

## 2009 PA CONVENTION – TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

**Thursday, August 6th**

**5:00 – 8:00: Registration and Social Reception**

**Friday, August 7th**

**8:30 – 5:30: Registration Desk Open**

**9:00 – 9:05: Welcoming Remarks**

**9:05 – 10:05: Panel: Psi, the Soul, and Presently Known Laws of Physics**

*Chair: Charles T. Tart*

- 9:05 Psi and Physics: Reconciliation in an Expanded Physics or New Paradigm? – *Charles T. Tart*
- 9:15 Explanations of Psi, Speculations on Soul – *Richard Shoup*
- 9:25 Psi and Expanded Physics, Soul and New Paradigm – *Jean Burns*
- 9:35 Panel discussion
- 9:45 Open discussion

**10:05 – 11:05: Invited Address**

Déjà vu: Subjective Paranormal Experience, Brain Glitch, Psychopathology or Associative Variant – *Vernon M. Neppe*

**11:05 – 11:35: Coffee Break**

**11:35 – 12:50: ESP Test Methods and Application**

- 11:35 Associative Remote Viewing: The Next Candidate for the Paradigmatic Psi Experiment? – *Paul H. Smith*
- 12:00 The Public Testing of an Artificial Intuition Device Using the Pick 3 Lottery – *Mark Zilberman*
- 12:25 Even Weak Psi Effects May Be Put to Practical Use – *James Carpenter*

**12:50 – 2:45: Lunch Break**

**2:45 – 4:00: Paranormal Healing and Medical Diagnosis**

- 2:45 A Study to Assess the Validity of Applied Kinesiology (AK) as a Diagnostic Tool and as a Nonlocal Proximity Effect – *Stephan A. Schwartz, Jessica Utts, S. James P. Spottiswoode, Christopher W. Shade, Lisa Tully, William F. Morris, & Ginette Nachman*
- 3:10 Effects of Psychic Healing Intentions on Patterns of Cosmic Rays – *Gary E. Schwartz & Mark Boccuzzi*
- 3:35 Paranormal Healing, Paranormal Belief, and Psychological Well-Being in Arthritis Sufferers: A Small-Scale Clinical Trial – *Alison Easter & Caroline Watt*

**4:00 – 4:30: Coffee Break**

**4:30 – 5:30: Panel: Separating the Sheep from the Goats: A Tribute to the Memory of Dr. Gertrude R. Schmeidler**

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**5:30 – 7:30: Dinner Break**

**7:30 – 10:00: Presidential Address and Reception**

- 7:30 Presidential Address: The possible future of parapsychology with some help from regression to the hypnotic past – *Etzel Cardeña*
- 8:30 Presidential Reception

**Saturday, August 8th**

**8:30 – 5:30: Registration Desk Open**

**9:00 – 9:50: Psychological Variables**

- 9:00 Psi as First Sight: A Formal Statement of Theory – *James Carpenter*
- 9:25 Hypnotizability, Dissociation, and Belief in Psi as Predictors of Performance in a Precognition Task – *David Marcusson-Clavertz, John Wasmuth, & Etzel Cardeña*

**9:50 – 10:40: DMILS Studies**

- 9:50 Evidence for Subconscious but Not Conscious Psi in Remote Stare Detection and Precognition Tasks – *Julia A. Mossbridge, Marcia Grabowecky, & Satoru Suzuki*
- 10:15 The Attention-Focusing Facilitation Paradigm: Remote Helping for Meditation? A Meta-Analysis – *Stefan Schmidt*

**10:40 – 11:10: Coffee Break**

**11:10 – 12:40: Panel: The Phenomenology of the Out-of-Body Experience**

*Chair: Vernon M. Neppe*

- 11:10 Introduction – *Vernon M. Neppe*
- 11:15 Models of Causality for the Out-of-Body Experience: The Multi-Etiological Phenomenological Approach – *Vernon M. Neppe*
- 11:30 A Comparison of Recent Research in Brain Stimulation and Virtual Reality with Psychological and Parapsychological Research on Out-of-Body Experiences – *Arthur Hastings*

- 11:45 Where Am I? (Who Am I?) Theories of Out-of-the-Body and In-the-Body Experiences –  
*Charles T. Tart*
- 12:00 Beyond the Body but Not Over the Line: Experiential Differences Between the Near-Death  
Experience and Out-of-Body Experience – *Kimberly Clark Sharp*
- 12:15 Discussant – *John Palmer*
- 12:25 Discussion

**12:40 – 2:35: Lunch Break**

**2:35 – 3:15: Anomalies in the “Real World”**

- 2:35 An Altered State: Radical Politics and the Literate Dead in Ireland’s Celtic Revival –  
*Wendy Cousins*
- 2:50 Context, Individual Differences and Media Type in the Evaluation of Photographic  
Anomalies – *Annalisa M. Ventola & Devin B. Terhune*

**3:15 – 4:00: Poster Session**

Parapsychology and the Model of Superfluid Physical Vacuum – *Liudmila B. Boldyreva*

Phenomenological Anomalistic Psychology: Ensuring Homogeneous Data Collection for  
Present and Future Research on Possible Psi Phenomena by Detailing Subjective  
Descriptions, Using the Multi-axial A to Z SEATTLE Classification – *Vernon M. Neppe*

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**4:00 – 4:30: Coffee Break**

**4:30 – 5:30: Invited Address: PA Career Achievement Award Winner (2008)**

Toward Evidence-based Spirituality – *Charles T. Tart*

**5:30 – 7:30: Free Time**

**7:30 – 10:30: PA Banquet**

- 9:00 Parapsychological Association Awards
- 9:30 Banquet Address: Consciousness and the Interface Theory of Perception – *Donald Hoffman*

## **Sunday, August 9th**

**8:30 – 1:00: Registration Desk Open**

**9:00 – 9:50: Theoretical Issues**

- 9:00 Does Consciousness Collapse the Quantum-Wave Function? Experiments with an Optical Double-Slit System – *Dean Radin, Paul Wendland, & Robert Rickenbach*
- 9:25 The Hazards of Reductionistic Neuroscience Interpretation: Revisiting Anomalies and Subjective Experience Linked with the Brain – *Vernon M. Neppe*

**9:50 – 10:30: Survival Research and Experiences**

- 9:50 Addressing the Survival vs. Psi Debate through Process-Focused Mediumship Research – *Julie Beischel & Adam J. Rock*
- 10:15 TBA

**10:30 – 11:00: Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 12:00: Workshop**

Parapsychology for Educators – *William G. Everist & Loyd Auerbach*

**12:00 – 1:00: PA Business Meeting (PA members only)**