

Person, Culture & Religion Group

PCR invites papers addressing:

1) **Spirituality: Psychology? Religion? Both? Neither?**

(a follow-up of a 2003 PCR discussion on the appearance of “spirituality” on the landscape of psychology and religion that has troubled the categories of psychology of religion, pastoral care, pastoral theology, etc.);

2) **Ethical Implications of Psychiatric Medications in Different Religious and Cultural Contexts;**

3) **Healing, Transformation and Empowerment in Latin American Religious Contexts**

(co-sponsored with Religion and the Social Sciences; including constructions of illness and wellness; anthropology of suffering and healing; socio-political, economic, cultural and religious impacts on health and healing; healing practices and modalities including individual, group, ritual, community);

CALL FOR PAPERS

We also welcome proposals on other themes dealing with person, culture, and religion. Note: See also call for papers under the Religion and the Social Sciences Section for PCR-co-sponsored session on Narrative Methods in Psychology and Religion.

Proposals should be submitted through the AAR Online Paper Proposal System (see page 2 for details). **Deadline for paper proposals is March 1, 2004.**

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STEERING COMMITTEE EXPANSION

At the 2004 Business Meeting of the PCR group, several adjustments were made to the Steering Committee. **Kathleen Bishop** and **Pamela Cooper-White** will remain as co-chairs, and **Felicity Kelcourse** and **Peter Savastano** continue as committee members. **Bill Barnard**, whose term on the SC ended this year, was elected to a second three-year term. The two remaining open spots on the SC (each AAR program unit is supposed to have five SC members, not counting the chair(s) or ex-officio members) were filled, after a friendly bit of arm-twisting, by **Lallene Rector** and **Greg Schneider**. Greg is a long-time PCR veteran who has already done just about everything that can be done for the group, and we all owe him our gratitude for graciously agreeing to share his wisdom for another term on the SC.

Lallene Rector is a relatively new PCR member, so a bit of background is in order. Lallene is Associate Professor of Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Psychotherapy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston Illinois, with a special interest in psychoanalysis, relationality, and Biblical accounts of

human nature. Her publications include the following: "Selfobject Functions in Hope and Spirituality," in *Psychologist-Psychoanalyst*, Vol. 23 (3) Summer 2003 "Reflections on Self Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality," in *International Newsletter of the Association of Self Psychology*, Summer 2001 "Mystical Experience as an Expression of the Idealizing Selfobject Need," in *The Narcissistic Patient Revisited: Progress in Self Psychology*, Vol. 17, Arnold Goldberg, ed. (Hillsdale, NJ: Analytic Press, 2001) "Are We Making Love Yet? Theological and Psychological Perspectives on the Role of Gender Identity in the Experience of Domination," in *The Good News of the Body: Sexual Theology and Feminism*, Lisa Isherwood, ed. (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000) "Developmental Aspects of the Twinship Selfobject Need and Religious Experience," in *How Responsive Should We Be: Progress in Self Psychology*, Vol. 1, Arnold Goldberg, Ed. (Hillsdale, NJ: Analytic Press, 2000) *Psychological Perspectives and the Religious Quest: Essays in Honor of Orlo Strunk Jr.*, ed. With Weaver Santaniello, and contributor (University Press of America 1999) Welcome, Lallene, and welcome back Bill and Greg!

SUBMITTING A PAPER PROPOSAL

The AAR is now using an online system for paper proposals and review. While this makes it far easier for program units to review proposals and compile sessions, it can be a bit daunting for those who may not be completely at ease with being online.

There are three ways that you can reach the page for submitting a paper proposal to PCR. One is to go to our PCR webpage (pcr.home.att.net), click on "Call for Papers" at the top of the homepage and then on the link to "AAR Online Paper Proposal System." Follow the instructions from there.

The second is to go to the AAR website at www.aarweb.org. Click on the link to "Call for Papers - Online Paper/Panel Proposal (OP3) System Now Available" to enter the proposal system, or click on "2004 Call for Papers Now Online" to search or browse the AAR Call for Papers."

The third is to go directly to the CFP page for PCR, which has this convoluted URL:

<http://www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2004/call/list-call.asp?PUNum=AARPU044>

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Soo-Young Kwon (Yonsei University) reports, “I earned my Ph.D. in Religion and Psychology at the Graduate Theological Union in May 2003. My family and I are getting settled into life back in Korea. I was so sorry to miss our PCR sessions in Atlanta last year, especially the pre-session on the work of Don Browning in which I was scheduled to be on the panel. At that time, I was in the process of job interview in Korea. I’m happy to report that I have been appointed Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at United Graduate School of Theology, Yonsei University, Korea, beginning in the spring semester, 2004. Yonsei University’s Graduate School of Theology is attempting to invite Visiting Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling from the United States every Fall semester, who will stay to teach a couple of courses at Yonsei for three months. (Surely, housing and good compensation will be provided) Now I’m looking for this Visiting Professor who can serve this fall, 2004. Let me know if you know someone who are interested. My email address is sooykwon@empal.com.”

