

2006 Annual Meeting
November 17-21, 2006
Washington, DC



pre-sessions:

FRIDAY, Nov 17, 2006

2:00 pm - 6:30 pm, CC-102A

2:00-3:45 Book Panel:

Lee H. Butler, Jr.,
Liberating Our Dignity, Saving Our Souls

Mary Clark Moschella
Wesley Theological Seminary

Linda E. Thomas
Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Arthur Pressley
Drew University, Caspersen School of
Graduate Studies

Lee H. Butler, Jr.
Chicago Theological Seminary

3:45-4:00 Coffee Break

**4:00 Spirit and Psyche
in a Washington, DC
Art Collection**

5:30-6:30 Experiential Workshop:

*Focusing - A Resource for Therapy,
Spiritual Direction, and Teaching*
(based on the work of Eugene Gendlin)

John McDargh, Boston College

6:30- 9:30 p.m. PCR Friday Dinner

It is our annual custom to go out to dinner
together on Friday evening. Location of the
dinner and signup information will be made
available as soon as we have it.

Saturday, Nov 18, 2006

9:00 am- 11:30 am, Constitution C

Works in Progress
(Graduate Students especially welcome)

Business Meeting

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main sessions

A19-67 Embodied Religious Practices in Psychological Perspective

Sunday, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm, CC-204B

Presider: Pamela Cooper-White

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Dirk G. Lange

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

The Return of the Body in Eucharistic Practice: Psychoanalysis and the Disruption of Ritual

Kathleen Bishop

Madison, New Jersey

This is my body: The interplay of personal symptom and public symbol in Eucharistic practice

Enoch Olujide Gbadegesin

Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Food as Ritual, Mouth as a Deity: The Place of Feast in Yoruba Concept of Vitality

A20-119 Spiritual Care in Diverse Cultural Contexts

Monday - 4:00- 6:30 pm, CC-143C

Presider: Lallene Rector

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

David Bell

Emory University

The Identity Marketplace: Conceptualizing Religious Identity Development for Research and Spiritual Care in Pluralistic Societies

Hetty Zock

University of Groningen, Netherlands

Doing the Splits: The Professional Identity of the Spiritual Counselor in Contemporary Dutch Health Care

Jae Haeng Choi

Graduate Theological Union

Spirituality through Theater for Healing the Broken-Heartedness

Valerie DeMarinis

Uppsala University, Sweden

The Impact of Postmodernization on Worldview Construction and Spiritual Care in Sweden

A20-15 Explorations: Black Theology, Psychology, and Human Wholeness

Joint Session, Black Theology Group and Person, Culture and Religion Group

Monday - 9:00 -11:30 am, CC-143B

Presider: Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ

Monica A. Coleman

Bennett College for Women

Friendly Spirits: a Womanist Theology of Mental Health through the Lens of Spirit Possession

Lee Butler

Chicago Theological Seminary

Breaking the Chains, Cutting the Ropes, Embodying the Disintegrated: The Liberating work of African American Pastoral Theology

Trina Armstrong

Claremont School of Theology

Rot at the Core: Black Theology and Psychotherapy: an Integrative Approach towards Liberation from Psychological Slavery

Donald H. Matthews

University of Missouri, Kansas City

Fatalism: An Africana Diaspora Psychology of Religion

Chanequa Walker-Barnes

Duke University Divinity School

Deconstructing the Strong Black Woman

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news from PCR members

Two items from **James Jones** (Rutgers University): “At the recent meeting of the International Society for the Psychology of Religion, I was elected to the governing board of the Society and selected as deputy president. My book *Waking from Newton’s Sleep: Dialogues on Spirituality in an Age of Science* was just published by Wipf and Stock. Designed as a text for courses on religion & science and philosophy of religion, it is cast as a series of discussions rather than a philosophical argument so that different positions are presented and students can choose rather than being argued into just one and the narrative form reveals something of the personal dimension of these issues that are often presented in rather abstract terms.”

And a joint item from **Jim and Kathleen Bishop** (Madison, NJ): on June 3 they were married-congratulations to them both!

