“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house.”

MATTHEW 5:15

This sage advice offered by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount well describes how I feel about our Division right now. During my tour of duty as your Division president, I am constantly impressed (and actually in awe much of the time) of the remarkable gifts that our Division members have to offer. There is enormous diversity of talent as well as much dedication to our field. Yet, like a lot of professionals with perhaps too much education and thoughtfulness, we often aren’t so great at getting the word out. In a nutshell, my take home message in this column is: Don’t hide your light under a bushel! Rather, let your light shine for the greater good.

As you well know, religion can bring out the very best and the very worst in people. Great acts of compassion, sacrifice, charity, loving kindness, forgiveness, reconciliation, and so forth often occur in the name of religion. However, horrific acts of violence, prejudice, terrorism, and hate also occur in the name of religion too. To quote Charles Dickens from his classic, Tale of Two Cities:

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going directly to Heaven, we were all going the other way.”

This quote seems to perfectly illustrate my point. Religion can give us “the best of times and the worst of times” indeed. A day doesn’t go by without some important news story in the press that supports the notion that religion can be extremely problematic for society. Whether it is the threat of publically burning the Qur’an, religiously based protests at military funerals or health clinics for women, terrorist plans and attacks, hatred expressed towards the LGBT community (including blaming terrible natural disasters on homosexuals), hatred towards those towards other religious traditions or subgroups, or clergy sexual abuse of children, news reports often suggest that religion is a big problem for society.
Religion can bring out the very best and the very worst in people. Yet, research also well demonstrates that religious and spiritual engagement and practice are associated with excellent mental and physical health and enhanced relationships too. Those who actively engage in contemplative practices, religious services, and faith sponsored charitable activities typically receive many psychological, medical, relationship, and community benefits. In fact, epidemiological studies have found all-cause mortality reductions of 40% among those who engage in regular volunteerism with further significant reductions among those who also attend regular religious services. Meta-analytic research have found life extension of an average of 7 years for those engaged in religious activities (14 years for African Americans). Randomized clinical trials have found that contemplative and spiritual practices result in more compassion, relaxation as well as less depression and anxiety. Religion encourages people to act very good too.

Our field offers much to our understanding of the relationship between psychology and religion broadly defined. We have a lot to offer... a lot! As an evidence based profession we are uniquely qualified to offer thoughtful, reasoned, and evidence based empirical data (both quantitative and qualitative) to help the community better understand and act on a wide variety of important issues involving religion and behavior. Yet, surprisingly many of our psychology colleagues (as well as the general public) are totally unaware of it. There still exists some degree of prejudice about our sub-specialty even among some of our APA members. We also don’t seem to be especially good at media relations either. Many much less qualified people will weigh in on these and other topics that are relevant to our Division. Rarely are they Division members.

For example, I personally have been amazed at how the quality empirical research and clinical data about clergy sexual abuse consistently gets ignored in the press and among professionals. I’ve been working in this area for 25 years evaluating and treating clergy sex offenders, conducting related research studies, and consulting with local, national, and international Church on this topic. Although there is much excellent data available so many just either don’t know about it or chose to ignore it. Many also don’t let facts get in the way of their views either. People will certainly make their point of view known but often it is not based in quality evidence based data.

So, what can we do about getting the word out regarding psychology and religion topics? While there are no simple answers at the very least I’d like to encourage you to use your many gifts in research, teaching, clinical practice, consultation, and so forth to help our troubled world and to communicate your efforts through publication and presentation both to the professional community but also to the general public as well. May I suggest that you carefully reflect on how your greatest gifts and skills can be best used and don’t be too shy about discussing it with others? As a large and skilled Division we have plenty to offer. Perhaps we can all be better at communicating it. So, consider publishing your findings in both professional and popular outlets, talk to media, write a blog or an op-ed piece, and do whatever you can to help get the word out regarding your area of expertise. Don’t hide your light under a bushel!