From **John Haule** (C.G. Jung Institute, Boston) comes this news: “After much delay, it seems that my book on the creative use of narcissistic crisis to attain religious ecstasy will finally become available in March through Lindisfarne Books: *The Ecstasies of St. Francis: The Way of Lady Poverty*. This is the full version of the paper I gave two years ago before the Mysticism Group of the AAR, in which I describe Francis as an unconscious practitioner of a sort of tantric sadhana.”

Charlene Burns (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) recently presented a paper titled, “Only Jung’s God Can Help: What Really Causes Religious Violence?” at the 2nd International Conference on Art & Humanities sponsored by University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

Nan Hutton (Harvard Divinity School) writes to say that “A website that may be of interest to our members is www.metanexus.net. Their mission statement claims: “The Metanexus Institute advances research, education and outreach on the constructive engagement of science and religion. We seek to create an enduring intellectual and social movement by collaborating with persons and communities from

diverse religious traditions and scientific disciplines. In a spirit of humility and with a deep concern for intellectual rigor, the Metanexus Institute promotes a balanced and exploratory dialogue between science and religion. While mindful of the complexities of this endeavor, we work to develop integrative approaches that enrich the domains of both science and religion.”

Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi (University of Haifa), a long-time friend of many PCR members and scholars in the psychology of religion, alerts us to the following recent publications of his: *Rebirth and death: The violent potential of apocalyptic dreams*. In C.E. Stout (ed.) *The Psychology of Terrorism*. Westport CT: Praeger, 2002. Religion, religiosity, and gender. In C. Ember (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*. Boston: Kluwer, 2003. In debt to William James: The Varieties as inspiration and blueprint. In P.H.M.P. Roelofsma, J.M.T. Corveleyn, J.W. van Saane (eds.) *One Hundred Years of Psychology and Religion: Issues and Trends in a Century Long Quest*. Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2003. Scientology: Religion or racket? *Marburg Journal of Religion*, 8, September 2003. [www.uni-](http://www.uni-marburg.de/religionswissenschaft/journal/mjr/beit.html)

NEWS FROM PCR MEMBERS

[marburg.de/religionswissenschaft/journal/mjr/beit.html](http://www.uni-marburg.de/religionswissenschaft/journal/mjr/beit.html)
The return of martyrdom: Honor, death and immortality. *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions*, 2003, 4, 11-34.

Nancy Grace reports “I have the good fortune to be teaching a dream class at Williams College during the January ‘winter session’. It’s a quick month, 12 classes, and I’m basically doing dreamwork but also assigning students readings on ‘the perspectives of many schools of thought in the history of dream interpretation’ as well as readings which show ‘the benefits of working with dreams. The course is called ‘Dreams, Problem-Solving, and Self-Understanding,’ taught through the Williams Psychology Department.”

Jacob Belzen (University of Amsterdam) would like to invite PCR members to consider submitting articles to the newly revived *Archiv fur Religionspsychologie* (see page 5). Jacob has also written an article for the journal *Pastoral Psychology* titled “Like phoenix from its ashes? On fate and future of the international associa-

tion for the psychology of religion.” This paper provides some information on the International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR, Internationale Gesellschaft für Religionspsychologie, founded 1914), especially on its recent organization and on its revitalized yearbook *Archiv für Religionspsychologie* (*Archives for the Psychology of Religion*). The present self-understanding of the IAPR is presented, its interdisciplinary character is being discussed and some suggestions for practical aims are provided. A pre-circulation version of the paper is available from jabelzen@t-online.de.

Susan Easton passes along an FYI: “For the past three weeks I have been testing the news alert service offered (free) by Google. One can choose a variety of subjects, each delivered on a select schedule. The variety of articles I have received in my chosen subjects have been quite a delightful surprise. Google News updates several times a day, so the links are remarkably fresh. Go to www.google.com/newsalerts.”

Hendrika Vande Kemp announces the following: “Hot off the presses is a book chapter: Three decades of historical and archival research on psychology and religion. In D. Baker (Ed.), *Thick description and fine texture: Studies in the history of psychology* (pp. 108-122, 196-205). Akron, OH: University of Akron Press. The book is a Festschrift in honor of John Popplestone and the late Marion White McPherson, founders of the Archives of the History of American Psychology at the University of Akron, and is based on papers presented in April 2000. Those interested in dream psychology may be interested in my Sestina on Joseph’s Celestial Dream which I wrote for Al Dueck’s Celebration of Integration in November 1999 [see pages 6 & 7].

