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## 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 also.

Thank you,

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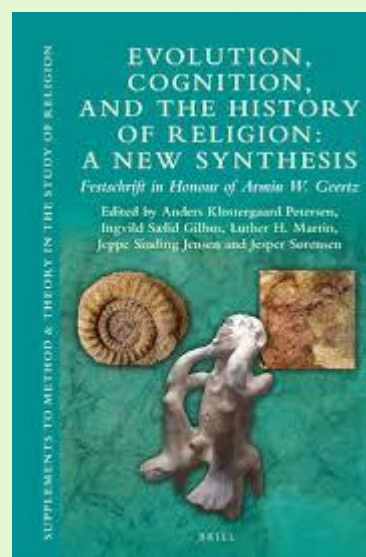
## Evolution, Cognition, and the History of Religion: A New Synthesis

*Festschrift in Honour of Armin W. Geertz*

*Series: Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion, Volume: 13*

Editors: Anders Klostergaard Petersen, Gilhus Ingvild Sælid, Luther H. Martin, Jeppe Sinding Jensen and Jesper Sørensen

Evolution, Cognition, and the History of Religion: A New Synthesis comprises 41 chapters that push for a new way of conducting the study of religion, thereby, transforming the discipline into a genuine science of religion. The recent resurgence of evolutionary approaches on culture and the increasing acknowledgement in the natural and social sciences of culture's and religion's evolutionary importance calls for a novel epistemological and theoretical framework for studying these two areas. The chapters explore how a new scholarly synthesis, founded on the triadic space constituted by evolution, cognition, cultural and ecological environment, may develop. Different perspectives and themes relating to this overarching topic are taken up with a main focus on either evolution, cognition, and/or the history of religion.



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## Conferences



### IAPR Conference 2019

#### *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality: New Trends and Neglected Themes*

Where: Gdańsk, Poland

When: August 31 - September 3, 2019

Workshops: August 30 – 31, 2019

Welcome to a new challenge! The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) holds biannual conferences that serve as a meeting point for scholars from all over the world to share the latest research findings in the field. We are pleased and honored to announce that the IAPR Conference 2019 will be held in Gdańsk, Poland and will take place from August 31st - September 3rd. This year, we would like to summarize the current knowledge within the title Psychology of Religion and Spirituality: New Trends and Neglected Themes. As the first decade of new millennium ends, we invite participants to reflect on what we have achieved so far and what we can still do as researchers.

Keynotes:

- Prof. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska,
- Prof. Peter C. Hill
- Prof. Sebastian Murken
- Prof. Gerard Saucier



Our keynote speakers are all world-leading researchers in psychology, religion and spirituality, beliefs, culture and cross-cultural studies. The gathering will also feature a special symposium dedicated to psychology of work and religion, prepared by Prof. David Miller. In addition, we invite submissions in the form of sessions, individual papers, and posters. We hope that the program will reflect the essence of the theme we have adopted as well as many fresh ideas from other parts of the field.

Important dates:

- Open registration: 1st of Nov. 2018
- Deadline for abstracts: 1st of Feb. 2019



Organizers:

§ International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) [www.iaprweb.com](http://www.iaprweb.com)

§ University of Gdańsk (Institute of Psychology in it) [www.en.ug.edu.pl](http://www.en.ug.edu.pl)

§ Polish Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (PSPRS, pol. PTPRiD) [www.ptprid.pl](http://www.ptprid.pl)

**Website:** <https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/>

## Job Openings & Grants



### *Postdoctoral Position*

## **The neural representation of religious concepts and beliefs**

### *Georgetown Laboratory for Relational Cognition*

Applications are invited for a multi-year postdoctoral position focused on conducting a grant-funded research project in the Georgetown Laboratory for Relational Cognition, directed by Adam Green ([cng.georgetown.edu](http://cng.georgetown.edu)). **The project will employ representational similarity analysis of fMRI data to investigate the neural representation of religious concepts and beliefs.** The postdoc will directly oversee research assistants and graduate students who will support data collection and analysis. The project will be conducted in collaboration with laboratories at Dartmouth, Northwestern, and Arizona State. There will be ample opportunity, dependent on the post-doc's level of interest, to engage with many other ongoing projects related to learning, reasoning, and creativity, including neuroimaging and neuromodulation-based approaches.

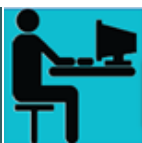
Applicants should hold a Ph.D. (or anticipate a Ph.D. no later than spring of 2019). Candidates with strong neuroimaging methods backgrounds and interests, and those with interests in concept and belief representation would be well-suited to this position. Favorable consideration will be given to applicants with a record of productivity and strong organizational and leadership skills.

The start date is somewhat flexible, but will be in the late summer or early fall of 2019.

Interested candidates should send a CV and a letter of application describing research interests and professional goals to Griffin Colaizzi ([gc815@georgetown.edu](mailto:gc815@georgetown.edu)) and should indicate three professional references who can readily provide letters of recommendation upon request.

Georgetown University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. If you are a qualified individual with a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please see the Georgetown website for more information, or contact the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Affirmative Action (IDEAA) at (202) 687-4798. This position requires a criminal background check performed by Human Resources.

## Job Openings & Grants



### Assistant Professor of American Religions

*Philosophy and Religious Studies, Iowa State University*

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appointment Type                    | Faculty - Tenure-Eligible |
| Base of Employment                  | B - Faculty (9 Months)    |
| Full or Part Time                   | Full-Time                 |
| Pay Frequency                       | Monthly                   |
| Proposed Start Date                 | 08/16/2019                |
| Number of Months Employed Per Year: | 9                         |

#### Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in religious studies at the rank of assistant professor with a specialization in American religions. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active program of scholarly research, develop and teach undergraduate courses, and contribute to service appropriate to the rank of assistant professor.

The department's teaching load is five undergraduate courses per year, which will include courses in the faculty member's area(s) of specialty, as well as sections of Religion in America.

We seek candidates who share in our mission of achieving excellence through diversity, inclusion, and equity. The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies is firmly committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty, and strongly encourages applications from underrepresented and marginalized groups, including, but not limited to women, veterans, and people who identify as LGBTQIA.

#### Required Education and Experience:

Ph.D. in Religious Studies or related discipline.

#### Preferred Education and Experience:

Demonstrated or potential for excellence in teaching.

Demonstrated or potential for excellence in research.

Expertise in East Asian religions in America or indigenous religions of America.

Expertise in issues of gender and/or sexuality in underrepresented religious traditions in America.

**Deadline:** 1 December 2018

**More information:** <https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/36791>