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Greetings! My name is Thomas J. Coleman III, and I am a currently a undergraduate in my senior year at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) and the Director of the psychology of religion undergraduate research laboratory under Dr. Ralph W. Hood Jr. I am interested in a wide variety of topics in the social scientific study of religion and spirituality. My specific interests include horizontal / vertical transcendence, spirituality, secularization, non-belief, cognitive science of religion, narrative / biographical analysis and philosophical psychology.

I am honored to currently manage and coordinate numerous projects for fellow students around the world. I help coordinate the American team of the Bielefeld International Spirituality Research Study led by Dr. Heinz Streib (Germany) and Dr. Ralph Hood (United States). I also coordinate the American team for a cross-cultural study of ‘Spirituality and Altruism in Blood Donors’ in the United States and Turkey with my colleague Sevde Duzguner from Necmettin Erbakan University, Turkey.

I am grateful to my mentor and research partner Dr. Christopher F. Silver as we have recently finished a study of ‘non-believers’ in America entitled *Atheism, Agnosticism, and Non-Belief: A Qualitative and Quantitative Study of Type and Narrative*. We identified a typology of ‘Non-Belief’ that was informed from qualitative interviews and psychometrically validated using several measures of personality that demonstrated non-believers in God to be as varied and psychologically unique as ‘Believers’. We are currently writing a book with our mentor, and my advisor, Dr. Hood presenting the full extent of our findings - a brief synopsis of the results can be found at [http://atheismresearch.com](http://atheismresearch.com/).

My current work focuses on theoretical and methodological issues in the study of atheism, ‘non-believers’, and the non-religious. I am currently working on a parsimonious framework formulating the concept of horizontal and vertical transcendence as an outline for the study of both belief and non-belief as well as the quantitative exploration of horizontal transcendence (Coleman, Hood & Silver, 2013 – presentation at the IAPR Congress). As part of the Bielefeld-Chattanooga spiritualty research team, I am currently finalizing a chapter dedicated to expanding horizontal transcendence as a theoretical framework (Coleman, Silver & Hood, in preparation) with a qualitative focus on the narratives of ‘non-believers’ in Volume 2 of the Semantics and Psychology of Spirituality: A Cross-Cultural Analysis Comparing Germany and America (Streib & Hood [Eds.], in preparation). Our Initial analysis of the data is proving fruitful with themes such as ‘non-belief’ / atheism appearing to be ‘psychologically natural’ from a young age (8 – 10 yrs.) to a small subset of non-believing participants in our narrative data set. *I plan to start my Masters degree in research psychology under Dr. Hood at UTC next fall and then upon graduation to enroll in a doctoral program - perhaps working with the very scholar reading this brief introduction to my interests and research?*


For more information on my research, publications and interests please see my website at [tjc3.com](http://tjc3.com) or email me at Thomas-J-Coleman@mocs.utc.edu.
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Religion and spirituality in institutional rehabilitation models: studying care and diversity issues in hospitals and prisons
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The purpose of this conference is to bring together scholars and practitioners working on rehabilitation in public institutions with a special focus on hospitals and prisons.

**Location and Date:** Lausanne, Switzerland, May 21-22, 2014

**Organizational committee:**

- Prof. Irene Becci (Institut des sciences sociales des religions contemporaines ISSRC, Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions FTSR, Université de Lausanne)
- Prof. Pierre-Yves Brandt (Institut des sciences sociales des religions contemporaines ISSRC, Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions FTSR, Université de Lausanne)
- Prof. Jacques Besson (Faculté de biologie et médecine, Université de Lausanne)

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**Language of the conference is French and English**

**For more information contact:** zhargalma.dandarova@unil.ch
2014 Annual Meeting  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  

**Location and date:** Indianapolis, Indiana, October 31-November 2, 2014  

**Call for papers:** Submissions open February 3, 2014, and close March 31, 2014  

The theme of the 2014 meeting is “Building Bridges.” Suggestions of contributions include: (1) the study of religion in diverse cultures and regions; (2) the study of religion within diverse faith traditions; (3) the interdisciplinary study of religion (religious studies and social sciences); (4) new disciplines that study religion (cognitive science, evolutionary psychology, etc.); (5) methodology interaction in the study of religion (quantitative, qualitative, creative, etc.); and (6) the study of non-belief and atheism.  

**Questions:** Ralph Hood (UTC), Program Chair ([Ralph-Hood@utc.edu](mailto:Ralph-Hood@utc.edu))  

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The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) seeks applications for its **Jack Shand International Travel Award** which provides financial support to international scholars attending its annual meeting in 2014.  

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**Podcast from IAPR conference**  

Check out the podcast with Drs. Hood, Streib, and Brandt recorded at the 2013 IAPR conference in Lausanne on the psychology of religion that was published by The Religious Studies Project.  

A new peer-reviewed, open access academic journal Open Theology (http://www.versita.com/opth) is now looking for Editors. The journal is published by Versita, part of De Gruyter group, one of the world's leading publishers of open access scientific content; please see over 350 journals at www.versita.com.

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