
6th Global Summit on Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health

May 14–15, 2026

Joseph B. Martin Conference Center

Boston, Massachusetts

■ PSYCHIATRY

■ PSYCHOLOGY

■ CHAPLAINCY / FAITH
LEADERSHIP

DAY 1

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Joseph B. Martin Conference
Center, Boston, MA

8:00–8:40 AM

Registration & Badge Pick-up

Lobby

8:40–9:00 AM

Opening Remarks & Spiritual Offering*David H. Rosmarin · Alan Fung · Angelika Zollfrank*

Auditorium

9:00–9:50 AM

Spirituality and Psychiatry: Challenges and Perspectives — Insights from Global Leaders*Alan Fung · Thomas Schulze · Paul Summergard · Alexander Moreira-Almeida*

Auditorium

10:00–10:50 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Auditorium

Panel: Integrating Spirituality into Clinical Practice: Evidence-Based Approaches for the Modern Psychiatrist*Chris Pittenger · Marc Potenza · Helen Lavretsky · Calvin Chatlos · Anna Yusim*

Room 214

Panel: When Faith and OCD Collide: Interdisciplinary Care for Scrupulosity*Katie O'Dunne · Leslie Shapiro · Emily Bailey · Michelle Witkin · Kaiser Aslam*

Room 216

Presentations: Clinician Orientation Toward Spiritually Integrated Care; Minding God and Meaning in Life*Brien Culhane · Brandon Unruh · Angelika Zollfrank · Nathan van der Velde*

Room 217

Presentations: Out-of-Body Experiences and Mental Health; Extraordinary Experiences around the Life/Death Boundary*Marina Weiler · Martin Monti · Alexander Moreira-Almeida · Julie Exline*

Bray Room

Presentations: Scientific Exploration of Life After Death; Spiritually Integrated IPT for Primary Care in Brazil*Alexander Moreira-Almeida · Bruno Paz Mosqueiro · Marcelo Fleck*

Pechet Room

Panel: End-of-Life Mental States: A Phenomenological and Neurobiological Comparative Analysis*Tais Oliveira Silva · Henrique Gonçalves Ribeiro · Marianna de Abreu Costa*

11:00–11:50 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Auditorium

Presentations: Practicing Pluralism; Building Bridges — Psychospiritual Care Competency Training*Suzanne Henderson · Andrew Sharp · Hannah Bayne*

Room 214	<p>Presentations: Equipping Faith Communities; Spiritual Struggle in Community Mental Health</p> <p><i>Ben Odell · Cheri Marmarosh · Suzanne Hollman</i></p>
Room 216	<p>Presentations: Faith, Culture, and Diversity in Brazil; Coping With Religiosity in Clinical Contexts</p> <p><i>Juliana Megale · Mario Peres · Marta Helena de Freitas</i></p>
Room 217	<p>Presentations: Religiosity and Quality of Life in Psychotic Patients; Meaning-Centered Approaches</p> <p><i>João Antonio Fortunatti · Rodrigo Bravo · Anna Yusim · Dawn La Porte · Crystal Harrell</i></p>
Bray Room	<p>Panel: The Science of Contemplation: Pathways of Healing and Transformation</p> <p><i>Jesse Fox · Daniel Gutierrez · Stephanie Dorais · Joseph Currier · Esther Kim</i></p>
Pechet Room	<p>Panel: Psyche Iatria, Spirit Medicine, in Brazil's Spiritual Cauldron</p> <p><i>Sidney Greenfield · Ottorino Bonvini · Vitor Pordeus · Vitor Nina de Lima</i></p>

