



The Psychodrama community has lost a GIANT and I have lost a friend. I have so much gratitude, love and respect for all that Adam did for us, and for me, to make me a better Psychodrama Trainer. Adam, I hope you are up to your mischievous games and glee in Psychodrama Heaven!

The ASGPP has lost a long-time, beloved member of our community. Adam Blatner, MD, TEP "floated to the finish" (in his own words) in October. It is impossible to give a complete accounting of the many contributions he made to the psychodrama and to our community.

The author of many articles, chapters, and books, he is certainly well-known for his book, "Acting-In", which is likely on most psychodramatists' shelves. His joie de vivre will also be remembered as the organizer of the songfests and as an enthusiastic dancer at ASGPP conferences. Many in our community are sharing their own knowledge and skills because of Adam's gentle, yet insistent urging to keep the method alive and growing through writing. To keep his encouragement alive, the ASGPP Executive Council has approved the creation of an annual "Blatner Best Journal Article" award. Details of this award will be announced later.

A graduate of UC Berkeley, Adam attended San Francisco University Medical School, and entered psychiatric residency at Stanford University Medical School. He was double board certified in adult and child/adolescent psychiatry and was a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He was an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at University of Louisville Medical School and Texas A&M University Medical School.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Allee; ex-wife, Barbara; son David and wife Debbie, their sons Gabriel and Daniel; daughter Alisa and husband Paul, their daughters Camille and Zoe; brother Irwin, two beloved nieces, and numerous cousins. He often insisted that his greatest accomplishment was: "I got to help." In lieu of flowers please consider donating to your local library. The family held a private service to honor Adam's life.

The ASGPP will be hosting a virtual memorial service for Adam in late October. The date and time will be announced at a later date.