

# On The Self, Freud and Buddhism: PCR Sessions at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting NOVEMBER 19-23, 1999 - BOSTON, MA

## PRE-SESSIONS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

2:00 PM– 6:30 PM

S-BEACON F

**THEME: SELVES AND BOUNDARIES I**

**A. Gregory Schneider**

Pacific Union College, Presiding

**Joseph E. Bush**

Knox College, New Zealand

*Interdependent Self and Religious Experience  
in Polynesian Contexts*

**Barbara Davy**

Concordia University, Canada

*Sovereignty and Belonging:  
Narratives of Self with Others*

### BOOK DISCUSSION

*Carroll Watkins Ali's Survival and  
Liberation: Pastoral Theology in  
African-American Context*

**Lucy Bregman**

Temple University, Presiding

### PANELISTS:

**Celia Brickman**

Divinity School, U. of Chicago

**Lee H. Butler, Jr.**

Chicago Theological Seminary

**Kathleen Greider**

Graduate School of Theology  
at Claremont

### RESPONDENT:

**Carroll Watkins Ali**

University of Denver

### WORKSHOP

**Trevor Watt**

Canisius College

*Spiritual Genograms*

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

**Kelley A. Raab**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

9:00 AM– 11:30 AM

S-BEACON F

St. Lawrence University, Presiding

**THEME: SELVES AND BOUNDARIES II**

**Lucy Bregman**

Temple University, Presiding

**G. William Barnard**

Southern Methodist University

*Earth Angels, Mother Seas, and Cosmic Selves; a Variety of  
Jamesian Suggestions*

**James I. Higginbotham**

Vanderbilt University

*Crossing the Boundaries: Borderline Personality Disorder and  
the Circumscription of Gender and Madness*

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Lucy Bregman**

Temple University, Presiding

**THEME: PSYCHOLOGY AND BUDDHISM**

**Franz Metcalf**

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## MAIN SESSIONS

**A29 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
1:00 PM– 3:30 PM

S-BEACON A

California State University, L.A., Presiding

**John Haule**

C.G. Jung Institute, Boston  
*Psychoanalysis and Social Virtuosity:  
Jung and Chan Buddhism*

**David Need**

University of Virginia  
*On the Limits of the Self:  
A Consideration of Buddhist and Psychological  
Notions of Wholeness and Health*

**Lynken Ghose**

McGill University  
*Emotional Healing in Buddhism*

**Michael C. Mitchell**

Boston University  
*Buddhist Practice Through the Lens of Psychology:  
an Example*

**THEME: EVALUATIONS OF FREUD'S  
INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS ON THE  
CENTENNIAL OF ITS ORIGINAL PUBLICATION**

*Survival  
and Liberation:  
Pastoral  
Theology in  
African American  
Context*

Carol Watkins Ali

**A89 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
9:00 AM– 11:30 AM

H-ROOM 108

**Kelly Bulkeley**

Santa Clara University, Presiding

**Pamela Cooper-White**

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia  
*"Higher Powers and Infernal Regions": Models of Mind  
in Freud's Interpretation of Dreams and Contemporary  
Psychoanalysis, and Their Implications for Pastoral Care*

**James DiCenso**

University of Toronto  
*The Dream Navel: Networks of Meaning  
and the Undermining of Foundations*

**Diane Jonte-Pace**

Santa Clara University  
*Turning Aside at the Navel of the Dream:  
The End(s) of Interpretation*

**RESPONDENTS:**

**J. Allan Hobson**

Harvard Medical School

**Peter Homans**

Divinity School, University of Chicago

**Friday's Book Discussion**

Weaving together elements of womanist and liberation theology and black sociology and psychology, Watkins Ali offers a conceptual framework for an African American pastoral theology that is contextual and community-focused.

Watkins Ali is Training Coordinator for Victim Services 2000 and a minister in private practice as a pastoral psychologist in Denver, Colorado.