12:00–12:50 PM **Light Lunch & Networking · Affinity Group Meetups**
Lobby

1:00–1:50 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 3**

Auditorium	<p>Panel: Religion, Spirituality and Faith in Mental Health: Collaborative Lived Experiences</p> <p><i>Glen Milstein · Alan Fung · Farha Abbasi · Eric Brown · Agatha Chong · Amy Porfiri</i></p>
Room 214	<p>Presentations: Integrating Religious/Spiritual Concerns in Psychotherapy; Training Therapists in Spiritual Competency</p> <p><i>Kristin Hansen · P. Scott Richards · Jennifer Ripley · Zhuo Job Chen et al.</i></p>
Room 216	<p>Presentations: Chaplain as Accomplice: Abolitionist and Disability Justice Lessons; Sacred Encounters</p> <p><i>Cyrus Jordan · Caitlin Kim · Anthony Cruz Pantojas</i></p>
Room 217	<p>Presentations: Psychology of Religion in Jewish Contexts; The Psychology of Sacred Rest — Shabbat</p> <p><i>Laura Stein · Steven Sandage · Aaron D. Cherniak · Pehr Granqvist · Mario Mikulincer</i></p>
Bray Room	<p>Panel: Beyond Pathology — Religion/Spirituality as a Catalyst for Flourishing and Wellbeing</p> <p><i>Crystal Park · Patty Van Cappellen · Amy Wachholtz · Matthew Lee · Ward Davis et al.</i></p>
Pechet Room	<p>Panel: Guidelines on Clinical Approach to Past-Life Memory Claims</p> <p><i>Eric Avila-Pires · Marieta Pehlivanova</i></p>

2:00–2:50 PM

Poster Session

Lobby

3:00–3:50 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Auditorium

Presentations: C.G. Jung and Non-Materialist Psychology; Types of Religious Cognition and Mental Health

Pedro Resende · Anahy Fonseca · T. Ryan Byerly · Julie Exline · Daniel Howard-Snyder et al.

Room 214

Panel: New Avenues in the Study of Anomalous or Non-Ordinary Experiences and Mental Health

Everton Maraldi · Amanda Cafezeiro

Room 216

Presentations: Reconciliation With God Scale; Network Analyses on Religion, Spirituality, and Mental Health

Kaye V. Cook · Katelyn N. G. Long · Tyler VanderWeele · Hanneke Schaap-Jonker et al.

Room 217

Presentations: Coherence-Based Clinical Innovation; ADAPT-FAITH™: Spirituality and Mental Health

Katelyn Lehman · Tiwalola Osunfisan

Bray Room

Panel: Radical Empiricism Exploring Spiritual Experiences — NUPES/UFJF

Alexander Moreira-Almeida · Caio S. Almeida · Eric V. A. Pires · Marianna A. Costa et al.

4:00–4:50 PM

Charting the Future of Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health

David H. Rosmarin

Auditorium

5:00–6:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Lobby

DAY 2

Friday, May 15, 2026

Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Boston, MA

8:00–9:00 AM

Registration & Badge Pick-up

Lobby

9:00–9:50 AM

KEYNOTE: The Role of Faith Communities in Supporting Mental Health

Maurizio Fava · Monty Burks

Auditorium

10:00–10:50 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Auditorium

Panel: Collaborating With Spiritual Leaders Across the Care Spectrum

Angelika Zollfrank · David Sutton · Mary Wessel · Rick Peter · Fritz Wolthusen

Room 214

Presentations: Integrating Spiritual Resources into Addiction Counseling; The Bishri Hafi Effect

Muhammed Berat Gecit · Hasan Kaplan · Nihal Isbilen · Ali Ulvi Mehmedoglu

Room 216

Presentations: Psychiatry and Religion — Knowledge Gap; Human Dignity and Mental Health — Bahá'í Perspectives

Peter J. Verhagen · Hamid Peseschkian · Muni N. Tahzib

Room 217

Presentations: Healing through Writing; Grace and Flourishing — Theological Contributions

Linyan Zheng · Edwin Odhiambo

Bray Room

Panel: Psychedelics at the Intersection of Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health

Roman Palitsky · Zac Kamenetz · Deanna M. Kaplan · Ali John Zarrabi

Pechet Room

Panel: Spiritual/Religious Struggle, Coping, and Deidentification: Impact on Mental Health

Ann Marie Yali · Julie Exline · Jessica Peters · Yehudis Keller · Crystal Park et al.

11:00–11:50 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Auditorium

Panel: Spiritual Competency Training in Mental Health Professions — State-of-the-Art 2026

Alan Fung · Glen Milstein · Francis Lu · Michelle Pearce · Alexander Moreira-Almeida

Room 214

Presentations: Qualitative Insights into Religious Exits; Spiritual and Religious Concerns in Couple Therapy

Lindsey Chou · Jesse Ojeda · Annette Mahoney · Sarah Crabtree et al.

