Saturday, August 5

7:00 – 8:50

Executive Committee Meeting

8:00 – 9:50

Spirituality & Quality of Life: Conceptual and Clinical Investigations (Symposium)
CHAIRS: Sara Knight & Jo Kim

Exploring Relationships Between Spirituality, Religiousity & Quality of Life
Johanna Mytko & Sara Knight

Spirituality, Quality of Life and Adjustment to Breast Cancer
Sian P. Cotton, Ellen Levine, Joanna Bressler, Fred Heide & Elisabeth Targ

A Spiritually Integrative Psychotherapeutic Intervention for Persons with Cardiac Syncope
Brenda S. Cole & Kenneth L. Pargament
DISCUSSANT: Marianne Brady

11:00 – 11:50

Psychology Education & Religious Issues (Paper Session)
CHAIR: W. Brad Johnson

Eugene Taylor

Mentor Relationships in Secular & Religious Professional Psychology Programs
Gregory O. Fallow & W. Brad Johnson

Teaching "Religious and Spiritual Development;" Pedagogical & Epistemological Opportunities
Chris J. Boyatzis

12:00 – 12:50

Buddhism, Psychology & the New Millennium (Workshop)
Janet K. Willer

1:00 – 2:50

Seeing the Sacred: Studies of Sanctification of Important Life Domains (Symposium)
CHAIRS: Kenneth L. Pargament & Annette Mahoney

The Sanctification of Strivings: Implications for Personal Commitment and Health
Annette Mahoney

The Sanctification of Sexuality in Long-Term: Inhibitor or Disinhibitor
Nichole A. Murray

A Sacred Trust: The Sanctification of Parenting
Aaron Swank

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Convention Program

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Theological Conservatism & Sanctification: Opposing Religious Correlates of Environmentalism
Naline Tarakshwar

The Sanctification of Dreams: A Form of Religious Coping
Russell E. Phillips III

Violating the Sacred: A Study of Deception among College Women
Gina M. Magyar

3:00 - 3:50

William C. Bier Award Invited Address
CHAIR: Ralph L. Piedmont

Theobiology, Spirituality, Religiousness, & the Wizard of Oz
RECIPIENT: Carole Ann Rayburn

Sunday, August 6

8:00 - 9:50

Spirituality, Coping and Well-being (Paper Session)
CHAIR: Crystal L. Park

Gender Attitudes, Coping and Well-Being in Catholic and Protestant Women
Crystal L. Park & Stephanie Marhefka

Religious Coping Among the Persistently Mentally Ill: Prevalence and Implications
Leslie Tepper, Esther M. Coleman, & Steven A. Rogers

Uncovering Early Spiritual Memories: Development and Validation of New Measures
Oliver S. Lin, Marta M. Simopoulos, William F. Murray, & Keith J. Edwards

Applying the Illusory Mental Health Model to Religious Spirituality Assessment
Keith J. Edwards, William F. Murray, Todd W. Hall, Oliver S. Lin, & Heather Sleeper

10:00 - 11:50

Racial, Clinical, and Gender Issues Surrounding the Image of God (Symposium)
CHAIR: Ralph L. Piedmont

Personality and Racial Identity on African-American's Images of Jesus
Ralph L. Piedmont, Deborah G. Haskins, & Anthony Hill

Images of God, Faith Maturity, and Emotional Distress: Gender Differences
Joseph W. Garroochi

Longitudinal Analysis of the Relationship between IGG and Emotional Distress
Lynn P. Lavin, Sharon Cheston, & Ralph L. Piedmont

Batterers and their Victims: Personality Differences and Image of God
Erin Deneke
DISCUSSANTS: Joseph Williams

12:00 - 12:50

Rounding the Psychology of Religion Internationally: A Critical New Opportunity (Discussion)
LEADER: David M. Wulff, Ph.D.
DISCUSSANTS: Jacob A. Belzen, H. Newton Maloney, & Antoine Vergote, Ph.D.

