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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Benefits of membership:

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.

2. Members of the IAPR pay reduced conference fees for the organization's conferences.

3. IAPR members receive special discounts for their subscriptions to:
   b) Mental Health, Religion & Culture: $100/£60/€80 instead of $386/£231/€441.

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.
Dear IAPR members,

In the present edition you will find information concerning how to participate in the new Early Career Researchers section that starts in the September newsletter, the IAPR 2013 Congress, two Post Doc openings, and several book publications. This newsletter was written with the help of Rosally Aguilar from UNC.

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.

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Attention all Ph.D. students and Post-Docs:

Beginning in the September Edition of the IAPR newsletter, there will be a new section called “Spreading the News – Early Career Researchers Talk about Their Latest Findings and Upcoming Studies.” This section will be devoted to presenting works done by early career researchers (Ph.D. students and Post-Docs). This would be an excellent opportunity to share some of your upcoming studies, fascinating findings, and recently published works with your colleagues. If you are interested in having your work featured in the September Edition or other upcoming IAPR newsletters, please email me a summary (max. 1 page) of your last research study, interesting finding, or last published paper as well as a picture of yourself to pattyv@unc.edu.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Patty Van Cappellen
The 2013 Congress of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Congress is organized in collaboration with the University of Lausanne, particularly the Institute for Social Sciences of Contemporary Religions (ISSRC-Religions, Science and Theological Faculty/FTSR) and the Institute of Psychology (IP-Social and Political Sciences Faculty/SSP). Increasingly, the IAPR Congresses have become an essential place for meeting and dialogue between researchers and scholars from a vast array of countries. We cordially invite you to attend this congress and present your empirical and/or theoretical research in, for example, neurosciences, religion/spirituality, mental health, religious development, cultural perspective or other topics. The main language of this Congress will be English.
THE IAPR 2013 CONGRESS WILL BE AN EXCITING AND INTELLECTUAL EVENT!

Highlights:

❖ NEW THIS YEAR! IAPR 2013 Preconference: Methodological issues in current psychological research on religion

➢ The pre-conference will take place on August 27. The Key Speakers will be:

   ▪ 10.00-10.45: Vassilis Saroglou (University of Louvain, Belgium): Measuring religious and spiritual dimensions in secularized societies
   ▪ 10.45-11.30: Christopher Alan Lewis (Glyndŵr University, United Kingdom): Measures of religiosity: Review, evaluation, and construction
   ▪ 11.45-12.45: Pierre-Yves Brandt (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Pehr Granqvist (Stockholm University, Sweden): Implicit and projective measures of God representations among children and adults
   ▪ 13.30-14.45: Wade C. Rowatt (Baylor University, USA): Implicit measures in psychological research on religion and prejudice
   ▪ 14.45-15.00: Kevin Ladd (Indiana University South Bend, USA): Methodological issues in research on the psychology of prayer

➢ Link to website:
   http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/iapr2013/pre-conference/

❖ IAPR 2013 Congress Keynote Speakers:

➢ Dr. Jessie De Zutter, winner of the early career award 2011, University of Leuven (Belgium):
   “Where art Thou? Exploring the role of meaning systems in the face of adversity.”

➢ Prof. Emeritus Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa (Israel): “Psychologies of religion: Old and New.”

➢ Prof. Peter Nynäg, Åbo Akademi University (Finland): Research on post-secularity and on contemporary religious change—a space for the psychology of religion?

➢ Dr. J. Hanneke Schaap-Jonker, University of Groningen (The Nederlands): God representations 2.0: psychodynamic theory meets neurobiology.
At the University of Vienna (15 faculties, 3 centres, about 188 fields of study, approx. 9.400 members of staff, more than 90.000 students) the position of a

**University Assistant (post doc)**

at the Faculty of Protestant Theology

As from 1 September 2013, a post doc position at the Department of Practical Theology and Psychology of Religion of the Faculty of Protestant Theology will be vacant for six years.

**Extent of Employment:** 40 hours/week

*Occupation group in accordance with collective bargaining agreement:* §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc)

On top of this relevant chargeable work experience determines the assessment to a particular salary grade.

**Areas of work:**
- Participation in research and teaching
- Participation in research projects according to the profile of the institute.
- (International) publishing and presentation activities
- Preparation /Finalization of a (publishable) habilitation
- Holding classes due to extent regulations of wage agreement

**Profile:**
Completed university degree (PhD) in the field of Theology respectively Religious Studies or Psychology, enabling to research in the fields of Practical Theology and Psychology of Religion. It is referred to § 15 of the law on external legal relations of the Protestant Church in Austria, Federal Law Gazette No. 182/1961 as amended.