A few Division updates

As I mentioned in the previous Division newsletter, my most important initiative as Division president this year has been to help develop and nurture our early career
professionals (ECPs). They are our future. I’m happy to report that our ECP task force (chaired by Kari O’Grady from Loyola University, Baltimore) has accomplished much in the past few months. They have set up Facebook pages for the Division and have been engaged in a variety of networking events. They have joined the APA ECP Leadership Network listserv which has allowed them to have a presence and influence beyond Division 36 nurturing cross-Division collaborations. They’ll be sponsoring speed mentoring sessions at upcoming conferences such as the Midyear conference and at APA this summer. I love reading their emails since they are full of not only fresh great ideas but a lot of enthusiasm too!

Our new journal, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, is doing extremely well and continues to exceed expectations. Thanks to our incredible editor, Ralph Piedmont and his team of associate editors, reviewers, and staff, the number of submissions and both the quality and quantity of submitted articles have been wonderful. If you conduct research in the psychology of religion and spirituality area please consider and encourage others to submit your and their best work to the journal.

It continues to be a great privilege and honor to serve as your Division president during the 2010–11 year. The time goes by so very quickly and before I know it, I’ll be handing the baton off to the capable hands of Chris Boyatzis at the APA Convention in Washington, DC.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have had (or about to have) our Midyear conference at Loyola University, Baltimore (April 15–16) which I know will be a great success under the guidance of our all-star host, Ralph Piedmont and his conference team. I hope that you’ll plan to attend the APA Convention in DC this year (August 4–7) where our Division will have an engaging, packed, and diverse series of quality presentations. There are some presentations that I guarantee will keep you thinking and talking for a long time after the convention is over! Our program chair, Kevin Ladd, has worked his magic to put together a remarkable conference program.

I’m grateful for much regarding Division 36 but perhaps most especially for our many volunteers who serve in various elected and appointed roles. They can never be thanked enough. They have both talent and dedication that greatly help the Division. Plus they all have demanding day jobs to boot. They include Chris Boyatzis, Ev Worthington, Marsha Cutting, Michael Donahue, Julie Exline, Brian McCorkle, Elizabeth Hall, Aubrey Gartner, LaTrelle Jackson, Ralph Piedmont, Ed Shafranske, Janie Aten, James Casebolt, Kevin Ladd, Kari O’Grady, and Aryeh Lazar. We have a great group of folks who make Division 36 run well.

I also hope that you’ll feel free to let me know if you have thoughts about what we can do to make Division 36 better. Thank you for all that you do for our field and I hope to see you at the APA convention. In the meantime, please consider letting your gifts and efforts shine and don’t put your light under a bushel.

Best wishes,

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Division 36 on Facebook**

The Division is now on Facebook in two different ways: a general Division page and an Early Career Professionals group. We want to hear from you regarding your ideas, interests, needs, and preferences, with respect to these two Facebook pages. The link to each of these Facebook pages is posted on our official Division 36 website: www.division36.org.

When you visit the general Division Facebook page, click the “like” button, peruse the page, connect with old and new friends, and leave a comment. To become added to the ECP group, just visit the Early Career Professionals group Facebook page and click “Join Group.” At present, the description of the group is as follows: “This group provides a forum for American Psychological Association (APA) Division 36 members and student affiliates to connect with each other, regarding the professional and personal development of Division 36 Early Career Professionals (ECPs). According to the APA, ECPs are defined as those professionals who are within 7 years of the completion of their training process.” We are excited about hearing ideas from you and about connecting with you via Facebook! If you have questions or comments regarding the new Facebook pages, please contact Dr. Edward B. Davis (Biola University) at edward.davis@biola.edu or 562-944-0351 x 5762.

General Division page:

Early Career Professionals group:
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A CALL FOR INTENTIONAL, INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING WITHIN DIVISION 36: MUSINGS FROM TWO EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

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In 2005, the Board of Directors of the American Psychological Association (APA) appointed an ethnically and professionally diverse Task Force Supporting Early Career Psychologists, which has since become a permanent APA committee—the Committee on Early Career Psychologists. This committee was established “to serve as a bridge for new opportunities” for early career professionals (ECPs)—defined as those professionals who are within 7 years of receiving their doctoral psychology degree. In particular, the committee “supports the needs of early career [professionals] within and outside of APA” and “advocates and develops resources for early career [professionals]” (APA, 2006, p. 3).