From **Diane Jonte-Pace** (Santa Clara University), several publication notes: Peter Homans and Diane Jonte-Pace published “Tracking the Emotion in the Stone: An Essay on Psychoanalysis and Architecture,” *The Annual of Psychoanalysis*, Vol. 33, 2006; Diane Jonte-Pace published “Psychoanalysis, Colonialism, and Modernity,” *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 32, no. 1, January 2006. And she is also working on a volume with co-editors Bill Parsons and Susan Henking, *Mourning Religion*, forthcoming, U. Virginia Press. Her chapter is “Melancholia and Religion: French Feminist Perspectives.”

Charlene Burns (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) reports that “I’ve received a Metanexus Local Societies Initiative \$30,000 over 3 yrs grant to establish the Chippewa Valley Dialogue on Science & Religion, and our first major guest speaker will be Harold Koenig (psychiatrist & co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University Medical Center) on October 24. This fall I’ll present a paper on Jungian themes in televised science fiction at Oxford UK conference on “Monsters & the Monstrous” the 4th International Conference on Perspectives on Evil & Human Wickedness.”

From **Joseph George** (United Theological College): “I have no news to share but look for assistance in finding a Post-Doctoral Research Program that I envisage to begin from September 2007. My internet search has not given me any specific guidance so far. Hence, if any colleagues from the PCR list can provide me information regarding a one year Post-Doctoral Research Program I would be extremely grateful. I have completed my Doctor of Theology from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University (2002), and presently minister at the United Theological College, Bangalore, India. I am a Professor in the Department of Christian Ministry (Pastoral Counselling) and will be due for my sabbatical leave from September 2007.” Responses can be sent to Prof. George through the PCR email list.

Lewis Rambo (San Francisco Theological Seminary) is teaching a new course this fall on “Cinema: Society, Self, and the Sacred.” According to the course description, “Contemporary film captivates millions of people around the world. Movies pervade our conversations, consciousness, and culture. One of the most important tasks of a religious/spiritual leader is to be a sophisticated ‘cultural worker.’ As a ‘cultural worker’ the leader must engage by discerning its themes and patterns, assessing its impact, and critiquing its influence. Understanding the creation, distribution, reception, and impact of the most popular art form of the last 100 years is crucial for effective ministry in the 21st century. This course will explore narrative fiction and documentary films through careful study of the film ‘text,’ utilizing the perspectives of phenomenology, film theory, cultural studies, gender studies, and racial/ethnic and globalization issues. Seminar participants will examine the ways in which the film influences personal consciousness, interpersonal relationships, social structure, class consciousness, and both legitimizes and subverts the taken for granted world. Film will also be deployed to enhance understanding the different cultures of the United States and the world.”

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Lee Bailey (Ithaca College) wants to notify PCR members of a new *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion* that is in the works from the Blanton-Peale Institute in NYC, edited by David Leeming and Kathryn Madden. Lee is doing the articles on Projection, Mandala, Myth and Dream, Anthropomorphism, Myth, Animism, and

Dying God. The editors of the encyclopedia are open to new contributors, and below is a description of the project. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact David Leeming at dleeming@blantonpeale.org.

the encyclopedia of psychology and religion

Description

The Blanton-Peale Institute, founded in 1937 and dedicated to the integration of religion and psychology, has been contracted by Springer Science+Business Media, Inc. to compile an encyclopedia of psychology and religion, a comprehensive reference work consisting of some 800 articles contributed by scholars of importance in the field of religion, psychology, psychology and religion, and the psychology of religion.

The *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion* will offer a definitive and intellectually rigorous collection of psychological interpretations of the stories, rituals, motifs, symbols, doctrines, dogmas, and experiences of the world's religious and mythological traditions. In doing so it will not aim to "reduce" religious tradition or experience to "psychological interpretation," but to facilitate an already established and growing dialogue between two convergent approaches to human experience and wholeness. The Encyclopedia will apply a range of psychological approaches to understanding the form and content of religious experience. But at the same time, it will offer access to the profound symbols and reservoirs of meaning communicated, from time immemorial, in the world's religions.