Desirable are appropriate qualifications (eg, studies, publications, teaching experience) in the field of Practical Theology or Religious Studies or Psychology, which allow the applicant to participate within the formation of the perspective of psychology of religion of the institute, unless an interdisciplinary or religious-psychological promotion makes this evidence unnecessary.

We expect a keen interest in the development and establishment of religious reflection of psychological perspectives, understanding of the consequences of theological and religious relevance of such questions as well as a high degree of personal initiative and responsibility, communication skills, interest in teaching, commitment to training and flexibility.

Good knowledge of English (oral and written) is required.

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Your application should include the following documents:

- Letter of intent
- Scientific CV
- List of publications
- Draft of research interests / habilitation project
- Reference letters (if existing)

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Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be sent via Job Center to the University of Vienna (http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at) no later than 10.05.2013 and be referenced to the identification number 3918.

For further information please contact jobcenter@univie.ac.at.

The University of Vienna intends to increase the number of women on its faculty, particularly in high-level positions, and therefore specifically invites applications.
Post Doc Research Position at the University of North Texas

Job Summary:
The Postdoctoral Research Associate will assist the faculty supervisor with a grant project on the topic of intellectual humility. Second, the postdoctoral research associate will assist the faculty supervisor with writing scientific papers in the area of positive psychology. The Postdoctoral Research Associate will:

- Help coordinate data collection for three studies on grant project
- Submit scientific papers to peer-reviewed journals
- Management of grant project
- Collegiality and work with others

Position Information:
- For 12 months  
- Salary: $45,000 plus benefits  
- Non-Tenure Track

Minimum Qualifications:
- Earned PhD in Psychology or related field at the time of appointment.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience conducting research in Psychology or related field, as evidence by scientific publications and presentations.
- Strong organizational skills
- Proficiency in analyzing data and writing up research.

Application Documents:
- Curriculum Vita
- Cover Letter
- List of Names and Contact Information of Three References

To Apply Visit:
https://facultyjobs.unt.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=157456

- Go to “Search Postings” → Position ID # N14830 (Listed Under “Department” Column)

Additional Information:
Joshua N. Hook, Ph.D.  Email: joshua.hook@unt.edu
'Religious music’, in what way ever defined, raises questions for psychologists of religion: why does it, sometimes, move some people so deeply, even when they deny being religious? Are musicality and religiosity perhaps analogous to one another? Could the one be a functional equivalent of the other? Do they have the same prenatal roots? Which therapeutic functions can religious music serve? – Issues such as these are being explored by the hermeneutically oriented authors in this volume.
Psychoanalysis, Monotheism and Morality
The Sigmund Freud Museum Symposia 2009-2011
Wolfgang Müller-Funk, Inge Scholz-Strasser, Herman Westerink (eds)
With cooperation from: Daniela Finzi

International experts reflecting on psychoanalysis in relation to religion and morality

In this volume renowned experts in psychoanalysis reflect on the relationship between psychoanalysis and religion, in particular presenting various controversial interpretations of the question if and to what extent monotheism semantically and structurally fits psychoanalytic insights.

For More Information:


€ 39,50 / £35.00, ISBN 9789058679352, paperback, 216 p., English
Reviewing the growing body of scientific research on prayer, this book describes what is known about the behavioral, cognitive, emotional, developmental, and health aspects of this important religious activity. The highly regarded authors provide a balanced perspective on what prayer means to the individual, how and when it is practiced, and the impact it has in people's lives. Clinically relevant topics include connections among prayer, coping, and adjustment, as well as controversial questions of whether prayer (for oneself or another) can be beneficial to health. The strengths and limitations of available empirical studies are critically evaluated, and promising future research directions are identified.
Psychological interest in religion, in terms of both theory and empirical research, has been constant since the beginning of psychology. However, since the beginning of the 21st Century, partially due to important social and political events and developments, interest in religion within personality and social psychology has increased.

This volume reviews the accumulated research and theory on the major aspects of personality and social psychology as applied to religion. It provides a high quality integrative, systematic, and rigorous review of that work, with a focus on topics that are both central in personality and social psychology and have allowed for the accumulation of solid and replicated and not impressionist knowledge on religion. The contributors are renowned researchers in the field who offer an international perspective that is both illuminating, yet neutral, with respect to religion.

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