One such resource is a brochure entitled “Building Bridges: Opportunities for Learning, Networking, and Leadership” (APA, 2006; available for download at http://www.apa.org/careers/early-career/building-bridges.pdf), published by the Committee on Early Career Psychologists. This brochure begins with the excerpt:

Early career [professionals] (ECPs) confront many new responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities. As an early career [professional], you may

- grapple with difficult decisions and how to balance career, family, and financial priorities
- feel isolated in new work settings
- struggle to establish an identity
- find the first few years in a new professional role to be uncertain as you pursue dreams, overcome obstacles, and make professional choices.

For all these reasons, early career [professionals] need to build bridges that create opportunities to engage, learn, network, and become leaders within the discipline of psychology. (p. 3)

In the previous Division 36 (Div36) newsletter (Volume 35, No. 2), our Div36 president Thomas Plante indicated that his central presidential initiative is “to do all that we can to better attract, retain, and nurture our early career professionals” (p. 5). Toward this end, Dr. Plante has appointed our Div36 ECP Task Force, chaired by Kari O’Grady from Loyola College in Maryland. Like the APA’s Committee on Early Career Psychologists, our Div36 ECP Task Force is comprised of an ethnically and professionally diverse group of ECPs (see O’Grady & Okozi, 2011, for brief bios) and is dedicated to supporting the needs and concerns of ECPs within Division 36. In particular, our ECP Task Force has the following working-list of goals:

- To recruit new early career professionals (ECPs) to join Division 36
- To retain the membership of ECPs who are already members in Division 36
• To promote the professional development of ECPs in Division 36, via programming that seeks to support, nurture, and mentor these individuals
• To provide opportunities for ECPs to become involved in various Division 36 affairs (e.g., conferences and events, appointed positions, publication in *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*)
• To foster relational connections among ECPs and between ECPs and both mid- and late-career professionals in Division 36

In the previous Div36 newsletter, two of our ECP Task Force members—Kari O’Grady (chair) and Innocent Okozi (2011)—discussed how involvement in professional organizations such as Div36 “can help reduce the likelihood that [ECPs] will experience symptoms concomitant with workplace isolation” (p. 7; e.g., decreased organizational commitment and job satisfaction). O’Grady and Okozi also described the ways in which our ECP Task Force is seeking to promote social and mentoring networks for ECPs in Div36. To summarize, so far, our main initiatives have included (a) developing a Div36 Facebook page and a Div36 ECPs Facebook group; (b) sponsoring speed-mentoring sessions for the 2011 Div36 Mid-Winter Conference and the 2011 APA Convention; and (c) writing brief articles for the Div36 newsletter, discussing topics that are relevant to ECPs. In the current article, we would like to continue this discussion.

We agree with O’Grady and Okozi that involvement in professional organizations provides a prime opportunity for ECPs to network and to obtain mentoring. And yet we know that ECPs often find it difficult to balance involvement in professional organizations with the many other demands for their time, energy, and money (see APA, 2006; Munsey, 2007, for reviews). It is our belief that, as a division, the main way we can recruit and retain ECPs is to foster relational connections among ECPs and between ECPs and both mid- and late-career professionals in Division 36. In other words, we believe that the major impetus for ECP recruitment, retention, and active involvement in Div36 are relationships—particularly collaborative, intergenerational mentoring relationships.

For this reason, in the current article, we would like to humbly issue a call for intentional, intergenerational relationship-building within Division 36. We know that the busyness of life will make such relationship-building difficult for all parties—early, mid-, and late-career professionals. However, we believe that the benefits to organizational and personal well-being will far outweigh the costs. Indeed, as well-being experts Tim Rath and Jim Harter (2010) have highlighted, the research on well-being suggests that career well-being is perhaps “the single most important element of one’s well-being” (p. 4) and that it is closely intertwined with one’s social well-being.

Such a connection is not surprising given that relatedness is one of humans’ basic psychological needs (Ryan & Deci, 2008). We agree with Rath and Harter (2010):

“Obviously, [organizational] leaders can’t just tell people to have better relationships, but they can create an environment in which people are more likely to make connections and build strong social networks. They can provide mentors to encourage an employee’s personal and professional development.”

(p. 6)

And yet, we recognize that the responsibility for systemic change rests not only with the Div36 leadership but also with the entire membership, including us as ECPs. Here, we will briefly highlight the responsibilities that ECPs themselves have in this process.

