



7th Annual Mid-Year Conference on Research and Spirituality
April 3 & 4, 2009
Pre-Conference April 2, 2009

World-Renowned Experts in the fields of Research and Religion
Travel to Columbia Maryland to Speak at
The Only Professional Conference of its Kind

Invited Speakers Are

Drs. Richard Gorsuch, Paul Wink, Andrew Newberg and George Bonanno

According to the American Religious Identification Survey more Americans say they have no religion and the percentage of Christians in the nation has declined. Join us at ***The 7th Annual Mid-Year Conference on Research and Spirituality*** to be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 3 & 4, 2009**, at the Loyola Columbia Graduate Center in Columbia, MD and hear what the experts have to say about on this hot topic and the latest trends in research and spirituality.

The Conference represents a joint partnership between Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) of the American Psychological Association and provides a supportive academic forum where professionals discuss the latest research findings and scientific advances in the field. ***There is no other professional conference with a major purpose of promoting research in religion and spirituality.***

The invited speakers are:

Friday, April 3, 11 am – 12:30 pm - PAUL WINK, Ph.D.

Religious Dwelling and Spiritual Seeking:
Different Pathways, Similar Outcomes

In this session Wink will examine how religious beliefs and practices unfold over time and identify the long-term personality characteristic and early life experiences predictive of religious and spiritual engagement in old age.

Dr. Wink received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley. He is currently Professor of Psychology at Wellesley College. Wink has published extensively in the areas of religiousness and spirituality, adult development, generativity, and narcissism. He is the co-author with Michele Dillon of *In the course of a lifetime: Tracing religious belief, practice, and change*, (2007) and a co-editor with Jackie James of *The crown of life: Dynamics of the early post-retirement period*, (2007).

Friday, April 3, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm - ANDREW NEWBERG, Ph.D.

How God Changes Your Brain

Dr. Newberg, will describe current research exploring the relationship between God, religion and spirituality and the human brain. Newberg's research now largely focuses on how brain function is associated with various mental states – in particular, the relationship between brain function and mystical or religious experiences.

Dr. Newberg is Director of Clinical Nuclear Medicine, Director of NeuroPET Research, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The results and implications of his research are delineated in Dr. Newberg's book, *Why God Won't Go Away* (Ballantine/Random House).

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am – 10:30 am - GEORGE BONANNO, Ph.D.

***The Human Capacity to Thrive
In the Face of Extreme Adversity***

Dr. Bonanno will define resilience as associated with recovery, and present evidence indicating that resilience is often the most common response among adults exposed to serious adversity.

Dr. Bonanno is professor of Education and Psychology at Columbia University, will discuss trauma and resiliency issues. In recent years, Professor Bonanno's work has focused more specifically on defining psychological resilience in adults exposed to extreme adversity and on the psychological and contextual factors that might inform resilient outcomes.

Saturday, April 4, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm - RICHARD GORSUCH, Ph.D.

***Beliefs as Truth Statements:
Do They Have a Role In research on Spirituality?***

Dr. Gorsuch will examine the possible role of religious beliefs as truth statements in research on religion, and spirituality.

Dr. Gorsuch, a professor of psychology at Fuller since 1979, is a prolific researcher in the areas of substance abuse, social psychology, psychology of religion, and statistics. He is also known across the social sciences for his publication of *Factor Analysis* (1983) and the development of the statistical software program "UniMult."

**Pre-Conference - Thursday, April 2, 2009
Speakers and Titles
*Limited Seats Still Available***

**#1 Positive Psychology and Spirituality: Clinical and Everyday Applications for Flourishing –
Presented by Joe Ciarrocchi, Ph.D. 9:30 am – 12:30 pm (Columbia Maryland Resident)**

**#2 – The Forgiveness Solution to Depression, Anxiety, Hurt, Anger, Guilt and Shame within
a Transformation Energetic Model of Healing and Change - Presented by Philip Friedman, Ph.D.
1:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**#5 Spirituality Integrated Psychotherapy - Presented by Kenneth Pargament, Ph.D.
Full Day 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**#7 Jungian Dream Analysis - Presented by William Sneek, Ph.D.
Full Day 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**

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