1:00 - 1:50

Presidential Address: A New Look at an Old Problem
Robert J. Loinger
CHAIR: Nancy S. Thurston

2:00 - 2:50

Business Meeting

6:00 - 7:50

Social Hour
Monday, August 7

8:00 – 8:50
Health and Religious Denomination Affiliation (Symposium)
CHAIR: A. Sandra Willis

Religious Denomination Affiliation & Psychological Health: Results from a Substance Abuse Population
Thomas G. Plante

Health, Belief, and Religious Preference
Larry G. Stevens

Religious Denomination, Outlook and Coping Among Young Adult Tobacco Users
A. Sandra Willis
DISCUSSANT: Crystal L. Park

9:00 – 10:50
Psychology and Religious/Spiritual Issues (Poster Session)
CHAIR: William L. Hathaway

12:00 – 1:50
Spiritual Developmental and Personality Functioning in College Students (Paper Session)
CHAIR: Todd W. Hall, Ph.D., Biola University, La Mirada, CA

An Empirical Investigation of Spiritual Growth Among College Students
William Slater, Todd W. Hall, & Keith J. Edwards

Narrative Approaches to College Students' Religious Development
Chris J. Boyatzis

Exploring the Relationship Between Ego Identity Status and Religious Maturity
Winston Sengobin, Ph.D., Ronald Burwell, & Heather Hostler

The Relation between Religiousness and Openness to Change
Isaela Silverman, Tony Higgins, & Carol Dweck

2:00 – 2:50
William James Award:
Varieties of Experiences of Evil and of Religious Beliefs
Recipient: Antoine Vergote
CHAIR: Ralph Hood

3:00 – 4:50
Gays, Ex-Gays, Ex-Ex-Gays-Examining Key Religious Ethical & Diversity Issues (Symposium)
CHAIR: Mark A. Yarhouse

National Study of Sexual Orientation Conversion: Empirical & Conceptual Issues
Ariel Shidlo & Michael Schreeder

A Review of Empirical Findings on Ex-Gays
E. Warren Throckmorton

Gay Rights, Patient Rights: Implications of Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapies
Douglas C. Haldeman

Respecting Religious Diversity: Possibilities & Pitfalls
Mark A. Yarhouse & Lori A. Burkett

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 – 8:50
Religion and the Family (Paper Session)
CHAIR: Jennifer S. Ripley

Religiosity, Parental Family Structure, and Black and Hispanic Academic Achievement
William H. Jeynes

Childrearing Advice and Psychologists' Bias: The Case of Jehovah's Witnesses
Robinette V. Thurston

Development of the Mantal Social Value Scale: Covenants and Contracts
Jennifer S. Ripley & Everett L. Worthington

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9:00 - 9:50
Margaret Gorman Early Career Award: Religion and Mortality: More Answers, More Questions
RECIPIENT: Michael E. McCullough
CHAIR: Peter C. Hill

10:00 - 10:50
Spiritual/Religious Factors as Health Predictors: For Good and for Ill (Symposium)
CHAIR: William L. Hathaway

Negative Religious Coping Predicts Mortality Among Medically Ill Elderly
Kenneth L. Pargament, Harold G. Koenig, Nalini Tarakeshwar, & Julie Hahn

Spiritual/Religious Factors Predict Weight-Loss in African-Americans
John E. Martin, David Lydston, & Christine Ameika-Gehrman

Spiritual/Religious Factors Predict Smoking Change in Multiply Addicted Individuals
John E. Martin & Jennifer Booth
DISCUSSANT: John Spencer

11:00 - 12:50
Mindfulness: Perspectives on Religious and Psychoanalytic Practice (Symposium)
CHAIR: Randall L. Sorenson

Practice Meets Practice: Ways Religion Impacts on Psychotherapy
James W. Jones

There's More than Meets the I: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Spirituality
Jeffrey D. Rubin

Psychoanalysis and Religion: Are They in the Same Business
Randall L. Sorenson
DISCUSSANT: Carne Doehring

1:00 - 2:50
Spiritual issues in Psychotherapy and Mental Illness (Paper Session)
CHAIR: Fernando L. Garzon, Psy.D., Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

The Impact of Psychotherapy on Psychological and Spiritual Development
Roy Barsness, Todd W. Hall, & Keith E. Edwards

Psychoanalytic Practice and the Religious Patient: Current Perspectives
Eleonora Bartoli

Before Dialogue, Understanding: Religious Life Inventories of Rabbits and Psychologists
Glen Milstein, Peter C. Hill, & Elizabeth Midlarsky

Sexual Abuse Survivors: An Empirical Investigation of Religiously Congruent Interventions
Fernando L. Garzon, Lori A. Burkett, & Jennifer Hill

