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DON'T MISS THE PRE-SESSIONS!

Some of our most interesting and stimulating events each year take place before the AAR Annual Meeting gets underway! On Friday afternoon, we “get out of our heads” for a while with an experiential session. This year’s exploration, “Body Work/ Body Play,” will be led by Steering Committee member Bill Barnard. Then, all are invited to join us for dinner at Las Canarias, a local restaurant by the river featuring live Flamenco dancers. Graduate students are welcome to join us at half price.

Saturday morning brings “Works in Progress.” Come and let us know what you are working on, or where you’d like to pick the notable brains of your PCR colleagues. And, if you have suggestions for next year’s PCR Call for Papers, the business meeting will provide an opportunity to contribute your thoughts to planning for the 2005 meeting.

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!

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Chris Ross (Wilfred Laurier University) has just completed a chapter titled “Jungian Typology and Religion” for *The Handbook of the Psychology of Religion*, edited by David Wulff and to be published by Oxford University Press in 2005.

Jill McNish (Union Theological Seminary) is speaking on November 13 at a conference at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine Stern Auditorium, 5th Ave and 100th St., NYC sponsored by the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis entitled “Sexual Betrayal and Scandal in the Catholic Church.” Her talk will be about the shame dynamic in the pedophilia scandal. Jill is also teaching Pastoral Theology and Psychology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Felicity Kelcourse (Christian Theological Seminary) has a new book being published: *Human Development and Faith*, F. Kelcourse, Ed. St. Louis: Chalice Press. ISBN 0-8272-1442-1 The book is a multi-authored textbook for use in human development courses. 15 chapters – the first three chapters authored by the editor, 368 pages, \$36.99.

Nancy Grace will be teaching a course titled “Dreams, Problem-Solving and Self-Understanding” this January at Williams College, for the second year in row. On February 12th she’ll be speaking in Boston on

“Group Dreamwork Methods,” as part of the Cambridge Health Alliance Department of Psychiatry’s 1-day continuing education program on Sleeping and Dreaming. More information about the program can be found at www.cambridgecme.org.

Hendrika Vande Kemp has recently published a book chapter on power which reflects the integration of theoretical ideas shaped over 25 years of teaching courses on family psychology, family therapy, and interpersonal psychology. It’s included in a fascinating interdisciplinary collection: Vande Kemp, H. (2004).

Power in interpersonal and family relationships. In S. Durlabhji (Ed.), *Power in focus: Perspectives from multiple disciplines* (pp. 165-202). Lima, OH: Wyndham Hall Press.

In November, Praeger Press will publish *Psychology and the Bible: A New Way to Read the Scriptures*, edited by PCR members **J. Harold Ellens** and **Wayne Rollins**. The four-volume series originated in the Psychology and Biblical Studies Section of the SBL, and includes essays by several PCR folk, including **Schuyler Brown, Donald Capps, D. Andrew Kille, Jill McNish, Dan Merkur, Robert Neuwohner, Ralph Underwood, and Michael Willett-Newheart**. The four volumes are “From Freud to Kohut,” “From Genesis to Apocalyptic Vision,” “From Gospels to Gnostics,” and “From Christ to Jesus.”

NEWS FROM PCR MEMBERS

Passings

Noted psychologist **David Bakan**, a longtime faculty member in the Department of Psychology at York University, passed away following a short illness on Oct. 18 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Dr. Bakan was 83 years old. He retired from York University in 1991.

David’s contributions to the history and theory of psychology are legion — St. Augustine, Maimonides, Sigmund Freud, null hypothesis testing, the “mytery-mastery complex,” “methodolatry,” suicide, war, evil, religion.... Many PCR members are especially familiar with his *Sigmund Freud and the Jewish Mystical Tradition* (Beacon Press, 1975). A very partial list of his publications can be found at www.yorku.ca/christo/papers/HTbiblio.htm

PCR COMMENTARY

The recent issue of the *Psychology of Religion Newsletter* (vo. 29, no. 4) announced a membership election to decide whether or not to change the name of the American Psychological Association's Division 36 from its current *The Psychology of Religion* to *The Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Here are the published statements of the pro and con side of the debate:

Arguments in Favor of the Change

Broadening the name of the Division will create a greater congruence between who we are and what we do as Division members. Research and theory on spirituality are a major focus of divisional members. Many of the writings (books, chapters, journal articles) are centrally concerned with spirituality and spiritual issues, and have spirituality in the title. This change will also make the Division more inclusive and appealing to potential members who are interested in spirituality, but not necessarily religion. A growing number of individuals in the public and in the profession make the distinction between religion and spirituality, and the new name will reflect this growing trend.

