

## Information on 1995 AAR Meeting Program

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting  
November 18-21, 1995 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Person, Culture and Religion Main Sessions

#### Main Session 1

Theme: *The Plight and Promise of Contemporary Psychoanalysis*  
(1 1/4 hours)

Presiding: Sharon Daloz Parks, Harvard University

"The Plight and Promise of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, in the Light of the History of the Psychoanalytic Movement"

Peter Homans, The University of Chicago

Respondents: Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University,  
and Judith Van Herik, Pennsylvania State University

Theme: *Historical and Gender-Related Views of Jung's Psychology as Universal* (1 1/4 hours)

Presiding: Kelly Bulkeley, The Graduate Theological Union

"Individuation and Theosis: Jung's Psychological Reformulation of a Patristic Christian Doctrine"

Michael J. Christensen, Drew University

"Rape in the Language of Myth and Mystics: Suffering, Jungian Interpretation and Feminist Critique"

Pamela Cooper-White, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary

Theme: *Religion in the Public Arena and the Compartmentalization of Life and Self* (2 1/2 hours)

Presiding, Lee Butler

"Thoughts, Historical, Philological, and Theological, on How Religion Has Become an Object of Study instead of the Way to Live"

Judith Van Herik, Pennsylvania State University

"Examining Some Implications of Contemporary Psychoanalytic Theory for the Theoretic and Empirical Study of Religion"

Chris R. Schlauch and Carrie Doehring, Boston University

"The Virtue of Interdependence: Religion and Institutional Life"

Margaret H. Benefiel, Earlham School of Religion

"Post-Enlightenment Constructions of Religion: Two Case Studies"

Robert J. Baird, The National Faculty

#### Main Session 2

# Person, Culture and Religion Pre-Sessions

Friday Afternoon

Theme: *Psychiatry as Oppression* (2 hours)

Presiding: Mary Ellen Ross, Trinity University

"Psychiatry as Oppression?: Knowledge, Gender, and Power in Modern America"  
Elizabeth Lunbeck, Princeton University

Respondent: John Martin, Trinity University

Break (1/2 hour)

Theme: *The Psychology of Oppression*

Presiding: David Crownfield, Univ. of Northern Iowa

"Oppression and the Planetary Ecosphere"  
William French, Loyola University of Chicago

"Things Not Seen: Psychological Oppression among Women with Physical Disabilities"  
Nancy Eiesland, Candler School of Theology

"Resistance, Reinforcements, and Revival: Three Strategies of the Oppressed"  
Garth Baker-Fletcher, School of Theology at Claremont

"Normal and Abnormal Homophobia"  
Gary David Comstock, Wesleyan University

Saturday Morning

Theme: *Religion and Psychotherapy with the Oppressed* (1 1/2 hours)

Presiding: Sandra Lee Dixon, The Univ. of Denver

"Changing Spiders into Kittens: Theological Insecurity and Pastoral Counseling"  
Roy Steinhoff-Smith, Phillips Theological Seminary

"Using the Novels of Toni Morrison to Create Meta-Narratives in Pastoral Care and Counseling"  
Carrie Doehring, Boston University School of Theology

"The Dharma Talk as a Therapeutic Discourse"  
A.C. Liang, The University of California, Berkeley

Break (1/4 hour)

Works in Progress (3/4 hour)

Annual PCR Business Meeting (1/2 hour)

Presiding: Sandra Lee Dixon, The Univ. of Denver

## Further Information on Main Session 1: "The Plight and Promise of Contemporary Psychoanalysis"

**T**his session will address the many changes which have beset psychoanalysis and the psychoanalytic community since the wide-spread, general acceptance of both by the educated, middle-class public in the 1950's. Specifically, it will address the various attacks being made by critics who claim that: epistemologically, psychoanalysis is scientifically invalid; therapeutically, it is ineffective; economically, it is too costly and takes too long; and theoretically, it is pluralized to the point of fragmentation. Peter Homans will look to the history of the psychoanalytic movement for resources to analyze and respond to these present-day challenges. He will argue that many of the major problems which beset Freud and his colleagues, and which beset the psychoanalytic community today, are best understood in terms of the two sociological processes of *legitimation* and *institutionalization*.