Steven Bauman (Graduate Theological Union) is pleased to say that “I have been awarded a Newhall Fellowship to work with Lewis Rambo during the 2004-5 academic year. My proposal to the Fellowship Committee, was to develop and teach a doctoral seminar (with Lewis) titled Psychology of Religion: Theo-

ries of Religious Belief, Behaviour, and Experience. (it’s possible that this title may change). I suggested this course to Professor Rambo as an opportunity for us to explore together current research and dialogues regarding the psychological study of religious belief and behaviour. In addition, cognisant of the fact that ongoing conversation in this field proceeds without the input of religious scholars and theologians, we intend to enter into dialogue with an emerging network of academics to foster the reciprocal exchange of ideas among psychological researchers and religious scholars.

Our goals for the course are threefold: to educate students in the multiple methodologies – classic and contemporary –

in the sub-discipline of psychology of religion; to inform students of research methods employed by scholars in this area; and to prepare and encourage students to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue with researchers in fields “outside” of their own areas. Special attention will be given to the religious experience of marginalised groups traditionally neglected by psychological researchers. In addition, students will consider the implications of current research in psychology for theology, religious scholarship, and pastoral care.”

NEWS FROM PCR MEMBERS CONTINUED

ABOUT THAT RED SPOT

If you found a red dot on the address label on your copy of PCR NEWS, it means we have not received dues from you for several years. While we hate to drop anyone from our mailing list, it does cost us for duplication and mailing. Please consider sending in your dues!

CALL FOR PAPERS: *ARCHIV FÜR RELIGIONSPSYCHOLOGIE*

Editors: Jacob A. Belzen; Nils G. Holm; Ralph W. Hood Jr.

The *Archiv für Religionspsychologie* is the oldest medium for studies in the psychology of religion. It is the official organ of the Internationale Gesellschaft für Religionspsychologie (International Association for the Psychology of Religion [IAPR]) founded in 1914. Following a reorganization of the IAPR in 2001, the *Archiv* is now being revitalized. It will be published as an international yearbook. The current editorship is shared by Jacob A. Belzen, Nils G. Holm and Ralph W. Hood Jr. The *Archiv für Religionspsychologie* is open to all scientific methodologies, quantitative and qualitative as well as to established and innovative conceptual and theoretical perspectives. Reviewers sympathetic to the theoretical and/or methodological orientation of the submitted manuscript will evaluate all articles. Editorial decision will be prompt. Manuscripts must conform to APA style guidelines and may be submitted in either in English, French, or German. Maximum length for empirical studies is 35 pages, including references and tables. Conceptual and theoretical articles may be substantially longer. On submission, a one page abstract must be included; papers accepted for publication need abstracts in the three languages of the *Archiv*.

Prospective authors should submit three print copies of their completed manuscript to either Ralph W. Hood Jr. (only submissions in English)) or Nils G. Holm (also submissions in French or German). Please include e-mail address for immediate acknowledgement of submission.

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WILLIAM JAMES AWARDS

Funding for Masters' Theses and Doctoral Dissertations on Primary Religious/Spiritual Experience

The Council on Spiritual Practices (www.csp.org) offers the William James Awards for masters' theses and doctoral dissertations focusing on empirical studies of primary religious experience and its consequences. Grants are awarded to pay direct expenses of student thesis research, up to \$500 at the master's level and up to \$1,500 at the doctoral level.

The awards are offered to encourage the scientific investigation of the phenomenology, determinants, and facilitation of primary religious or spiritual experiences. Equally of interest are their consequences, individual and social. Primary religious experiences are those involving direct perception of the sacred, also called unitive, peak, and mystical experiences.

See details at: <http://www.csp.org/WmJamesAwards.html>

Call for Papers: Psychology and Biblical Studies Section, SBL

Apocalypse and Cosmic Conflict. We invite paper proposals on the psychological dimensions of apocalyptic texts and thinking, especially involving the present-day use of apocalyptic biblical texts to justify violence.

Since the attack on the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, public discourse in the United States (and elsewhere) has displayed increasing use of the language of cosmic struggle between good and evil (e.g. "the Axis of Evil"). The publication of such works as *The Destructive Power of Religion* (J. Harold Ellens, Ed., Praeger Press) represents the ongoing need for reflection on the psychological effects and dynamics of apocalyptic language.

Psychology and Biblical Law. We welcome papers on psychological aspects of law codes in the Hebrew Bible, especially the Decalogue.

When Chief Justice Roy Moore refused to remove a granite monument of The Ten Commandments from the Alabama Supreme Court building, he awakened profound passions in many people. We invite reflections on the psychological roots, purposes and effects of the decalogue and biblical law in general.