Perceptions of God Among Schizophrenics and Depressives (Unipolars and Bipolars)
Yasmin N. Farooqi & Mobushra Rehman

3:00 - 3:50
Believing and Practicing: Role of Religion for Teens and Adults (Symposium)
CHAIR: Katherine Barone

Spiritual Influences: Teenagers' Sexuality and Pregnancy Outcomes
Michelle Owens

Religious Beliefs and Behaviors: A Cross Cultural Analysis
Gudia Nicolas

Religion and Patterns of Help-Seeking Behavior of Blacks
Eloise Juanita Berry
DISCUSSANT: Jessica Henderson Daniel
We are pleased as your Division 36 Council Representatives to submit the following capsule summary of the most important work of the APA Council of Representatives from its February 24-27, 2000 meeting.

First, Division 36 members will be pleased to know that thanks to the support of the division membership in the apportionment ballot, Division 36 will continue to retain its representation by two Council Representatives.

**Budget.**

The size, scope and complexity of the APA is truly remarkable. We are an $80 million operation, and fiscal management is a major concern of the Council. We appear to have sound reasons to trust the fiscal wisdom of the administrative leadership of the organization, but it also appears that APA is headed into a period of fiscal challenge. Several factors contribute to this forecast.

First, given the size of the budget, and the nature of the core APA governance structures (namely the large size of the Council and the mandate of each Council Representative serve his or her constituency), it is a constant tendency of the Council to approve numerous new projects and initiatives with price tags of varying size. Particularly problematic is the tendency to form various types of large “working groups” (Councils, caucuses, task forces, committees and so forth) to pursue new initiatives. Each of these working groups is composed of volunteer members who deserve reimbursement for travel and accommodations, and each working group requires time and attention from APA staff. It is estimated that up to one-sixth of the total APA budget of over $80 million goes to service (i.e., direct and indirect costs) this labor-intensive governance structure; more on the implications of this in the next paragraph.

An additional area of concern is a leveling off of membership numbers (and hence dues) and the “graying” of APA membership. APA as an organization has become accustomed to steady growth in its membership rolls, but that growth is topping off. At the same time, we have many members in their 50s and 60s, and this huge cohort of members is headed steadily toward “Dues Exempt” status.

A final factor is that the APA has stepped into the Washington DC real estate business in a big way (ownership of two very large office buildings), and has done so quite successfully. Nevertheless, we are early in the business life cycle of building ownership, a point in the life cycle when we are reaping profits, but not lavish profits, from our ventures. The 2000 budget the Council passed at this meeting, one in excess of $80 million, allows for a budget deficit of nearly $600,000. The final outcome is likely to be closer to a balanced budget, due largely to unfilled personnel openings in the APA office and the resulting compensation savings.

**Governance structures.**

In response partially to the fiscal demands of the organization, and partially to the explosion of specialty groups, task forces, boards, councils, committees, panels, and so forth, the Board of Directors commissioned a Blue Ribbon Panel from the Policy and Planning Board to review APA governance with an eye to streamlining APA governance structures. They submitted a report with suggestions that some regarded as draconian. Specifically they suggested that the standing Boards and Committees that are mandated by APA bylaws be retained, and then further recommended the “sunsetting” of the majority of the continuing committees that function under the standing Boards and Committees. The standing Boards and Committees would be allowed to reconstitute new continuing committees and other working groups within the limits of their assigned budgets (which would be reduced by approximately 25% below their current levels), but would be allowed to petition for additional funding from the Council as justified. Debate on this report was quite confrontational, and the item was deferred for further consideration and/or revision at the August meeting.

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Divisions.

The expansion of the number of divisions continues. A group has emerged who is committed to promoting prescription privileges for psychologists. This group proposed establishment of Division 55, the "American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy." The motion passed. While the APA has many divisions, it was noted in our Council meeting that the expansion of divisions has been proportionally smaller than our overall expansion in membership over the last several decades.

Therapeutic Guidelines.

A carefully worded set of "Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients" was presented to Council. These guidelines had been studied over a number of years through APA governance process, amassing overwhelming support in the process. They are presented as "aspirational" and non-prescriptive guidelines, but will nevertheless be widely regarded as establishing the benchmark for best practices for dealing with lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients. The proposed guidelines passed with overwhelming support.

Licensure concerns.

