



# **The Religious Experience Research Centre Conference 2019: The Future of the Study of Religious and Spiritual Experience: 50th Anniversary of the Religious Experience Research Centre**

## **Session 1 (Monday, 2.00 - 4.00pm):**

Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture by Prof Ann Taves : What Counts as Religious/Spiritual Experience? Contextualizing the Hardy data in light of a five culture study of nonordinary experiences

## **Session 2 (Monday, 4.30 - 6.00pm):**

Panel 1: Religious Experience Research Centre

Wendy Dossett    Wisdom's Garden and Higher Power in Addiction Recovery.

Marianne

Rankin            The 'Fruits' of Religious and Spiritual Experience

Anne Morgan    Female conversion experience: a comparative study of gender experience within Christianity

Dinner Reception (6.30pm)

**Session 3 (Tuesday, 9.00 - 10.30am):**

Panel 2: Types of Religious Experience

Mara Steenhuisen	Harbingers of shadows or messengers of light? Spiritual experiences with orbs in the perception of orb enthusiasts
Melinda Powell	Presence in Spiritual Dreams
Nicole Graham	Laughter as Religious Experience

Panel 3: Dialogic approaches to the ethnographic study and written narratives of spirit mediumship and esoteric or religious phenomena (panel organised by Fabian Graham)

Terence Palmer  
Dirk Schlottman  
Fabian Graham

**Session 4 (Tuesday, 11.00am - 12.30pm):**

Panel 4: Spiritual experience and health

Emily Pierini	Beyond Belief: Therapeutic Trajectories and Mediumistic Experiences in the Vale do Amanhecer'
Nicole Holt	Spiritual Experiences and Health: Perceived effects of spirituality on the health of the those who identify as Spiritual but Not Religious
Olivia Luijnenburg	Exploring the spiritual needs of older people in residential care

Panel 5: Religious experience in different communities

Jennifer Uzzell	Gods, Weights and Ancestors: The Varieties of Pagan Religious Experience at Ancient Sacred Sites
Dr Daniel Sebola	"A narrow escape", results of a Divine intervention: Communal and personal religious experience in South Africa
Julia Wright	Agriculture and spirituality: can farming systems be sustainable if they ignore the hidden half of nature?

**Session 5 (Tuesday, 2.00 - 4.00pm):**

Keynote by Prof Jeremy Carrette

**Session 6 (Tuesday, 4.30 - 6.00pm):**

Panel 6: Shamanism and Mysticism

Tish Marrable	Becoming shamanic – how do people talk about their experiences of finding shamanism as a spiritual practice?'
Paul Marshall	Pursuing the 'wild facts': Metaphysical implications of mystical experience
Zsuzsanna Szugyiczki	Mysticism - Then and Now

Panel 7: Analysing religious and spiritual experience

Adam Powell	The Conditions and Cognitions of Spiritualist Experience: A Mixed-Methods Phenomenology
James Murphy	Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis and the Study of Religious and Spiritual Experiences
Alison Robertson	"You're shutting out everything except you and the other person": The Co-Construction of BDSM Experience

**Session 7 (Wednesday, 9.00 - 10.30am):**

Panel 8: Religious experience from a medical anthropological perspective

Simon Dein	The Efficacy of Religious Healing
Arjan Braam and (Annemarie Noort)	Religiousness as a possible correlate of religious delusions: a study among older patients with affective and non-affective psychosis
Eva Ouweland	Explanatory models for religious and spiritual experiences in patients with bipolar disorder

Panel 9: Religious experience and interfaith

Johnson Elijah

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Negotiating Experience, Meaning and Social Realities of Faith Communities: A Case Study of the Nasrul-lahi-li Fathi Society (NASFAT) in N

Julia Kuhlin

(about Pentecostal experience in India)

Martin Lockley

The Kundalini Awakening phenomenon: a high energy species of Spiritually Transformative Experience.

**Session 8 (Wednesday, 11.00am - 13.00pm):**

Keynote by Prof Leslie Francis