Arguments Opposing the Change

The Psychology of Religion has a long and distinguished history. It represents an amalgam of social and clinical psychology, sociology, and, more recently, cognitive psychology (among other fields) to produce a significant body of empirical research. Long years of effort have finally come to fruition to allow recognition of religiousness as an important psychological construct. In contrast, there is no corollary body of research to lend credence to a separate concept of "spirituality." Linking

it with "psychology of religion" grants it an undeserved credibility. The term

is also trendy and faddish. The Division will lower its credibility if it appears to be jumping on a cultural bandwagon.

These arguments raise the broader question of why we choose certain words and not others to define our scholarly pursuits. *What should we call what we do?* The PCR group has been through this before. In 1981 the group changed its name from its original "Psycho-Social Interpretations of Theology" (PSIT) to "Person, Culture, and Religion." The shift in nomenclature was driven by a desire of members to expand the group's interests to include more than just theology (with its Christian emphasis) and more than just psychology and sociology, reaching out to other religious traditions and other academic disciplines. The PCR group has over the subsequent two decades devoted considerable attention to the issue of how conventional notions of religion are related to the diverse beliefs, practices,

and experiences gathered under the rubric "spirituality." Indeed, the 2004 PCR program includes two sessions on this very topic, titled "Spirituality: Psychology? Religion? Both? Neither?"

However, the PCR group has not yet felt the collective need to change its name in order to establish more officially its interest in these matters. That at least some members of APA Division 36 *do* feel such a need is revealing, as is the evident resistance against the proposed change by other Division 36 members. In this heated US political season, I cannot help glossing the pro and con statements as liberal vs. conservative positions—the blue states and red states of our scholarly community.

Those in favor of adding spirituality to the name

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emphasize the positive benefits of the growing centrality of spirituality in the research and writing of Division 36 members. No effort is made in this pro statement to specify how spirituality is different from yet related to religion. The rise of spirituality is simply accepted as a given, and the proposed name change is a progressive effort to accommodate that new reality. The appeal here is to the virtues of inclusiveness, social relevance, and openness to change.

Those opposed to the name change call attention to the historical success of the traditional "Psychology of Religion" appellation. The efforts of past generations of scholars are honored for their significant achievements in establishing a field that is recognized and credible (the key terms in this argument). By contrast, the study of spirituality does not have a comparably strong research foundation, and it is accused of being "trendy and faddish," i.e., reflecting transitory cultural whims rather than enduring scholarly interests. This leads to the dark warning that the Division as a whole will suffer a blow to its hard-won

credibility if the proposed name change is adopted. The appeal here combines a respect for elders with a threat to social identity.

So the one side seeks a fresh start, while the other side emphasizes consistent leadership. The one calls for a strategic change, the other insists on a steady course. Openness to new realities is contrasted with the responsible preservation of gains already made.

No televised debates about the proposal are currently planned, but one can easily imagine the pro-change advocates demanding greater attention to the new realities of the scholarly landscape, while the proposal's opponents would just as surely emphasize the riskiness of abandoning time-honored research principles. The seemingly inescapable laws of political gravity thus lead to a classic ideological opposition. It's "I have a plan for change" vs. "the hard work of staying the course," all over again.

Kelly Bulkeley, The Graduate Theological Union

JOB OPENINGS

Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education (Rosehill Campus, Bronx, NY) has an tenure track opening for a Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling to begin fall 2005.

Interested persons should contact Beverly Musgrave who is Director for the Program in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Here's a link to the GRRE program site:

http://www.fordham.edu/Academics/Colleges__Graduate_S/Graduate__Profession/Religion__Religious_/Programs_12618.html

Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis has an opening for a bookstore manager – M.Div. degree and 4-6 year's experience preferred. Contact person: Dean Ramga, VP for Finance, CTS, 1000 W. 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46208

AAR SAN ANTONIO: PCR SESSIONS IN DETAIL

FRIDAY, NOV. 19

AM 19-112: 2:00-6:30 PM , CC-Room 206B

2:00: PANEL: *ABORIGINAL POPULATIONS IN THE MIND: RACE AND PRIMITIVITY IN PSYCHOANALYSIS* BY CELIA BRICKMAN (NEW YORK: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2003)

Presider: James W. Jones, Rutgers University

Panelists:

Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University

David Carrasco, Harvard Divinity School
and Department of Anthropology

Phillis Sheppard, North Park Seminary
and Chicago Institute of Psychoanalysis

Celia Brickman, Center for Religion
and Psychotherapy, Chicago

3:45 COFFEE BREAK

4:00-5:30 THE IMPACT OF A RELIGIOUS OPERA:
DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES

Hetty Zock

University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Respondent: Pamela Cooper-White

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

5:30-6:30 EXPERIENTIAL SESSION:

"BODY WORK/BODY PLAY"

Bill Barnard, Southern Methodist University

6:30- 9:30 P.M. (APPROX) PCR FRIDAY DINNER

AM20-30: SATURDAY, Nov. 20

9:00-10:00, CC-Room 001A

9:00 AM WORKS IN PROGRESS

Presider: Lallene Rector

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

New scholars are welcome

10:00-11:00 TWO PERSPECTIVES ON HANS LOEWALD

We Are the Hardest on Ourselves:

The Role of Hans Loewald and Self-Forgiveness in Mental Health

Kelley Raab, St. Lawrence University

Marsha Hewitt, University of Toronto

11:00-11:30 BUSINESS MEETING

Pamela Cooper-White and Kathleen Bishop, presiders

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

A21-23: 9:00 am-11:30 am, CC - Room 212B

SPIRITUALITY: PSYCHOLOGY? RELIGION? BOTH?