## Journal Profiles: Pastoral Psychology

**T**his is a first in a series of profiles of professional journals devoted to issues of interest to Person, Culture and Religion Group members. If anyone has suggestions on particular journals to be profiled, please contact the PCR Newsletter editor.

## *Pastoral Psychology*

Editor: Lewis Rambo, San Francisco Theological Seminary (2 Kensington Road, San Anselmo, CA 94960; 415-258-6582, fax, 415-454-2493). Book Review Editor: Brian Childs, Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA 30031; 404-378-8821).

*Pastoral Psychology* first appeared in 1950 as a forum for Protestant responses to Freud and to the general rise of psychological theory and practice in modern Western culture. Early contributors to the journal included Carl Rogers, Rollo May, and Paul Tillich.

Lewis Rambo became editor of *Pastoral Psychology* in 1984 and has worked to broaden the journal's scope in a number of ways. Articles are published that use resources from the human sciences (primarily, but not exclusively, psychology) to enhance ministry. Authors use a number of different approaches, including historical, theoretical, practical, and research-based orientations. Recently, *Pastoral Psychology* has developed a more ecumenical identity, with articles from Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical perspectives. Special issues have in past years been devoted to topics like clergy sexual behavior and contemporary thought on congregations. The journal currently publishes six issues a year and has a circulation of approximately 1000.

Rambo invites submissions from all areas of scholarship that explore the relationship between religion and the human sciences; he stresses his openness to submissions from PCR members. Manuscripts should be in APA style, of approximately 15 typewritten, double-spaced pages in length. Authors will hear back from the journal within 2-3 months of submission; if accepted, articles will appear in print 3-6 months after that.

For further information, contact Rambo at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Book review submissions can be sent directly to Brian Childs, at Columbia Theological Seminary. For subscription information, contact Human Sciences Press, 233 Sprint St., New York, NY 10013-1578 (212-620-8468; fax, 212-807-1047).

## The Archeology of PCR (Part I)

When John McDargh stepped down after his 17 years of service as secretary-treasurer of PCR, he left to the group a thick binder containing records, newsletters, letters, and miscellaneous papers he had gathered during the group's

two-decade history. An archeological reading of this material yields the following findings:

-- In its original (1975) incarnation, PCR was an unofficial AAR Working Group called "Psycho-Social Interpretations in Theology" (PSIT).

-- In 1978 PSIT members voted to become a sub-section of the "Religion and Social Sciences" unit of the AAR.

-- At the 1978 AAR Meeting in New Orleans PSIT had one paper session, on the theme of "Psycho-social Perspectives on Spiritual Development." Three papers were presented in this session: "Personal Growth: An Eastern Spiritual and a Western Ego Approach," by Mary Jo Meadow, Mankato State University; "Some Hermeneutical Issues in Interpreting Transpersonal Phenomena," by David Crownfield, University of Northern Iowa; and "C.G. Jung: Christian or Post-Christian Psychologist?" by Peter Homans, University of Chicago.

-- Membership dues for PSIT in 1978 were \$2.00.

-- There were two parts to the PSIT's paper session at the 1979 AAR Meeting in New York City. The first part had as its topic "Autobiographical Dimensions of Religion and Psychology," convened by Peter Homans, The University of Chicago. The papers included "The Autobiographical Factor in Theology: Its Promise and Its Limitations," by Richard Rubenstein, Florida State University; "Vocational Expressions of Religious Concern Among Psychologists," by H. Newton Malony, Fuller Theological Seminary; "The Death and Rebirth of the Will: Otto Rank's Flight from the Psychoanalytic Circle," by Philip Novak, University of Notre Dame. The second PSIT session included "A Cognitive Developmental Psychology of Faith: Emerging Issues," by Clark Power, Harvard University; "William James: The Sick Soul and the Negative Dimensions of Consciousness," by Gary Alexander, Pennsylvania State University; and "Religion in the Autobiographies of Three Psychotics: Caricature as the Interpretive Key," by Jeffrey Godstein, Rutgers University.