**Kelley Raab** (St. Lawrence University) announces that she and **Mary Ellen Ross** (Trinity University) are interested in starting an AAR reading group on gender, religion, and psychoanalysis. Please contact one of them if you are interested in participating: Kelly Raab, Dept. of Religious Studies, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, 13617; Mary Ellen Ross, Trinity University, San Antonio TX 78212, mross@trinity.edu

**Merle Jordan** has just written a new book published by Westminster John Knox Press: *Reclaiming Your Story: Family History and Spiritual Growth*. He has also edited a new book with Oliver Morgan, titled *Addiction and Spirituality: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, from Chalice Press.

**Hendrika Vande Kemp** (Fuller Theological Seminary) suggests that PCR members take a look at the new *Baker Encyclopedia of Psychology and Counseling* (edited by David Benner and Peter C. Hill and published by Baker Book House) which appeared in March 1999 and includes 19 articles written by Hendrika. Also of interest is the new volume *Measures of Religiosity*, edited by Peter C. Hill and Ralph W. Hood, Jr., and published by Religious Education Press (1999). Hendrika recently published two book chapters in the volume edited by Don Moss, *Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology: Historical and Biographical Sourcebook* (Greenwood, 1999): "Humanistic Psychology and Feminist Psychology," co-authored with Tamara Anderson, and "Diana Baumrind: Researcher and Critical Humanist." She is also the author of a chapter on "Gordon Allport's Pre-1950 Writings on Religion: The Archival Record," in Jacob Belzen (Ed.), *Aspects and Contexts: Studies in the History of Psychology of Religion*, which will be published by Rodopi in late 1999.

**Wayne Rollins** (Assumption College) passes along the news that his book *Soul and Psyche: the Bible in Psychological Perspective*, has been published by Fortress in September of 1999. Many members of PCR have been involved in the development of this book through the SBL Section on Psychology and Biblical Studies Wayne inaugurated in 1991. The book is the

culmination of seven years of work in attempting to define an important emerging field in Biblical Studies. The book will be reviewed at one of the Psychology and Biblical Studies sessions at the annual meeting (see article on p. 5.) Wayne also notes the publication of Kamila Blessing's *It was a Miracle: Stories of Ordinary People and Extraordinary Healing* (Fortress 1999). Kamila, another Psychology and Biblical Studies section member, combines biblical scholarship and psychological expertise throughout the book as a demonstration of many of the themes discussed in the section.

**Franz Metcalf** (Cal State Los Angeles) has a new book out, titled **What Would Buddha Do?** The publisher's blurb reads as follows: "Much as the 'What Would Jesus Do?' books help some people live better lives by drawing on the wisdom of Jesus, Franz has written a 'What Would Buddha Do?' book that

provides advice on improving one's life by following the wisdom of another great teacher—Buddha. Part self-help, part spirituality, "What Would Buddha Do?" presents solutions to daily dilemmas in a concise and intentionally simple format. It asks tough questions about

tough situations, and provides answers that teach the reader about life as well as Buddhism. The book is thus highly psychological and Franz hopes it's popular in the best sense of the term."

**John Van Eenwyk** (University of Washington) recently published a book with Inner City Press titled, *Archetypes and Strange Attractors*. The book concerns what Jungian psychology and chaos theory can learn from each other.

**Kelly Bulkeley** (Santa Clara University) has recently published a book with SUNY Press, titled *Visions of the Night: Dreams, Religion, and Psychology*.

The book is a wide-ranging exploration of the spiritual and scientific dimensions of dreaming, from the Epic of Gilgamesh to Freud, from the Mahabharata to the sleep lab, from Jacob's Ladder to "A Nightmare on Elm Street." Two of the book's chapters originated in AAR presentations— a 1994 PCR session on community, and a 1996 RSS session on film.

## News from PCR Members

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## From the PCR Chair

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### THE PCR PROCESS

One of the special attractions of the Person, Culture and Religion Group has been its ability to foster discussion within the setting of scholarly presentations. We have consciously tried to avoid the traditional format of "reading papers" at an audience. One part of the process is distribution of papers well in advance of the meeting, not just to fellow presenters or panelists but to all dues paying members. When the session begins, the author/presenter may review what was written, but knows that at least some of the audience are already familiar with the paper on which the presentation is based.