A major concern of the entire psychological health care community has been the plight of new doctoral graduates who have been having trouble finding productive employment through which to amass clinical hours required for the attainment of licensed status. Often at issue is the refusal of managed care and insurance companies to reimburse for health care services delivered by unlicensed providers. Thus, recent graduates who are not yet licensed are disadvantaged, to put it mildly, as they attempt to find employment in the private sector immediately after receiving their doctorates. Various possible solutions to this dilemma have been proposed, but most such solutions (such as the idea of a "provisional license") have failed. To address this issue, Council approved and funded the formation of a "Commission on Education and Training Leading to Licensure in Psychology." This Commission will have a life of one year and is charged to find and implement solutions to this critical problem for the profession.

Formation of a "Companion Organization."

The fall 1999 APA Council Report column reported that APA was considering formation of a 501(c)6 "Companion Organization." Perhaps the most far-reaching action taken by Council at its February, 2000 meeting was to approve the formation of this 501(c)6 "Companion Organization." The APA is a 501(c)3 organization, a status reserved for non-profits organized for scientific, educational or charitable purposes. Such "c3" organizations are not allowed to engage in significant amounts of political advocacy (e.g., lobbying). Nevertheless, the practitioner members of our organization are crying out for greater advocacy on such policy fronts as parity with other health provider professions and our treatment by third party reimbursement organizations. 501(c)6 organizations are non-profits organized for advocacy on behalf of professional groups. The creation of a separate and autonomous, though not independent, 501(c)6 serves to protect the tax exempt status of the APA as a c3, as long as the "Companion Organization" remains somewhat autonomous from the c3 parent organization. In blunt and simplistic summary, we are in the process of "spinning off" a c6 lobbying and advocacy Companion Organization (title as yet undetermined) that will be under the direct supervision of CAPF (the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice), a committee which is appointed by the APA Board of Directors, which in turn is elected by the APA Council of Representatives. The Companion Organization will be funded by the assignment of the "Special Assessment" levied for licensed professional providers to this Companion Organization. Certain aspects of the APA Practice Directorate will become part of this c6 organization.

Stanton L. Jones
Announcements

Two events during the next few months may result in the establishment of an International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR).

The first is a program on the issues of international psychology to be held at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, August 6, 2000 at 12:00 noon in the Chinese Room of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel. Professor Jacob Belzen will be the chair.

The second will be a meeting of the German International Association to be held at Soesterberg in the Netherlands September 28–30, 2001. It is hoped that this association will organize itself and become the nucleus of a truly International Association for the Psychology of Religion. Soesterberg is near Utrecht and Schipol (Amsterdam) airport.

You are encouraged to be at both these meetings. Contact H. Newton Malony (malony@fuller.edu, 626-844-5318) if you have questions or need information on how to register for the 2000 Conference in Soesterberg in the Netherlands.

Michael E. Nielsen, Ph.D., the coordinator of the “Psychology of Religion Pages” on the WWW (www.psychw.com/psyrel) announces the creation of the “Psychology and Religion Research and Teaching Exchange” which will be a database of psychologists who study religion.

He states that the goals of the Exchange are to: 1. Facilitate collaboration among psychologists and 2. Guide students to psychology of religion mentors. Information included on the database includes: Name and Title, Institutional Affiliation, Mailing Address, E-Mail Address, Paragraph describing research interests, Citations of representative publications, Keywords for searching the database, Titles of related courses, seminars or programs, and Degrees or certificates available. To see the listing go to the web location found at the beginning of this announcement.

To be a part of the database, send the above information to:
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The preface and first chapter of The American Paradox: Spiritual Hunger in an Age of Plenty are available to anyone at www.davidmyers.org.

Dave Myers, Ph.D., a Division 36 member, has also placed other psychology-religion information on the web site, including his published reflections on recent prayer experiments and the expanded section on “Spirituality and Faith Communities” to appear in the Health chapter of his Psychology, 6th edition.
Applications Solicited

APA is soliciting applications for:

* The APA Congressional Fellowship Program
* The William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellowship, and
* The APA Science Policy Fellowship Program.

These fellowships allow APA members to become involved in public policy issues by working in either the congressional or executive branches of government.

The application deadline is December 15, 2000.

For more information, contact the APA Public Policy Office at (202) 336-6062 or ppo@apa.org.