First, ECPs in our division must identify the type(s) of networking relationships they desire from other members of Div36 (e.g., mentor, research/writing collaborator, etc.).

... EARLY CAREER [PROFESSIONALS] NEED TO BUILD BRIDGES THAT CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE, LEARN, NETWORK, AND BECOME LEADERS WITHIN THE DISCIPLINE OF PSYCHOLOGY.
Next, ECPs must identify the myriad challenges that are currently impeding their organizational connectedness to Div36 (e.g., limited time and finances, establishing a healthy work/life balance, lack of awareness of opportunities; APA, 2006; Munsey, 2007). Finally, once such challenges are identified, ECPs must take intentional steps to transcend such challenges. Again, we believe that intentional, intergenerational relationship-building will be a helpful, transformative context within which such transcendence can occur. Furthermore, the APA’s (2006) brochure “Building Bridges: Opportunities for Learning, Networking, and Leadership” contains many other practical recommendations, and ECPs are encouraged to read that brochure, as they contemplate next steps. ECPs are also encouraged to explore the resources available on the APA’s Early Career Psychologists website (http://www.apa.org/careers/early-career/index.aspx).

We hope that our discussion has resonated with not just the ECPs in our beloved division but with the mid- and late-career professionals in our division as well. We strongly believe in the power of relationships for enhancing personal, professional, and organizational well-being, and we hope that our call for intentional, intergenerational relationship-building will strike a chord with many in our division. As a follow-up to this article, we would like to invite a mid- or late-career professional to contact another ECP (e.g., a member of our ECP Task Force; see http://www.division36.org/officers.html, for each Task-Force member’s contact information), to collaborate on an ECP-relevant article for our next Div36 newsletter.

Lastly, we would like to voice our heartfelt appreciation for the leadership of our Div36 president, Thomas Plante. We are so thankful for him and for his efforts to reach out to ECPs. Ultimately, we hope that many within our division will follow his lead in fostering relational connections among ECPs and between ECPs and both mid- and late-career professionals, as we all move forward together, bonded by our common interest in the psychology of religion and spirituality.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2011

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APA Council met from February 16–20, 2011, for its winter meeting at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Washington, DC. President Melba Vasquez provided an overview of number of her initiatives such as the formation of APA task forces on Psychological Factors Related to the Experience of Immigration, Preventing Discrimination and Promoting Diversity, and on Educational Disparities. She has initiated a presidential working group aimed at developing guidelines for the practice of telepsychology. Chief Executive Officer Norman Anderson provided an update on the APA strategic planning process. APA adopted a strategic planning policy in 2007 and the first strategic plan for the association in 2009 centered around 7 initiatives: forming strategic alliances in health care (i.e., integrated health care), psychology workforce analysis, promotion of graduate and continuing professional development opportunities, evolving and expanding public education on psychology, formulation of treatment guidelines by psychology, and addressing health disparities in society. He unveiled his APA CEO goals for 2011 that included complete implementation of the strategic plan, improved public relations efforts for the association and psychology, enhancing APA’s customer service, developing a financial sustainability plan for the APA practice organization, and responding effectively to unanticipated events. Consistent with the CEO goals, council devoted a block of the meeting to working on strategic planning.

Council approved a budget for the association with a $20,000 safety margin. A variety of strategies, including three years of position controls that will be continuing for another year, have allowed APA to produce a balanced budget. A long-term financial management and investment strategy has been implemented for the association to protect APA’s financial resources and to most effectively utilize them to achieve its strategic goals. The plan closely monitors a variety of factors, such as its real estate, dues and publication revenues. APA’s publications income underwent a transformation over the last decade with licensing revenue exceeding print revenues, but now both streams are plateauing. Council supported a motion to address this that will include exploring new publication products, improving marketing, and other actions. A new dues schedule was approved that reduces dues for all members by $40 but that also eliminates multiple membership cost breaks such as the dual membership discount for individuals who were members of both APA and some of the science organizations, such as APS. This action occurred after passionate arguments were entertained from those supporting a number of the discounts. A part of the motion that called for a bylaws change to remove the dual membership discount for APA members who are
also members of the Canadian Psychological Association was deferred for later consideration.