-- 1981 was the first year in which the group organized and conducted a pre-session. Held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at San Francisco Theological Seminary and titled "Special Pre-Session in Psychology and Religion," the program was intended to respond "to the strong wish of PSIT members for an opportunity to explore issues in psychology and religion in a more relaxed and more in-depth fashion than the format of the AAR conference admits."

Stay tuned for the next installment: PSIT metamorphizes into PCR . . .

## News from PCR Members

**Paula Drewek** (Macomb Community College) is working on a cross-cultural study of faith development, using similar populations of Easterners and Westerners to test James Fowler's model of faith development for cultural bias. Paula expects to have results by next year; the study is for her dissertation at the University of Ottawa.

**D. Andrew Kille** (Graduate Theological Union) reports that his dissertation proposal was approved in January, and he is now at work on "Psychological Biblical Criticism: Genesis 3 as a Test Case." He will be analyzing interpretations of Genesis 3 from Freudian, Jungian, and Developmental perspectives, and evaluating them in light of Ricoeur's theory of hermeneutics. He asks that if anyone has citations on psychologically-informed readings of Genesis 3, to please pass them along. Andrew also manages an electronic mail list for GTU members (revdak@net-com.com), and maintains an electronic archive of files related to religious studies and the internet. It can be accessed by anonymous ftp to ftp.netcom.com, in the directory /pub/GT/GTU. For those with access to the World Wide Web, he has a homepage with links to various resources for the GTU, religious studies, and psychology and the Bible. The URL is ftp://ftp.netcom.com/pub/GT/GTU/homepage.html. Andrew mentions two other e-mail lists that might be of interest to PCR members: PSYBIBS, an on-line seminar for the discussion of topics related to psychology and biblical studies (to subscribe, send the message "subscribe PSYBIBS-L" to listserv@listserv.appstate.edu), and PSY-ART, the list-conference of the Institute for Psychological Study of the Arts, University of Florida (for information, contact Norman N. Holland at nnh@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu). Thanks to Andrew for all this information!

**Robert Segal** (Lancaster University) has just had a book come out this March, edited by him with June Singer, and Murray Stein, titled *The Allure of Gnosticism: The Gnostic Experience in Jungian Psychology and Contemporary Culture* (Chicago: Open Court, 1995). The book contains 16 essays discussing gnosticism—the belief in a radical dualism in both humans and cosmos, in which immateriality is perceived as good and matter as evil—in relation to such issues as Jungian thought, the nature of evil, the place of the feminine, existentialism, Kafka, and Buddhism.

**Robert Fuller** (Bradley University) would like to draw PCR members' attention to his new book, *Naming the Antichrist: The History of an American Obsession* (Oxford University Press, 1995). The book examines the social and

psychological contexts of apocalyptic thinking and Americans' tendency to demonize their enemies.

**Charles Simpkinson** (Common Boundary Magazine) announces the January 1995 publication of *The Common Boundary Graduate Education Guide: Holistic Programs and Resources Integrating Spirituality and Psychology*. This 200-page field guide should be especially helpful in advising graduating religion majors who are seeking careers that interface person, culture, and religion. Included are all the U.S.A. seminaries and divinity schools that have pastoral psychology programs in transpersonal psychology, spiritually sensitive social work, holistic nursing, body work, mind/body studies, expressive art therapy, holistic health, spiritual direction and wellness. Charles can be contacted at Common Boundary, Inc., 5272 River Road, Suite 650, Bethesda, MD 20816, 301-652-9495.

