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The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is an international organization promoting the scientific research and exchange within the field of the psychology of religion. The Association is not partial to any particular trend but aspires to provide a platform for the entire spectrum of the scientific-psychological study of religion for psychologists of religion from all over the world.

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1. Regular membership with the IAPR includes the subscription to the *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*. For regular members, print and online version are free.
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4. IAPR members receive the Association's e-mail newsletters which keep you in touch with the scientific community and inform you about conferences, job advertisements, funding opportunities, key publications, and the Association's latest developments and activities.

Announcements



Dear IAPR members,

If you would like to add information in future newsletters please e-mail me the text! This may concern general announcements, conferences (future and report from past ones), job opportunities, key publications, or any other information you think IAPR members might be interested in.

If you are an early career researcher (PhD student or postdoc) and would like to see your work featured in the newsletter, contact me! Thanks,

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Call for Papers: Atheism, Agnosticism, & non-Religious Worldviews

We'd like to announce a call for papers for a special issue of the APA journal, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, entitled "Atheism, Agnosticism, & non-Religious Worldviews: Theoretical Models and Psychological Measurement." March 31, 2017 is the deadline for submitting a one-page letter of intent to submit an article.

The central focus of this special issue of *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, with guest editors Ralph W. Hood Jr., Heinz Streib, and Thomas J. Coleman III, is to challenge psychologists and cognitive scientists to move beyond atheism and agnosticism by investigating "non-religious worldviews" as full-fledged constructs rather than as a solely *negative* identity. We invite manuscripts (theoretical, empirical, and method) focused on exploring atheism, agnosticism, and non-religion from multiple perspectives by addressing the question of complexity and multidimensionality in measurement, psychological mechanisms, and theoretical models. Topics of specific interest are listed below:

- Psychometric measures of non-religious worldviews.
- Atheist and agnostic "spirituality." Can nonbelievers be "spiritual?"
- Computer models of atheism.
- Comparative studies of atheists and theists.
- Quantifying and categorizing types of nonbelief.
- Atheism and analytical thinking.
- Moving beyond stigma and discrimination.
- Non-religion in childhood and adolescence.
- A framework for "implicit atheism?"
- Do agnostics differ psychologically from atheists?
- Atheism, agnosticism, and non-religious prosociality.
- Atheism, a next step in human evolution?
- Nonbelief as a complex, adaptive system?
- Atheism, health, and wellbeing.
- Atheism and the autism spectrum.

To submit: We ask that authors submit a 1-page Letter of Intent (LOI) by **March 31st, 2017** through the [submission portal](#) as a Special Section Article: Atheism, Agnosticism, & non-Religious Worldviews: theoretical Models and Psychological Measurement. The LOI should outline the content of the proposed manuscript, relevance to the special issue theme, and pertinent expertise of the authors. LOIs will be reviewed for overall quality and adherence to the special issue theme, with a subset invited to move forward with development and submission of a full manuscript. Feedback on letters of intent will be supportive but not definitive, as selected manuscripts will undergo the same review process as any other manuscript submitted to *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* before a final decision on publication. Submission deadline for selected articles will be September 15th 2017.

The full CFP can be found online at: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/rel/call-for-papers-atheism.aspx>

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Call for nominations for Editorship of *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*

The Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality has opened nominations for the Editorship of *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* for the years 2018-2023. Ralph Piedmont, Ph.D., is the incumbent editor. Nominations are now invited—including self-nominations—for the position of editor of PRS.

Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (REL) is a peer-reviewed, quarterly publication representing the psychological aspects of religion and spirituality. The journal publishes articles employing experimental and correlational methods, qualitative analyses, and critical reviews of the literature. Papers evaluating clinically relevant issues surrounding training, professional development, and practice are also considered.

The outgoing editor will handle finalize editorial decision for manuscripts submitted on or before December 31, 2017, with the goal of shutting down their editorial operations by June 2018. Candidates should be available to start receiving manuscripts in early 2018 to prepare for issues published in 2019. Please note that the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality encourages participation by members of underrepresented groups in the publication process and would particularly welcome such nominees. Self-nominations are also encouraged.

Chris Boyatzis, Ph.D., will chair the search.

Candidates should be nominated by accessing APA's EditorQuest site on the Web. Go to <http://editorquest.apa.org>. On the Home menu on the left, find "Guests." Next, click on the link "Submit a Nomination," enter your nominee's information, and click "Submit."

Prepared statements of one page or less in support of a nominee can also be submitted by e-mail to Chris Asher, Managing Director, APA Journals, at casher@apa.org.

Deadline for accepting nominations is **Sunday, January 15th, 2017**, after which phase one vetting will begin.



Postdoctoral Researcher in Cognitive Anthropology

The Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (ICEA) seeks to employ three Postdoctoral Researchers on a 1-year fixed-term basis (in the first instance), based at the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, Oxford.

These posts have been created as part of a new research project: 'Cognitive and Cultural Foundations of Morality' funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation and led by Professor Harvey Whitehouse and Dr Jonathan Jong.

This project aims to investigate the ways in which moral and religious beliefs have co-evolved around the world, both in terms of biological and cultural evolution. It consists of (a) one large-scale cross-cultural survey (30-50 countries) on religion and morality, and (b) a series of lab- and field experiments on the ways in which basic cognitive mechanisms interact with cultural environments to produce moral and religious beliefs.

The postholders will primarily be involved in the design and implementation of cross-cultural experiments, in collaboration with the Project Leaders, other staff, and external collaborators. They may also contribute to the design and implementation of the cross-cultural survey. These positions involve extensive fieldwork outside of the UK, in a site of the postholder's choosing.

You must have completed or be in the final stages of a PhD in Social, Experimental, or Cross-cultural Psychology, Cognitive Anthropology, or a related discipline, with substantial experience in designing and conducting lab and/or field psychology experiments. You will have quantitative statistical skills and the ability to travel abroad for sustained periods of fieldwork.

For further details, including the project summary, job description and selection criteria, please click on the link below.

You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement (including a research proposal) as part of your online application for this fixed-term position.

The closing date for applications is **12.00** noon on **Thursday 8 December 2016**.

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=125192