In addition, we are always open to papers that demonstrate and/or critique models for using psychology in biblical interpretation.

Contact: D. Andrew Kille, psybibs@att.net; see details on the Psybibs website: psybibs.home.att.net

Submissions are due by March 1, 2004.

The **Sestina on Joseph's Celestial Dream** (next page) was composed by Hendrika Vande Kemp for the Celebration of Integration, November 8, 1999, as part of the festivities surrounding the installation of Alvin C. Dueck into the Chair of Integration. Al wanted an evening of artistic and creative contributions.

Her introductory remarks to the poem ran something like the following:

After committing myself to participating tonight, I was scared nearly to death! Thinking about creativity tends to make me think I don't have a creative bone in my body. I actually do, but primarily in my dreams, which are so colorful and creative that I often cannot find the words to pin them down. My dream creativity was actually unleashed by studying dreams academically for my doctoral dissertation on pre-Freudian dream theories. Thinking about some of my own dreams focused me on a couple courses (seminars) I teach at Fuller, on dreams in psychotherapy and dreams and spirituality. Knowing that you would not want to hear a lecture about that, I wondered if that integration story could be told in poetry. But the only way I can move from prose to poetry is to think about form. I suspect it's

the Calvinist in me as well as the classicist! So Al, for you I've written a Calvinist poem, which is probably an oxymoron. From my course on dreams and spirituality I've picked one dream, and interpreted it in poetic form. You'll find the integration of the theologian, the dynamic dream interpreter, the family therapist, the biblical historian. The poetic form requires that the words ending the lines in the first verse be repeated in the later verses in a predetermined pattern (predestination, perhaps?). I have printed these words in bold. I should also point out that in the earlier Genesis accounts, written by the Yahwist, all the dreams were self-interpreting, God said what He meant. The dreams dreamt and interpreted by Joseph are reported by the Elohist, in whose accounts God is more distant, giving messages that require interpretation.

Hendrika Vande Kemp is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, and historian of psychology who spent 25 years on the faculty of the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary. She recently moved to Annandale, where she is now in private practice. Fuller offered an APA-accredited PhD with an emphasis on the integration of psychology and theology—students earned an MA in theology along with their psychology degree, and completed four integration seminars.

Sestina on Joseph's Celestial Dream Dedicated to Alvin C. Dueck

[Joseph said] Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time the **sun**,
the moon, and the eleven stars bowed **down**
to me. So he told it to his father and his **brothers**.
And his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this **dream**
that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed **come**
bow down to the earth before you? And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in **mind**.

Because these dreams were strange. Why didn't Yahweh just speak His **mind**?
Did Joseph fail to listen? Jacob brushed off this talk of stars and moon and **sun**
'twas nonsense from a handsome, clever boy who'd **come**
to think too highly of himself. But it weighed him **down**
with worry to know the lad told his **dreams**,
with their troubling implications, to his already envious **brothers**.

Unwittingly, Jacob fueled this rivalry, asking Joseph for reports on his **brothers!**
When Joseph ratted on Napthali, Dan, Asher, and Gad, they had half a **mind**
to kill him on the spot. Who cared about celestial **dreams**
after herding sheep all day under the fiery Palestinian **sun**?
Fatigue, resentment, filth, and inferiority cast **down**
their countenances, as they waited for relief to **come**.

They started plotting. In his luxurious coat they could see Joseph **come**
from afar. And they contrived a plan, those wily resentful **brothers**,
that left Joseph with shackled feet, his neck in irons, brought **down**
with shame and confusion. But his integrity remained intact, and Joseph probed the **minds**
of butler and baker, discerning the good and evil on which the **sun**
rises. And he was celebrated for understanding and interpreting **dreams**.

Signet rings, fine linen, chains of gold, chariots. No wish-fulfillment **dream**
could foretell this recompense for Mrs. Potiphar's "**come**
hither game." He wed Asenath, priest-daughter from the City of the **Sun**.
Manasseh and Ephraim helped Joseph forget the suffering inflicted by his **brothers**.
To Pharaoh's princes and elders he revealed the secrets of God's **mind**,
and even the worshippers of Ra bowed **down**

to Joseph. When his ten brothers humbly knelt **down**
before him, pleading for food and mercy, Joseph remembered the **dreams**
they had ridiculed. And he hardened his heart, and veiled his **mind**,
And spoke: "Ye shall not go forth hence, unless your youngest brother **come**
hither. And one of your **brothers**
shall be bound in prison, far from the light of the **sun**."

A **dream** comes with much business, and interpretations **come**
from God. Did God's **mind** intend the future in which Joseph's sons and **brothers**
bent **down** to mold mud and straw into bricks under Egypt's blazing **sun**?

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Would a syllabus be available on request? yes ___ no ___

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