**Daniel Noel** (Vermont College) reports working on a variety of projects. He has published the essays "Jung's Anti-Modern Art of the Mandala" in William G. Doty (ed.), *Picturing Cultural Values in Postmodern America* (University of Alabama Press, 1995) and "Nobody in Here Now but Us 'Neos': A Neo-Jungian Perspective on Neoshamanism's Inner Journey" in Chas Clifton (ed.), *Witchcraft and Shamanism* (Llewellyn, 1994); the former essay began as a PCR presentation from the last AAR Meeting in Anaheim. Daniel is also pursuing two long-term projects: demonstrating how post-Jungian Archetypal or Imaginal Psychology constitutes a Western shamanism, and exploring Jungian/post-Jungian perspectives on nuclear and environmental issues of "planetary survival." He recommends two books as provocative studies at the intersection of the history of psychology and cultural studies: *The Jung Cult* by Richard Noll, and *Science in the New Age: The Paranormal, Its Defenders and Debunkers, and American Culture*, by David J. Hess.

**Douglas Witcher** (Jung Institute Zurich) recently gave a series of lectures on "The Visions of Handsome Lake," the nineteenth-century Seneca Prophet, and in the spring he will be co-teaching a seminar contrasting developmental (Kohutian) and archetypal (Jungian) perspectives on dreams. His translation of Verena Kast, *Folktales as Therapy*, was recently published by Fromm International; his translation of Ingrid Riedel's *Taboo in Folktales* should be out in the fall. He is taking a break from translating to finish his dissertation, and he thanks his colleagues for their feedback on his presentation at the PCR Pre-Session in Chicago.

**John McDargh** (Boston College), while enjoying his hard-won liberation from PCR secretary-treasurer duties, remains keenly alert to all activities relevant to the PCR community. He passes along a prospectus for a conference on "The Elephant and Cultural Studies," with

such enticing presentations as "Does the Elephant Exist? Zoological Hegemony vs. Cultural Fabrication," "Pachyderm 'Evolution': Eurochronicities and Eurcentric Linearity in the Late (Post)Modern Zoological Script," and "Voices and Trumpets: Competing Discourses at Watering Holes." For further (in)formation, please query J(oh)n.

## Books to Note

**Neville Symington**, *Emotion and Spirit: Questioning the Claims of Psychoanalysis and Religion*, (St. Martins, 1994).

**David L. Miller**, ed., *Jung and the Interpretation of the Bible*,

(Continuum, 1995). Includes essays by Wayne G. Rollins, D. Andrew Kille, Trevor Watt, Michael Willett NewHeart, and Schuyler Brown.

**Charles R. Elder**, *The Grammar of the Unconscious: The Conceptual Foundations of Psychoanalysis*, (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1994).

**John F. Schumaker**, *The Corruption of Reality: A Unified Theory of Religion, Hypnosis, and Psychopathology*, (Prometheus, 1995).

**Donald Capps**, *The Children's Song: The Religious Abuse of Children*, (Westminster John Knox Press, 1995).

Dear Colleagues:

The following PCR members are paid up in dues for calendar year 1995 (10.00 U.S. dollars, 12.00 Canadian, checks should be payable to Person, Culture, & Religion Group). Your dues gets you three copies of *PCR News*, plus the warm glow of knowing that you're helping us distribute PCR-related information to scholars, clinicians, and clergy members interested in our work. If by our oversight your name is not on the list (but your dues are in our hands), please call or write to correct the mistake. Otherwise . . . looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,

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# INFORMATION FOR PCR NEWSLETTER VOL. 18 NO. 3

I. *These days I find myself thinking about . . .*

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS AND WRITING

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II. *What we need is a good course in . . .*

COURSES BEING TAUGHT OR PLANNED

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Would a syllabus be available on request? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

III. *Have you seen ? . . .*

ARTICLES, BOOKS AND PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION  
[PLEASE GIVE FULL CITATION IF KNOWN]

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IV.

INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST [calls for papers, announcements, travel, promotions, job searches . . any thing you would like to share in the newsletter]

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