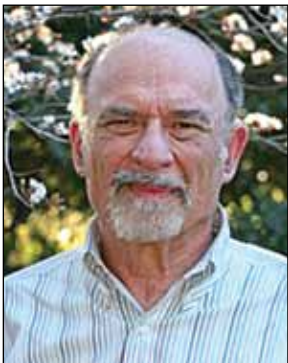


KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Get inspired by a living legend in counseling



Irvin D. Yalom, MD

Friday, March 23 • 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Irvin D. Yalom, MD, one of the most influential psychiatrists and author of popular “teaching novels” returns to ACA as the keynote speaker for the Opening General Session.

Seven years after he addressed counseling professionals at the ACA Conference in Atlanta, Dr. Yalom returns to ACA to provide a very different message: a more real-world, practical one packed with information you can put to use immediately.

The insights Yalom will present will be based largely on notes he has collected from sessions and research throughout his career as well as powerful comments he has received from colleagues and clients during his years in the field. Many of these tips will eventually become part of a new book that Yalom is in the process of writing. As yet untitled and still in the early stages of development, the book will resemble a combination of two of his previous works, *Love’s Executioner & Other Tales of Psychotherapy* and *The Gift of Therapy: An Open Letter to a New Generation of Therapists and Their Patients*.

Written more than a decade apart, both books provide suggestions for counseling practice, while including anecdotes from Yalom’s own experiences as a therapist. But the emphasis will be very different for San Francisco—it will be focused less on theory and more on what will be useful to you as a counselor, what works, and how you can achieve the best results with your clients.

He will address how therapy helps and how counselors can know that therapy helps. Hear why he believes counseling is so successful with clients and what he has learned through his practice (he still maintains a part-time private practice for individual therapy in San Francisco and Palo Alto), his writing, and his research.

Well known for his personal model of existential psychotherapy, Yalom is highly celebrated in the counseling profession for his pioneering role in constructing group counseling principles. He is also a strong proponent, as evidenced by his writing in *The Gift of Therapy*, that each client should receive a unique therapy experience because each patient has his or her own unique story.

Get a sneak preview of the key themes of his next book while you hear firsthand from the group counseling pioneer, expert in existential psychotherapy, and living legend.

A book signing will immediately follow Dr. Yalom’s keynote speech at the Moscone West Convention Center. He will also be presenting a session on the topic of psychotherapy novels at the conference, during which he will discuss his teaching novels, including the soon-to-be-published The Spinoza Problem. The title refers to the Dutch rationalist philosopher Baruch Spinoza.