Room 216	<p>Presentations: Spirituality in Integrated Perinatal Care; Faith, Stress, and Coping in Complex Pregnancies</p> <p><i>Micheline Anderson · Mallory Go · Gina Brelford · Jennifer Stoner et al.</i></p>
Room 217	<p>Presentations: Spirituality in the Transplant Journey; Essence Breathing Meditation (EB-IMPACT)</p> <p><i>Karin Posegger · Marcelo Linhares · Chrysantha Davis · Kevin Masters · Amy Wachholtz</i></p>
Bray Room	<p>Presentations: Global/Local Partnerships with the Catholic Church; Positive Psychotherapy and Bahá'í Perspectives</p> <p><i>Victor Pereira-Sanchez · Hamid Peseschkian</i></p>
Pechet Room	<p>Presentations: Psychodynamic Approaches to Digital Spiritual Care; Solo Chaplain in Behavioral Health</p> <p><i>Alex Beth Schapiro · Joe Chapman · Jo Hirschmann · Eva Bogino · Carisa Kymissis</i></p>

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Light Lunch & Networking

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3

Auditorium	<p>Presentations: Religion and Spirituality in Child/Adolescent Psychiatry; Jung's Complex Psychology</p> <p><i>Mary Lynn Dell · Kelly Hill · Margaret Stuber · Anahy Fonseca · Pedro Costa de Resende</i></p>
Room 214	<p>Presentations: Inclusivity Myth in Interfaith Spiritual Care; Religious/Spiritual Struggle and Depression in Adolescents</p> <p><i>Hatice Koç Kanca · Salvador Leavitt-Alcántara</i></p>
Room 216	<p>Presentations: Stressors, Religion, and Sleep Quality; Honoring Inner Experiences at Life's End</p> <p><i>Eric Shattuck · Leela McKinnon · Tais Oliveira Silva · Kathryn Levy · Christopher Kerr</i></p>
Room 217	<p>Presentations: Identity, Relationships, and Mental Health of Jehovah's Witnesses; The Armenian Revival Journey</p> <p><i>Donna Couper · Gerhard Besier · Hovhannes Nikoghosyan · Nazeli Kirakosyan</i></p>
Bray Room	<p>Presentations: Muslim Lived Experiences with Psychedelics; Spirituality and Hazardous Alcohol Use — Meta-Analysis</p> <p><i>Zainab Salako · Roman Palitsky · Howard K. Koh · Tyler J. VanderWeele et al.</i></p>
Pechet Room	<p>Presentations: ACEs, Religious Coping, and Clergy; Christian Contemplation and Psychological Wellbeing</p> <p><i>Eric Brown · Jesse Fox</i></p>

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Poster Session

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3:00–3:50 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Auditorium

Panel: The 2024 DSM-5-TR Z Code 'Moral, Religious, or Spiritual Problem': What is New*Francis Lu · James Griffith · John Peteet*

Room 214

Presentations: Attachment Theory and R/S Mental Health Research; Hope, Anxiety, and Depression Across 22 Countries*Emily Purcell · Victor Counted · David Netz · Daniel Waldheim et al.*

Room 216

Presentations: 'Free to be me' Treatment Protocol; Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences Inventory*Lana Tiersky · Zalman Abraham · Marie Grace Brook*

Room 217

Presentations: Reframing Mental Health Through the Chakra System; Pentecostal Humanism in Hospital Chaplaincy*Himabindu Lanka · Witek Nowosiad · L. William Oliverio*

Bray Room

Presentations: Reframing the Caregiver Experience; Inedia in Humans — A Case Report*Hannah Rachiele · Kathryn Levy · Alexander Moreira-Almeida · Caio Silva de Almeida*

Pechet Room

Panel: When Organized Religion is Harmful: Mental Health Perspectives on Adverse Religious/Spiritual Experiences*Yehudis Keller · Julie Exline · Kenneth Pargament · Sam Hardy · Daryl Van Tongeren et al.*

4:00–4:50 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 5

Auditorium

Panel: Integrating Religion and Spirituality in Spanish-Speaking Populations*Ezequiel Cruz-Gutiérrez · Maria Cristina Cruza-Guet · Humberto Cruz-Esparra et al.*

Room 214

Presentation: Religiosity and Spirituality in Suicidal Behavior — Multicenter Study in Brazil*Victoria A. S. de Almeida · Alexander Moreira-Almeida · Ives Cavalcante Passos et al.*

Room 216

Presentations: Spiritual Well-Being in IBS; Spiritual Counseling by Turkey's Presidency of Religious Affairs*Sema Yılmaz · Hilmi Ataseven · Sevde Duzguner*