A variety of other action items were taken up including the passing of a resolution Affirming Psychologists’ Role in Addressing Global Climate Change, and the adoption of revised guidelines for the Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters, Psychological Practice in Healthcare Delivery Systems, Guidelines for Assessment of and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities, Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Change, and Psychological Practice with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. There was also a revision of the Principles for Quality Undergraduate Education in Psychology.

The launch of Division 43’s new journal, The Family Psychologist, was approved by council. The inclusion in the membership directory of specialty and proficiency credentials, as defined by CRSPPP criteria, was approved.

Of direct impact for our division programming, the convention task force reported that APA will decrease the overall amount of hours of programming, and increase the hours dedicated to central and inter-division theme-based programming for the annual convention. This will result in decrease in the program hours available for divisional specific programing resulting in a reduction of 4 hours for division 36 (from 21 to 17 hours). However, there will be 125 hours set aside for division collaborative theme-based programming and a pool of up to $25,000 that can be tapped to help with presenter costs for the theme-based programming. So it will be vital to plan collaborative programming with other divisions to compensate for this reduction and ensure a robust presence for the psychology of religion at the convention. This will require advance planning, inter-divisional networking, and other creative strategies from the convention program chair and the program committee. These revisions will not affect this year’s convention.
Thursday, August 4th

8:00 – 8:50 AM
ROOM 154A

SYMPOSIUM (S): Spiritually Oriented Interventions in Psychotherapy With Religiously Diverse Populations—Theory, Research, and Practice

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Integrating Buddhist Concepts Into Psychotherapy

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Spiritually Oriented Interventions With Christian Clients

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Spiritually Oriented Treatment With Jewish Clients: Religious Text, Prayer, and Psychospiritual Meditation

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Spiritually Oriented Interventions With Muslim Clients

DISCUSSANT: Jamie D. Aten, PhD, Wheaton College

9:00 – 9:50 AM
ROOM 149B

SYMPOSIUM (S): Religion and Spirituality As Diversity-Training Issues in Professional Psychology

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Multicultural Courses and Muslim Identity Development: Can We Make It Work?
Thursday, August 4
Convention Program
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Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, Seton Hall University
_Affirmative Psychotherapy for American Jews_

Winston Z. Seegobin, PsyD, George Fox University
_Structuring a Course on Religious and Spiritual Diversity in Professional Psychology_

10:00 – 10:50 AM
ROOM 151B

INVITED ADDRESS (S): [Gary Schwartz]
Gary E. Schwartz, PhD, University of Arizona
_Consciousness, Spirituality, and Postmaterialist Science: The Sacred Promise_

11:00 – 11:50 AM
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POSTER SESSION (F): I [Poster Session]

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_Positive Psychology for Developing the Concept of Spirituality_

Paul C. Larson, PhD, Chicago School of Professional Psychology
_Contemporary American Paganism: A Survey of Beliefs and Practices_

Berne Fitzpatrick, BA, Pacifica Graduate Institute
_Mother As the First Other: First Steps on the Pilgrimage of the Self_

Kristi Pikiewicz, BS, Pacifica Graduate Institute
_Spiritual Journey of Parenting a Child With Chronic Illness_

Joy Mondragon-Gilmore, MS, Pacifica Graduate Institute
_Psychological and Spiritual Journey of Incarcerated Adolescents Through Imaginal Psychotherapy_

Michael J. Mullard, MA, Pacifica Graduate Institute
.Depth Psychological View of Religious Pilgrimage As a Symbol of the Journey of Individuation_

Wen-Mei Chou, PhD, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
_Addressing Spiritual and Religious Issues With Clients: It’s Time_

Nancy J. Carbonell, PhD, Andrews University
_Addressing Spirituality and the Therapist_

Harris T. Leonard, PhD, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
_Addressing Spiritual and Religious Views in Training and Supervision_

Charles B. Schaeffer, MA, New York University
_Diversities in the Workplace: The Role of Religious and Spiritual Diversity_
_CO-AUTHOR:_ Jacqueline S. Mattis, PhD, New York University
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*Competence in Addressing Spirituality and Religion: A Survey of Counseling Students’ Attitudes, Beliefs, and Experiences*

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*Eschatological Thought and Religiosity Among Christians: Patterns and Relationships*

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*Religiosity, Life Satisfaction, and the Subjective Sense of Meaning in College Students*

