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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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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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Book: Invitation to the Psychology of Religion, Third Edition

This is to announce the publication of the new edition of the book, "Invitation to the Psychology of Religion, 3rd. Ed", by Ray Paloutzian. Right now, Guilford Press is offering 20% off and free shipping, and also free copies for professors considering the book for course adoption.

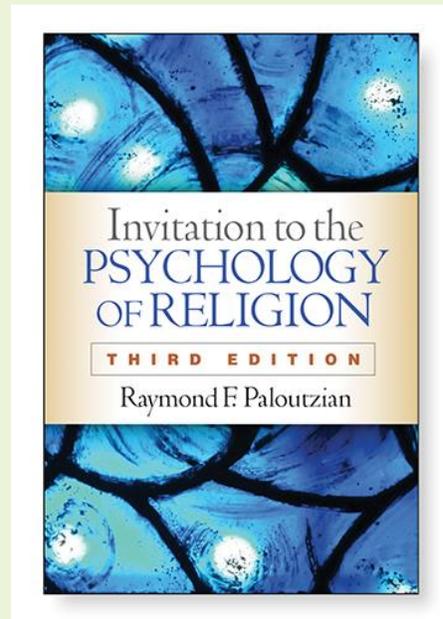
Invitation to the Psychology of Religion, Third Edition provides an authoritative overview of basic science; experiential, developmental, personality, and sociocultural dimensions of religion and spirituality; and clinical implications. Students are given food for thought about bigger questions—how religion influences their own lives; what beliefs or values they hold most dear; and how to live in a multicultural, multireligious world. Each chapter opens with a brief topic outline and concludes with "Take-Home Messages" and suggestions for further reading. The third edition reflects many years of scientific and theoretical advances, and includes new chapters, new organizing concepts, and additional pedagogical features.

New to This Edition:

- *Reflects 20 years of scientific and theoretical advances.
- *Chapters on psychological theories, personality, and physical health.
- *New organizing concepts: religious meaning systems and the multilevel interdisciplinary paradigm.
- *Additional pedagogical features, including end-of-chapter "Take-Home Messages" and engaging topic boxes.
- *Descriptions of cutting-edge research methods.
- *Increased attention to multicultural issues.

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Conferences



Mid-year Conference on Psychology, Religion and Spirituality

Hosted by: The Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality ([APA Division 36](#)) and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Location: Chattanooga , Tennessee, United States

Dates: Friday April 7 - Saturday April 8, 2017

About: The conference provides a supportive academic forum where professionals discuss the latest research findings and scientific advances in the field. This year's conference will include keynote and plenary sessions, student activities, and receptions.

Deadline: January 4, 2016

Call for Proposals: We are now accepting proposals for posters, papers, and symposia. All submissions should be submitted via the conference website by 5:00 p.m. EST, January 4, 2017. Please be prepared to provide authors' names and affiliations, titles, and a 300-word abstract for each proposed presentation.

Paper submissions: Accepted papers with similar topics will be grouped into panels by the organizers. Paper presentations will be limited to 15 minutes including time for questions.

Symposium submissions: Proposals for a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number), all dealing with a particular topic or issue, may be for 50 minutes or 110 minutes. In addition to 300-word abstracts for each paper in the symposium, the chair should also submit a 300-word summary abstract for the symposium as a whole.

Poster submission: Posters will be displayed throughout the duration of the conference. In addition, a designated session will be scheduled in which participants can meet with authors to discuss their work. Poster sizes should not exceed three feet long by four feet wide.

More information and submission of proposals:

<https://www.utc.edu/psychology/div36-mid-year/callforproposals.php>





VISOR – Values in Scholarship on Religion

Dear Colleague in the Academic Study of Religion,

In his 2015 Presidential Address to the American Academy of Religion, Thomas Tweed asserted that a “values approach can clarify divisive internal debates within the AAR, especially between those who identify with theology and those who identify with religious studies, and ... disclose points of agreement as we refine the arguments we employ to defend the study of religion in the public arena and on our own campuses.” The four of us (signatures below) share that hope and invite you to participate in a survey – the VISOR survey – that will allow us actually to test Tweed’s claims.

The VISOR Project is grounded in our awareness that scholars in various disciplines who study religion have values of myriad sorts, some of which are at the very heart of their research and others tangential. We think it would be helpful for scholars who study religion – whether from religious studies, theology, anthropology, psychology, sociology, languages, biology, cognitive science, history, or other – to learn what their values are. Which ones are primary and secondary? Which are unimportant? Do values differ among scholars who teach in different kinds of institutions, e.g., a state university versus a theological seminary? If so, are the value differences non-obvious or do they reflect popular assumptions?

To collect data on these questions, we have designed an online survey built around standard (and well-known and validated) measures used to assess values. There are also demographic items and a couple of measures to help us interpret results. For some measures in the VISOR survey, participants receive instant informative feedback through graphs and explanations of results. All data are anonymous and no individual participant is identified, in accord with standard professional research guidelines.

We plan to recruit participants through a “snowball” method, i.e., through a network of contacts. Would you consider using your connections to help us reach people far and wide in the study of religion? We are hoping that you will take the survey, which you will find at www.visorproject.org, and encourage those in your network to do so as well. You are welcome to use this letter and even personalize it as you connect to those in your networks.

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Apart from what is minimally required to invite other scholars to participate (using this letter as a template), we would ask you not to discuss VISOR with others. We are concerned that, if it should become a matter of general discussion or gossip before the data is collected, that could set up unnecessary concern, worry, or who knows what – the very moods and feelings that can invalidate our attempt to get clean, unconfounded data. For the study to yield valid information, it is important that the participants complete the survey in an ordinary comfortable manner. Thank you for your confidentiality.

Sincerely,

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