NEITHER? PART I: ISSUES OF PRACTICE

Presider: Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

*"Psychology Sliding into Spirituality: An Examination of the
Death Awareness Movement"*

Lucy Bregman, Temple University

*"'Spirituality' and 'Religion' in the Helping Professions:
Who's Defining the Terms?"*

Laura Praglin, University of Northern Iowa

"African American Spirituality: A Psycho-Theological Tradition"

Lee Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary

*"Modeling Spirituality: Psychology, Religion and
the Dynamics of Transformation"*

F. LeRon Shults, Bethel Theological Seminary

MONDAY, NOV. 22

A22-120: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm, CC - Room 208

SPIRITUALITY: PSYCHOLOGY? RELIGION? BOTH?

NEITHER? PART II: ISSUES OF PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY

Presider: Sandra Lee Dixon, University of Denver

*"A Mind Intensely Unsettled": Problems of Faith and Spiritual
Assurance in Nineteenth-Century American Culture"*

Christopher Glen White, Harvard University

*"Spirituality: A Secular View Transcendence and Spirituality
in Philosophy and Psychology of Art"*

Hans Alma, Leiden University/University for
Humanistics (Utrecht), Netherlands

*"Between Two Worlds: Rituals of Mythic Identity and Crisis
in a New Age Bookstore Community"*

Carol Matthews, Kluge Center-Library of Congress

"The Authenticity of Alan Watts"

David L. Smith, Central Michigan University

Respondent:

A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College

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**A22-12: Monday, Nov 22, 9:00 am-11:30 am, CC - Room 007B
Co-sponsored with Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

NARRATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION

Presider: Felicity Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary

"The Moral of the Story: Narrative Truth and Moral Experience"

Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ

"Abortion and the Politics of God: Patient Narratives and the Psychology of Religion"

Linda Ellison, Harvard University

"The Role of Discourses of the Self in the Narration of Personal Faith and Spirituality in Contemporary Western Society"

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham, UK

"Understanding 'Fanatics': A Hermeneutical Approach to Religion"

Erin Dufault-Hunter, University of Southern California

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Journal of Healing Ministry

This is a call for papers and op-eds for the *Journal of Healing Ministry* with a deadline of November 19th, 2004. Please pass this message along to colleagues. The journal comes out four times per year, and has a distinguished editorial board. Manuscripts may be emailed to me as a microsoft word document attachment at chris_rowland@pnpc.com, and advice for authors is on our website: www.pnpc.com. Mail: Prime National Publishing Corp., 470 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493. USA. Many thanks, Christopher V. Rowland, Jr, M.D., Consulting Editor.

Stirling Prize Announcement

The Society for Psychological Anthropology is pleased to announce the 2005 Stirling Prize Competition. The Stirling Prize is awarded to a previously published work (article or book, in alternate years) that makes an outstanding contribution to any area of psychological anthropology. This year journal articles and chapters in edited volumes published in 2003 and 2004, including those scheduled for publication later in 2004, are eligible.

Articles published in *Ethos*, the journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, are automatically eligible. Unpublished manuscripts, microfilm, xerox, or web publications are not eligible. Authors are welcome to nominate one of their own publications; additional publications by an author should be submitted by other nominators. Nominators should submit three copies of the work and a cover letter, postmarked on or before December 1, 2004, to: SPA STIRLING PRIZE, c/o Sec.-Treas. Claudia Strauss, Pitzer College, 1050 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

The prize will be announced at both the 2005 SPA Biennial meeting and the 2005 AAA meeting. The winner will receive a \$200 cash prize.

PCR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in PCR entitles you to three issues of PCR News, goodies at the Friday pre-session, and advance copies of the papers for PCR sessions. In addition, there's the warm glow of knowing that you're helping to subsidize grad students' attendance at the PCR dinner and to distribute PCR-related information to scholars, clinicians, and clergy members interested in our work.

\$15.00 Regular Membership; \$10.00 Student Membership (with copy of student ID). Checks should be payable to Person, Culture, & Religion Group. Send to: Kelly Bulkeley, Secretary/Treasurer, 226 Amherst Avenue, Kensington CA 94708; Phone: 510-528-0226; Fax is same; E-mail: kellybulkeley@earthlink.net

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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 ? . . .
ARTICLES, BOOKS AND PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION
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