

2007 PA Convention – Convention Program

Thursday, August 2nd

6:00 – 10:00: Welcoming Activities

- 6:00 Registration
- 7:30 Social Reception

Friday, August 3rd

8:30 – 9:15: Introductory Activities

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcoming remarks: Rex G. Stanford (PA President), John Palmer (Program Chair)

9:15 – 10:40: Panel: Forgotten Pioneers of Parapsychology

Chair: Carlos S. Alvarado

- 9:15 Introduction – *Carlos S. Alvarado*
- 9:20 The many faces of a parapsychological pioneer: Max Dessoir (1867-1947) –
Gerd H. Hövelmann
- 9:30 Rufus Osgood Mason (1830–1903) and the popularization of psychical research in
America – *Carlos S. Alvarado*
- 9:40 Emil Mattiesen: German composer and “metapsychologist” – *Eberhard Bauer*
- 9:50 Christoph Schröder (1871–1952): The hub of a parapsychological network –
Peter Mulacz
- 10:00 “Biology without metapsychics, a bird without wings”: Orlando Canavesio’s
contributions to parapsychology – *Alejandro Parra*
- 10:10 Charles Edward Stuart (1907–1947) and experimental ESP research – *Nancy
L. Zingrone*
- 10:20 Open discussion

10:40 – 11:10: Coffee Break

11:10 – 12:15: Psychological Variables

- 11:10 Paranormal belief, anxiety, and perceived control over life events – *Chris A. Roe &
Claire Bell*
- 11:35 The neurophenomenology of hypnosis – *Etzel Cardeña, Dietrich Lehmann, Peter
Jönsson, Devin Terhune, & Pascal Farber*
- 12:00 The occurrence, phenomenology, and psychological correlates of out-of-body and
near-death experiences – *David J. Wilde & Craig D. Murray*

12:15 – 1:45: Lunch

1:45 – 2:50: Psychology of Mediumship

- 1:45 Differences between Spiritist mediumship and dissociative identity
disorder based on a structured interview – *Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Francisco*

Lotufu Neto, & Etzel Cardeña

2:10 Spirit controls and the brain – *Bryan J. Williams & William G. Roll*

2:35 The psychology and phenomenology of mediumship: An exploratory survey –
Elizabeth C. Roxburgh

2:50 – 3:20: Coffee Break

3:20 – 4:00: Mediumship in Latin America

3:20 An “insanity factory”: Psychiatry vs. Spiritism in Brazil (1900-1950) – *Angélica A. S. Almeida & Alexander Moreira-Almeida*

3:45 Possession trance and suicide in a Colombian tribe – *Sergio Schilling*

4:00 – 5:00: Memorial Panel: Ian Stevenson’s Work in Parapsychology

Chair – Carlos S. Alvarado

4:00 Introduction – *Carlos S. Alvarado*

4:05 Ian Stevenson on the importance of spontaneous cases – *Nancy L. Zingrone*

4:15 Ian Stevenson’s reincarnation research – *Erlendur Haraldsson*

4:25 Ian Stevenson’s contributions to research with spontaneous ESP experiences –
Carlos S. Alvarado

4:35 Ian Stevenson on mental mediumship – *John Palmer*

4:45 Open Discussion

5:00 – 7:00: Dinner

7:00 – 10:30: Tributes, Presidential Address and Reception

7:00 Appreciations of distinguished PA members, recently deceased

Robert A. McConnell – *Rick E. Berger*

Evan Harris Walker – *Edwin C. May*

Rhea A. White – *Stanley Krippner*

7:15 Presidential Address – *Rex G. Stanford*

8:30 Presidential Reception

Saturday, August 4th

8:30 – 9:00: Registration

9:00 – 10:05: Remote Viewing

9:00 Advances in anomalous cognition analysis: A judge-free and
accurate confidence-calling technique – *Edwin C. May*

9:25 A remote viewing pilot study using a ganzfeld induction procedure – *Chris A. Roe
& Stuart Flint*

9:40 “Token object” effect and medical diagnosis: An experimental
study – *Alejandro Parra & Juan Carlos Argibay*

10:05 – 10:35: Coffee Break

10:35 – 11:35: Invited Address

An Attempt to replicate Ian Stevenson's findings about reincarnation cases –
Erlendur Haraldsson

11:35 – 12:25: Experimental Psi Research

- 11:35 A peek in the file drawer: Review of 96 undergraduate student projects at the Koestler parapsychology unit – *Caroline Watt*
12:00 Are artistic populations psi-conducive? Testing the relationship between creativity and psi with an experience-sampling protocol – *Nicola J. Holt*

12:25 – 1:55 Lunch

1:55 – 3:00: Implicit Psi Effects

- 1:55 Can sensory cues facilitate real ESP in an RNG guessing task? – *John Palmer*
2:20 Exploratory field RNG study during a group workshop on psychic experiences –
Bryan J. Williams
2:45 Cognitive disinhibition and psi: Exploring the filter theory of psi-awareness –
Nicola J. Holt, Christine A. Simmonds-Moore, & Stephen L. Moore

3:00 – 3:30: Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00: Panel: Three Parapsychological Association Goals: A 50th Anniversary Assessment

Chair – Rex G. Stanford

- 3:30 Introduction: The character of the assessment – *Rex G. Stanford*
3:35 Goal I: Advancement of parapsychology as a science – *Eberhard W. Bauer*
3:55 Goal II: Dissemination of the knowledge of parapsychology – *Stanley Krippner*
4:15 Goal III: The integration of parapsychology with other branches of science –
Edwin C. May
4:35 Discussant – *Jessica M. Utts*
4:50 Open discussion

5:00 – 6:00 Workshop

Web logs and wikis: 21st century tools for public scholarship – *Annalisa M. Ventola & Rick E. Berger*

7:30 – 10:30: PA Banquet

- 9:00 Parapsychological Association Outstanding Career Award
9:10 Banquet Address: Taking psi to the mainstream: Persuading the pope to look through the telescope – *Daryl J. Bem*

Sunday, August 5th

9:00 – 10:20: Macro Physical Effects

- 9:00 Psychological and neuropsychological aspects of RSPK – *William G. Roll*
9:25 Energetic aspects of RSPK – *William T. Joines & William G. Roll*

- 9:50 Poltergeists as external representations of a mental state – *Fiona Campbell & Craig D. Murray*
- 10:05 Evaluating photographic anomalies: Examining the roles of photographic expertise, context, paranormal belief, and tolerance of ambiguity – *Annalisa M. Ventola & Devin B. Terhune*

10:20 – 11:00: Poster Session

Is long distance psychokinesis possible in outer space?– *Liudmila B. Boldyreva*

“Seeing and feeling ghosts”: Absorption, fantasy proneness, and healthy schizotypy as predictors of crisis apparition experiences – *Alejandro Parra*

Assessing the role of personality and the provision of feedback in ESP dream research – *Chris A. Roe, Simon J Sherwood, & Louise M. Farrell*

Genetic analysis of psi experiences – *Sergio Schilling & Waldo Mora*

The Albuquerque 300 Experiment: Field RNG analysis of the Albuquerque Tricentennial – *Bryan J. Williams*

11:00 – 12:00 PA Business Meeting (PA members only)