The Encyclopedia will provide a crucial new resource for the collaboration and mutual illumination of these two fields. For those in the study of religion it will offer new tools for understanding the images, structures, symbols, and rhythms that constitute the vocabulary of religious experience. For those in the field of psychology it will unpack deep patterns of meaning and practice that inform human culture and the personal identity of millions.

Content and Approach

The articles, which will range from short definitions of 100 words, to entries of up to 2000 words, will include standard working terms in the fields of psychology

(*e.g.*, anima, superego, self, archetype) and religion (*e.g.*, pilgrimage, prayer, ablution, ritual, martyrdom, conversion, rites), significant figures in the dialogue between religion and psychology (*e.g.*, Freud, Jung, James, Eliade), and religious figures who loom large in the convergence of these fields (*e.g.*, Augustine, Black Elk, Rumi, Teresa of Avila). Entries will be drawn from a wide variety of religious traditions, not only the modern world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism, but also, *e.g.*, African Animism, pre-Christian Celtic and Germanic traditions, Egyptian, Greek, Gnostic, and Native North American and Mesoamerican religious movements.

In addition to short definitions, the encyclopedia will translate archetypal, mythological, and religious material into contemporary psychological language with specific, sometimes clinical examples in thorough, comprehensive articles. While recognizing the particular cultural identities of such figures as Kali, Christ, Mary, and Muhammad, and such ideas and places as the Incarnation and the "dark night of the soul," the Ganges and the Garden of Eden, the authors will address the power inherent in each of these to affect our lives.

Each entry will create a tension of meaning between traditional religious terms and psychological interpretations. The result will be not to impose the correct or definitive meaning, but to explore new and

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latent deposits of meaning that bear implications for human self-understanding, cross-cultural interpretation and therapeutic possibilities.

The *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion* is intended to be a “user-friendly” reference work for a broad audience. We envision a relatively large printing so that the book will be available on publication to

- libraries, both university and public;
- scholars and students in the fields of psychology and religion including members of such organizations as the American Academy of Religion and the American Psychological Association;
- clinicians and therapists interested in understanding the religious experience of their patients;
- clergy, pastoral agents, and spiritual directors interested in the psychological aspects of faith and religious practice;
- general readers interested in self-discovery and in finding new meaning in sacred stories.

call for presentations

3rd International Conference on Spirituality & Mental Health

Papers * Posters * Workshops * Symposiums

Invitation

The Department of Psychiatry of the University of Ottawa, the Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care and St-Paul University invite you to apply to present your ideas and experiences at the 3rd International Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health, to be held in Ottawa on May 3rd-5th, 2007.

The 1st Conference in 2002 demonstrated that caregivers are increasingly exploring the link between spirituality and mental health. The 2nd Conference in 2004 offered more by delving into the creative dynamics between spirituality and depression.

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Editorial Staff

The encyclopedia project will be coordinated by an editorial staff advised by Mr. Kenneth Giniger of K.S. Giniger Co. and edited by Dr. David A. Leeming, Dr. Kathryn Madden, and a third editor to be appointed later. Professor Leeming has taught courses in Myth, Religion, and Literature for many years and has published several books on this subject. He has previous experience in overseeing encyclopedia-type projects, including the *Oxford Companion to World Mythology* (fall 2005) and is currently Editor-in-Chief of Blanton-Peale's *Journal of Religion and Health* and Dean of its graduate Institute. Dr. Madden is President and CEO of the Blanton-Peale Institute. She received her M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology and Religion from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She has published many articles in her field and is Executive Editor of the *Journal of Religion and Health* and editor of *Quadrant*.

Critical moments of our lives may bring those who suffer and those who offer support into a collaborative Quest for Meaning. Both are challenged to find new ways of understanding the world and to discover the opportunity for choices, for growth, and for spiritual transformation. When facing mental illness, loss, or uncertainty, this quest brings people towards very personal questions of a spiritual nature. Diverse cultural interpretations and religious and spiritual practices have emerged to try to help individuals, to comprehend these experiences and to share a better level of awareness. How can divergent cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs converge in the healing of the spirit? How does this quest affect the sufferers and the helpers?

This 3rd International Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health will encourage the exploration of these varied perspectives, welcoming the focus on the collaborative quest for meaning for the families, the

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faith communities and the healthcare system. We look forward to your insights and your participation in our 3rd International Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health.

