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*7TH BIENNIAL MEETING of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE COGNITIVE  
SCIENCE OF RELIGION*

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August 12 – 16 2018 Boston Massachusetts USA

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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Sunday August 12**

**(Activities from 7:00 PM – 9:30PM)**

- 07:00PM Opening Reception and Welcome  
08:00PM **Plenary from Keynote Speaker Wesley J. Wildman**  
09:00PM Reception Continues

**Monday August 13**

**(Activities from 9:00AM – 5:30PM)**

- 08:00AM Coffee  
09:00AM **Panel – Incorporating Gender into CSR Research – Ann Taves, Chair**  
Kate Stockly, “Godless Women: Re-defining Atheism(s) in Light of Cognitive and Psychological Gender Differences”  
Kayla Bonnin, “Lighting the Female Fuse: Group Fusion, Devoted Actors, and Female Suicide Bombers”  
10:00AM Break  
10:15AM **Panel – New Experimental Approaches – Nick Stagnaro, Chair**  
Shoko Watanabe, “Vengeance is God’s, Not Mine: The Effect of Divine and Secular Retribution Concepts on Third-Party Punishment”  
Konrad Talmont-Kaminiski, K. Bialystock, “Shared Cognitive Basis of Ritualized and Superstitious Behavior”  
Christopher Kavanagh, “Pain as Pleasure: The Role of Post Ritual Affective Processing in Forging Group Bonds”  
Peter Mano, “Socio-economic Factors Involved in Participation in Extreme Rituals”  
12:15PM Lunch  
01:45PM **Poster Session**  
02:15PM **Panel – Embodiment of Religion in Mind and Experience – Dimitris Xygalatas, Chair**  
Megan Edwards, Patty Van Cappellan, PhD, & Stephanie Cassidy, “The Physicality of Religious Experiences: Relationships Between Body Postures and Feelings”  
Stephanie Cassidy, Patty Van Cappellan, PhD, Kevin Ladd, PhD, & Megan Edwards, “Influence of ‘Religious’ Postures on Emotions, Humility and Image of God: Preliminary Findings”  
Kevin Ladd, “Emplacement, Embodiment and Empowerment: Exploring the Interface of Hospitals, Bodies, and Prayer”  
Michael Barlev, “The Primacy of the Embodied Person Concept in Forming Representations of Extraordinary Beings: The Cases of God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus”  
04:15PM Break



- 04:30PM **Panel – Researching Religious Experience – Kate Stockly, Chair**  
Laird Edman, “Theory of Mind and the Experience of the Supernatural: Intimacy with God, Agentic Evil, Absorption and Mysticism”  
Justin Lane, “A New Perspective on Social Cohesion in Large Religions: Identity as the Result of Interactive Schemas”

**Tuesday August 14**

**(Activities from 9:00AM – 5:45PM)**

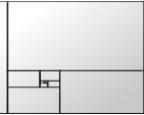
- 08:00AM Coffee
- 09:00AM **Panel – Cultural Evolution – Armin Geertz, Chair**  
Hugh Turpin, “Irish Ex-Catholicism in Cognitive and Moral Psychological Perspective”  
Michael Vlerick, “The Cultural Evolution of Institutional Religions: A Refinement of the Dual Inheritance Theory of Religion”  
John Shaver, “How Does Religious Cooperation Affect Child Outcomes? Testing the Alloparental Signaling Model with a Large-Scale, Longitudinal Database”
- 10:45AM Break
- 11:00AM **Plenary from Keynote Speaker Catherine Caldwell-Harris**
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 01:30PM **Panel – Simulating Religious Cognition – Wesley Wildman, Chair**  
LeRon Shults: Toward a Standard Computational Model of Religious Cognition  
Justin E. Lane: A Computational Model of Modes of Religious Transmission (MORT)  
Ross Gore: A Computational Model of Mutually Escalating Religious Violence (MERV)  
Ivan Puga-Gonzalez: A Computational Model of Credibility Enhancing Displays (CRED)  
Saikou Diallo: Challenges and Opportunities in the Social Simulation of Religion
- 03:30PM Break
- 04:00PM **Panel – Case Studies in Modeling Religion – Wesley Wildman, Chair**  
Connor Wood, “The Grammar of Religion: A Model of Faith Communities as Complex Adaptive Systems”  
John Balch, “Embedded Choices: Modeling Stark and Bainbridge’s Rational Compensator Theory”
- 04:45PM **Panel – Religion and Self-Regulation, Chris Kavanagh, Chair**  
Jonathan Morgan, “Religion, Varieties of Self-Regulation, and Cooperation: It Depends on How You Feel”  
Vladimir Bahna, “Costs and Uncertainty: The Error Management Theory of Religion”

**Wednesday August 15**

**(Activities from 9:00AM – 9:00PM)**

- 08:00AM Coffee
- 09:00AM **Plenary from Keynote Speaker Will Gervais**
- 10:00AM Break
- 10:15AM **Panel – New Perspectives on Unbelief – Hugh Turpin, Chair**  
Ryan McKay, “Abolish the Oath? Moral Prejudice Against Atheists May Bias Courtroom Decisions”  
Kelly Cui, “Parents’ Stance towards Science and Religion in the USA, Iran, and China”  
Nick Byrd, “Philosophers Are More Reflective, But Atheist Philosophers Are More Reflective Than Theist Philosophers”  
Tommy Coleman, “The Salutary Effects of ‘Nonreligious’ Beliefs: Empirical Problems for the Scientific Study of ‘Religion’?”
- 12:15PM Lunch

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01:30PM

**Panel – Historiographic Approaches to CSR – Ann Taves, Chair**

Thomas Martin, “The Cognitive Science of Religion, Cognitive Dissonance, and the Deification of Demetrius the City-Besieger in Athens (307 BCE)”

Blanka Mistic, “Remembering the Rites: A New Theoretical Approach for Learning and Transmission of Religious Ritual in the Graeco-Roman World”

John Teehan, “An Embodied CSR: Pragmatic Roots and Future Directions”

03:00PM

Break

03:15PM

**Panel – Teaching CSR: Problems and Practice – John Shaver, Chair**

Paul Robertson, “Teaching Cognitive Approaches to Religion in an Undergraduate Humanities Lab: Methods, Strategies, Successes, Failures”

Nathan Frederickson, “Thinking and Teaching Spatially: Worldviews & Spatial Cognition, Theory & Pedagogy”

Open Discussion on Teaching CSR

05:00PM

IACSR Business Meeting and Elections

06:00PM

Closing Reception

Reflections from: Armin Geertz, Stuart Guthrie, Chris Kavanagh, Ryan McKay, Ann Taves