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DIVISION 36



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Division 36 of the American Psychological Association brings together researchers and practitioners who engage psychology to explore the significance of religion and/or spirituality in people's lives. As a division of APA, we seek to show how the psychological study of religion may contribute to a scientific understanding of human development and functioning. The division is nonsectarian and welcomes the participation of all people who view religion and spirituality as significant factors in human living.

Our Goals

The goals of **Division 36** are to

- encourage the development of research, theory, and practice in the psychology of religion and spirituality and related areas;
- facilitate the dissemination of research on religious, spiritual, and allied issues;
- integrate these findings into the broader context of psychological research, theory, and practice; and
- foster the growth and development of future psychologists committed to the psychology of religion and spirituality.

Our Members

Members work in nearly every area of psychology—from experimental psychology to clinical practice—and thus together they are concerned with both the scientific and applied aspects of the field. Some members chiefly pursue issues and insights introduced by the classical psychologists of religion, including such distinguished contributors as William James, Sigmund Freud, and Gordon Allport. Others draw on the current discourse, methods, and findings of cognitive, social, health, and personality psychologies. Our professional affiliates may be found working in sociology, anthropology, religious studies, theology, and other areas of the social sciences and humanities.

Benefits of Membership

The benefits of membership in **Division 36** include:

- Annual subscription to the division's journal, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*
- The quarterly *Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Newsletter*
- Discounts on professional journals
- Access to an electronic mailing list that includes prominent contributors to the field
- Participation in division events at the APA convention and at our mid-year conference
- Opportunities for service and professional networking within the division at multiple levels
- Opportunities to receive awards and small seed grants for research in the field
- The opportunity to enroll in the APA Communities listserv directory for active discussions and professionally relevant information

By joining Division 36, you help us advocate for our priorities within the broader discipline of psychology. Your membership provides a voice of support for the psychology of religion and spirituality.

Becoming a Member

You may apply for membership in **Division 36** at a level consistent with your professional status.

Members, associates, and fellows of APA are eligible for **Division 36** membership. Nonmembers of APA may apply for professional affiliate status.

- An initial membership fee of **\$40** is due with the application. (This fee also covers the first-year dues for members, associates, fellows, and professional affiliates and a subscription to the journal *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.)
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The psychology of religion is one of the oldest areas of specialization within the broad field of psychology. Among its founding contributors are William James and G. Stanley Hall, who conducted research on religious experience and development over a century ago.

In the spirit of James and Hall, Division 36 is committed to promoting a methodologically broad but rigorously scientific psychology of religion and spirituality that contributes substantially to the discipline and profession of psychology.

In dialogue with representatives of the other social sciences, the division offers a forum for discussing the significance of religious or spiritual factors in individual lives and in the larger world.

For more information, please visit
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