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*Manifestations of God in Couples Therapy*

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*Religious Coping Related to a Family Member’s Disability in the Orthodox Jewish Community*

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*Assessing the Roles of Client Religion, Counselor Religiosity, and Spiritual Competence in Counselors’ Clinical Judgment*

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*Relationship Between Religious Coping Methods and Depression*

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*Attachment to God: Phenomenological Versus Quantitative Methodological Studies*

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*Are You There God? Just What Do Children Think About Religion and Spirituality?*

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*The Light and the Shadow: Jung’s Treatment of Religion and His Answer to Job*
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*Diversity in Spirituality: Counseling and Psychotherapy for Ultimate Human Development*

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*What Is This Thing Called Spirituality Among Jewish Israeli Men and Women?*

Peter Fischer, PhD, University of Graz, Austria

*Importance of Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Coping in Muslim and Christian Faiths*

**CO-AUTHOR:** Amy L. Ai, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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**12:00 – 12:50 PM**

**ROOM 209B**

**PAPER SESSION (S): Religion and Spirituality Empirical Research**

**PARTICIPANT/1ST AUTHOR**

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*Cross-Cultural Generalizability of the Assessment of Spirituality and Religious Sentiments Scale in Mainland China*

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*Gender Differences in the Relationship Between Religious Belief and Religious Behavior With Psychological Well-Being Among Nonreligious Jews*

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*Daily Religiousness, Spirituality, and Moral Affect*

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**1:00 – 1:50 PM**

**RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON HOTEL, MEETING ROOM 16**

**FELLOWS ADDRESS (N): [Annette Mahoney]**

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**2:00 – 2:50 PM**

**RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON HOTEL, MEETING ROOM 16**

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**3:00 – 3:50 PM**

**RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON HOTEL, MEETING ROOM 16**

**INVITED ADDRESS (N): Gorman Award**

Jamie D. Aten, PhD, Wheaton College
Friday, August 5th

8:00 – 8:50 AM
ROOM 149B

SYMPOSIUM (S): Positive Psychology and Religious Engagement—How the Fruit of the Spirit Makes Us Better

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WEST OVERLOOK ROOM

PAPER SESSION (S): Clinical Concerns and Applied Research

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Clinical Utility of Hope-Focused Marital Therapy on Common Couples Violence
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ROOM 203

SYMPOSIUM (S): Beliefs—An Understudied but Essential Dimension in the Psychology of Religion

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Research on Religious Beliefs: Review and Future Directions
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Not Just Whether, but What: The Importance of Specific Religious Beliefs
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ROOM 145B

SYMPOSIUM (S): Mindfulness Skills Training From an Evidence-Based Perspective

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Skills Training in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

3:00 – 3:50 PM

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Social Hour (N): [Social Hour]

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8:00 – 8:50 AM

ROOM 149B

SYMPOSIUM (S): Impact of Religion and Religious Issues on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Individuals

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Positive and Negative Implications of Religion When Coming Out

Scott Boscoe-Huffman, PsyD, University of the Rockies

Examination of Religious Impact on the Support and Maintenance of Same-Sex Relationships

DISCUSSANT: Shawn Rubin, PsyD, Michigan School of Professional Psychology
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ROOM 155

SYMPOSIUM (S): God Image Research and Applications

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God Images and God Concepts: Working Definitions and Conceptual Clarifications
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A Heuristic Investigation of the Experience of God

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ROOM 204A

PAPER SESSION (S): Morality, Family, and Meaning

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Explicating the Link Between Conceptions of Morality and Religion

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Spiritual Disclosure and Sanctification in Family Relationships

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Meaning and Methods: Developing Qualitative Research in the Psychology of Religion

Sunday, August 7th

8:00 – 8:50 AM
ROOM 143C

SYMPOSIUM (S): Ancient Jewish Wisdom for Modern Minds

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An 11th-Century Jewish Perspective on the Etiology of Anxiety and Depression

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Freud and the Talmud: The Subtle Dialogue of Secularization

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Social Psychology of Groupthink: Irving Janis and the Sanhedrin of Ancient Israel

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9:00 – 9:50 AM
ROOM 154B

SYMPOSIUM (S): Confronting Violence Against Women in Diverse Religious and Cultural Groups

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