4:30 pm Workshop Series D

**D1** **Exploring Racism Through the Lens of Poetry** – Diane Kaufman, MD & Melissa Chen, Fourth Year Medical Student

**D2** **Building Bridges Into the Fog: The Steadying Power of Poetry Therapy** – Wendi R. Kaplan, LCSW, CPT-M/S & Lauren Mazow Boyle, Ph.D.

**D3** **Harmonizing Words and Body: A Somatic Poetry Journey** – Paul White, Ph.D., LMFT

**D4** **Extended Metaphor as New Pathway** – Michele Parker Randall, MA, MFA

**D5**                    **Healing Community: Poetry as a Force for Collective Transformation & Wellness** – Purvi Shah, MA, Sunu P. Chandy, MFA, Poet and Civil Rights Attorney, Vidhu Aggarwal, Ph.D.

5:00-5:15 pm            Closing Remarks – Nicholas Mazza, Ph.D., PTR, NAPT President

5:15-6:00 pm            **Closing Event:** Jody Wager, MS, BC-DMT  
**The Dance of Belonging: A Movement Closing**

6:00 pm                    Dinner on your own

**Sunday, April 14**

8:00-9:00 am            Breakfast

9:00-11:30 am            **Morning Triple Workshop: Experience a Poetry Therapy Group**  
(Third Session – 2 Groups)  
Nancy Scherlong, LCSW, PTR, CJT, M/S & Elaine Brooks, RN-BC, MA, PTR, M/S

12:00-1:00 pm            Lunch on your own