

# Virtual Groups

FALL 2021

## MONSOUR COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

All groups will be on Zoom this semester and require a screening appointment. Please email the contact person if you are interested or have any questions about the group. For any other general group inquiries, contact [LisetteSa@claremont.edu](mailto:LisetteSa@claremont.edu)

### Understanding Self and Others

**Mondays, 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

Leaders: Miao Li, PhD & Lisette Sanchez, PhD

This is an interpersonal process group open to students who wish to better understand themselves and their relationships with others. The group offers a safe environment for participants to become attuned to their feelings and reactions as they occur in the moment. With a deeper understanding of one's self and relationships, this group can help participants try new behaviors, clarify confusing feelings, and find effective ways to communicate, all within a supportive, challenging, and growth-inspiring atmosphere. Contact:

[Miao.Li@claremont.edu](mailto:Miao.Li@claremont.edu) or [LisetteSa@claremont.edu](mailto:LisetteSa@claremont.edu)

### Queer Support Group\*

**Thursdays 2-3 p.m.**

Leaders: Joselyn Valle, PsyD & Olivia Painter, PsyD

This group is open to any students of the 7C's who identify as queer (regardless of where one identifies along the gender and/or sexual spectrum(s)). Facilitators will provide a safe and supportive environment to help students develop individualized coping strategies to increase their social performance and satisfaction. Members are encouraged to initiate group topics that may include struggles with identity, coming out experiences, intersectionality, managing uncertainty, and healthy relationships. Contact:

[Joselyn.Valle@claremont.edu](mailto:Joselyn.Valle@claremont.edu) or [Olivia.Painter@claremont.edu](mailto:Olivia.Painter@claremont.edu)

### Students of Color Group

**Fridays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

Leaders: Dana Reyes, PsyD & Shalom Alaichamy, PsyD

This group provides a space for students of color to discuss the complexities of navigating personal and interpersonal spaces within and outside of The Claremont Colleges. Students can discuss, explore, and give voice to feelings and experiences related to culture shock, campus climate, racism, racial identity, oppression and privilege, self-esteem, relationships, family, intersectionality, stress/coping, and other topics of interest. Contact: [Dana.Reyes@claremont.edu](mailto:Dana.Reyes@claremont.edu) or

[ShalomA@claremont.edu](mailto:ShalomA@claremont.edu)

### Grief Support Group

**TBD**

Leader: Fiona Vajk, PhD

This group is for any student at the 7C's who is dealing with the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to offer students a caring space to share, explore, and reflect on their grief journey. Participants will also receive and provide support to manage their feelings of grief. Contact: [Fiona.Vajk@claremont.edu](mailto:Fiona.Vajk@claremont.edu)

### Men's Group

**TBD**

Leader: Grant Goodman, PhD

This group focuses on men learning to improve their relationships with others and deepen their understanding of themselves. Typical themes include building confidence, learning about aspects of masculinity (e.g., embodiment of strength), and discussing their roles as men. Similar to other therapy groups, this group is open to other topics, including depression, anxiety, adjustment, and other personal concerns that may or may not be related to one's gender identity. The group offers a safe place for members to share honest thoughts and support one another in meeting their personal goals.

Contact: [Grant.Goodman@claremont.edu](mailto:Grant.Goodman@claremont.edu)

### Women's Group\*

**Fridays 1-2 p.m.**

Leader: Carrie Park, PsyD

This group is for women who would like to share and explore issues that have a daily effect on their lives. Participants will receive and provide support to realize an empowered living. Topics for discussion include: self-esteem, responsibility for others and need for self-care, family, relationships and intimacy, communication, academic pressure, and life transitions. Contact:

[Carrie.Park@claremont.edu](mailto:Carrie.Park@claremont.edu)

\*If interested in group but cannot make day/time, please contact group leader as schedule may be adjusted