Your proposals are crucial to the Conference. While the plenary sessions are important, the majority of the time will be devoted to learning from each other. More detailed information is provided below to help you develop and submit your proposals.

We look forward to reviewing a variety of innovative and exciting proposals from our colleagues.

Conference Themes

The influence of family, community, tradition & culture within the helping relationship.

- Synergy of ingredients & attitudes to create meaning making processes.
- Holistic approaches (meditation, art, music, rituals, dances, etc).
- Practical tools to help facilitate spiritual growth & recovery in mental health.
- Evidence-based approaches for integrating spirituality & mental health.

Conference Objectives

Our 4 educational objectives are that participants will be able to:

1. Raise their awareness about the interplay of spirituality & mental health.
2. Acquire personal & professional knowledge, skills & attitudes about spirituality & mental health.
3. Promote the development of inter-professional models of practice.
4. Access opportunities for networking & to become familiar with resources.

Conference Format & Submitting Abstracts

Each day will begin and end with a plenary session, and will include concurrent breakout sessions in the following formats:

Papers will provide a focused presentation on a specific theme. Each lecture will be limited to 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes for discussion. Abstract should define purpose, format, and expected outcomes for participants.

Workshops are designed to be interactive; they can focus for 90 minutes on a practice, a theory, or an experience. Abstract should define purpose, format, and expected outcomes for participants.

Symposiums will be 90 minutes and will include 3-4 papers focusing on a specific scientific or practice topic, representing several points of view from different locations with the aim to generate discussion.

Research Papers will be 20-minute presentations with 10 minutes for discussion. Abstract must define purpose, methods, results, and conclusions.

Poster Presentations will provide visual illustrations of original research or practice findings on a 4x4 display board. Presenters are to be available to answer questions during specified times.

Deadline for Submission

Abstracts must be received by the Conference Secretariat no later than October 2006. Notification of acceptance will be made by November 2006.

A collection of selected proceedings of the conference will be published in book form by Novalis, the publisher based at Saint Paul University, Ottawa.

For more information or an abstract form, contact:

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S18-21 *Psychology and the Bible: A Panel Review of the Praeger Series*

Wayne Rollins and J. Harold Ellens, editors

Saturday, November 18, 2006, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room 145B - CC

D. Andrew Kille, Interfaith Space, Presiding

Panel:

William Hathaway, Regent University

Don Browning, University of Chicago

Adela Collins, Yale University

Mark Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Response:

Wayne Rollins, Hartford Seminary

J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

S18-124 *Psychology, the Bible, and Politics*

Saturday, November 18, 2006, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Room 146A - CC

Paul Anderson, George Fox University, Presiding

Stuart Lasine

Wichita State University

Marrying Methods: Integrating Psychological and Literary Approaches to Characterization in Biblical Political Narrative

Michael Willett Newheart

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"Power to the People!": Poetics and Politics in the Gospel Miracle Stories, A Soul Reading

Ronald R. Clark, Jr.

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Sent Ahead or Left Behind? War and Peace in the Apocalypse, Eschatology, and the Left Behind Series

Amy Frykholm

Colorado Mountain College

Social Atomization and Community Identification in Readers of the Left Behind Series

Stacy Davis

Saint Mary's College, Respondent

S19-27 *In the Valley of the Shadow: Despair, Depression, and Trauma in the Bible*

Sunday, November 19, 2006, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room 147A - CC

Dereck Daschke, Truman State University, Presiding

Adrien J. Bledstein

Chicago, IL

David's Rupture with God, Depression, and Recovery

J. Dwayne Howell and Susan C. Howell

Campbellsville University

Journey to Mount Horeb: Cognitive Theory and 1 Kings 19:1-18

Benjamin Abelow

Independent Scholar

Culturally Endemic Patterns of Childhood Trauma Reflected in New Testament Narrative and Theology: Implications for New Testament Origins

Jill McNish, Respondent

Business Meeting (40 min)



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COURSES BEING TAUGHT OR PLANNED

Would a syllabus be available on request? yes___ no___

III. Have you seen ? . . .
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