This arrangement has proved worthwhile, but to accomplish it requires that:

1. Papers must be completed well in advance of the meeting
2. Papers must be copied and distributed, well in advance of the meeting
3. Someone must pay the costs for copying and mailing

Temple University's Religion Department generously agreed to pick up the costs—\$.05 per page paid to the University's copy services—for the time I serve as PCR chair. However, the volume of copying imposes a burden on whoever does this, and without institutional support it would be impossible for it to be done centrally (unless your cousin owns a copy shop). Even with institutional support, it is expensive; we already ask authors to single-space papers and I have tried informally to set page limits.

Why not have authors copy and mail out their own papers, with a set of labels supplied by PCR? Some presenters have agreed to do this, but those outside the US or those without institutional support may find it impossible. Moreover, when authors procrastinate the whole process fails.

Papers mailed out a week before the meeting do not arrive in time. As a general policy, we could inform all those who are invited to give PCR papers that they will be expected to have papers ready for distribution by October, that they must either keep the paper succinct or pay for their own copying and mailing. If we make this a condition of participation, we can allow for exceptions on an emergency basis.

Raising dues is not a solution. We need dues for paying the AAR to print the PCR pre-sessions in the annual program, for the newsletter, and for hotel fees for pre-session coffee breaks.

In a few years, everyone will be able to e-mail everything to each other. Then we won't have this problem. In the meantime, I am open to suggestions for making this process more workable.

*Lucy Bregman, PCR Chair*

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# PCR Online

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As electronic communications become more and more a part of our everyday lives, we are working with appropriate ways to use available technology to augment the work of the Person, Culture and Religion group.

## PCR-LIST

For some time, we have made use of PCR-LIST, an electronic maillist hosted through the AAR. Currently we have over a hundred subscribers around the world. Although this is a significant number, the volume of messages is low and not likely to burden your mailbox. The list is moderated by steering committee member D. Andrew Kille, in order to ensure that postings are relevant to the concerns and interests of PCR.

If you have access to e-mail and are interested in carrying on discussion of issues of concern to PCR members and/or sharing resources and opportunities for the study of the relationships between religion, psychology, and contemporary cultures, we invite you to subscribe.

To subscribe to PCR\_LIST, send a message to:  
**majordomo@shemesh.scholar.emory.edu**  
with the following in the body of the message:

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You will receive a confirmation of your subscription, and a set of basic commands for the list.

## E-MAIL PCR NEWS

It is also possible to receive PCR News via e-mail, if you prefer. Simply let us know and we will gladly e-mail a text version of the newsletter to you.

## WEBSITE

We have a new website for the group at:

**Http://home.att.net/~pcr-aar/**

Right now, it contains basic information about the group and its work, as well as online version of some previous issues of PCR NEWS. We are just in the development stages, but hope to make it as useful as possible.

If you have questions or suggestions for any of these resources, contact Andrew Kille at

**revdak@worldnet.att.net**

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## WAYNE ROLLINS' *SOUL AND PSYCHE* AT PSYCHOLOGY AND BIBLICAL STUDIES SECTION OF SBL

Fortress Press has just published *Soul and Psyche: The Bible in Psychological Perspective*, Wayne Rollins' new book tracing the history, dimensions and potentials of psychological biblical criticism. That volume will be the subject of a session of the Psychology and Biblical Studies Section of the SBL on Saturday afternoon, November 20, 3:45– 6:15 p.m. in Hynes Room 203. Among the respondents will be PCR members Schuyler Brown, Donald Capps, Andrew Kille and J. Harold Ellens.

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# PCR Membership

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Membership in PCR entitles you to three copies of PCR News, goodies at the Friday pre-session, advance copies of the papers for PCR sessions, 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.

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CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS AND WRITING

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

COURSES BEING TAUGHT OR PLANNED

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

III. Have you seen ? . . .

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