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Summer Workshop 2014

Cognitive Science and Religion

Thursday, May 15th and Friday, May 16th

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Cristine Legare (Psychology, University of Texas at Austin)
E. Thomas Lawson (Queens University and Western Michigan University (emeritus))

and

Greg Berns (Facility for Education and Research in Neuroscience, Emory University)

John Dunne (Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University)

Robert McCauley (Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture, Emory University)

Vernon Robbins (Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University)

Bradd Shore (Anthropology, Emory University)

Over the last twenty-five years, scholars have brought the theories and findings as well as the tools and methods of the various cognitive and brain sciences to bear on religious thought and behavior. From its beginnings the cognitive science of religion has been a thoroughly inter-disciplinary undertaking, seeking to integrate formal modeling, experimental psychology, ethnographic research, and evolutionary insights. More recently, general trends in cognitive science, from deploying the tools of brain imaging to incorporating insights about embodiment, have swept across the cognitive science of religion as well, shaping accounts of religious beliefs and representations (both mental and public), ritual and other forms of religious conduct, religious attitudes and values, and types of religious experience. This workshop explores some of the most prominent directions such research has taken over the last twenty-five years, focusing specifically on some of the most exciting recent developments.

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