Room 217

Presentations: Neuroscience and Logotherapy for Military Chaplains; Integrative Chaplaincy in the VA*Antonio de Jesus Silveira Leite · Jennifer Wortmann · Jason Nieuwsma · Keith Meador*

Bray Room

Panel: Legacy as Spiritually-Integrated Pediatric Psychosocial Care*Amanda Borchik · Jessika Boles · Amanda Thompson*

Pechet Room

**Presentations: Mental Health CPE for Spiritual/Religious Leaders;
Introduction to the SOUL (Science of Unitive Love)**

Angelika A. Zollfrank · John Calvin Chatlos

5:00–5:30 PM

Closing Remarks

David H. Rosmarin · Alan Fung

Auditorium

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Displayed during Poster Sessions · Day 1 (2:00 PM) and Day 2 (2:00 PM) · Lobby

- 01 Religious Coping as a Moderator Between Cognitive Reserve and Mental Health in Older Adults**
Emily Purcell · Karin Geerdes · Kimberley Coddington
- 02 Pseudoscience or Spiritual Practice? Reframing Astrology through a Spiritual, Ethical, and Multicultural Lens**
Shannon Browning
- 03 Are Certain Types of Moral Transgressions More Egregious Than Others?**
Jason Kwan · Crystal Park · Zachary Magin · Joshua Wilt
- 04 Spiritual but Not Religious? Identity Differences in Mystical Experience and Relational Self-Construal**
Christian Ishak · Emily Meyer
- 05 Early-Life Predictors of Experiencing Divine Punishment in Adulthood Across 22 Countries**
Richard G. Cowden · Junita Henry · Cooper Harris · Tyler J. VanderWeele et al.
- 06 CSWE and ACPE: Partnering to Prepare Today's Practitioners for Spiritually-Informed Care**
Karon Johnson
- 07 Beyond Talk Therapy for Bereavement: Therapeutic Alliance Enhancement through Nonverbal Engagement**
Rodrigo Bravo · Alexandra Bravo
- 08 A Study of the Impact of Kalyanamitta (Intergenerational Perspective) on Mental Health and Digital Addiction**
Mayank Patel
- 09 Impact of Christian Nationalist Beliefs on Out-Group Aggression: A Longitudinal Proposal**
Jesse Ojeda · Lindsey Chou · Christian Ishak · Aviva Satz-Kojis · Emily Meyer
- 10 Spirituality and Psychological Well-being: A Cross-Cultural Research Study**
Timothy Smith
- 11 Between Two Worlds: Acculturation, Enculturation, and Self in the Disaffiliation from Ultra Orthodox Judaism**
Gitty Gordon · Eli Tarlow · Philip S. Wong · Sara Chiara Haden · Matthew J. Morrison
- 12 Assessing Medium-Term Effects of an Intervention to Promote Flourishing and Spirituality in Depression**
Juliane Gonçalves · Willyane Alvarenga · Giancarlo Lucchetti · Homero Vallada
- 13 Religiosity and Spirituality in Coping with Suicide Grief: A Review**
Victoria Alexandre Silva de Almeida · Augusto Ossamu Shintani · Alexander Moreira-Almeida et al.
- 14 Do Not Forget the Spirit: Exploring Pastoral Care Pedagogies in Medical Education**
Audrey Zhou

- 15 The Spiritual Fitness Protocol: A Paradigm to Strengthen Your Spirit**
J. Philip Antinone
- 16 The Theo-Bio-Psycho-Social Relational Model of Flourishing in Christ**
William Stallard
- 17 Integrating Spiritual Care into Behavioral Health: Outcomes from Hospital-Based Chaplaincy**
Yollande Yambo
- 18 The Pancha Kosha Model as a Holistic Spiritual Assessment Tool in Pediatric Healthcare**
Himabindu Lanka · Witek Nowosiad
- 19 My Help for the Helpers: Translating Spirituality and Mental Health into Sustainable Care**
Minister Robert Wiseman
- 20 A Qualitative Pilot Study Exploring Spiritual Care within Public State Psychiatric Hospitals**
Lauri Swann · George Fitchett
- 21 Incorporating a Biopsychosocial Spiritual Model of Care into Psychiatry for Underserved Populations**
Kavita Prasad
- 22 From Fear to Meaning: Psychosocial Dynamics of Non-Ordinary Experiences Across the Lifespan**
Everton Maraldi · Maria Eduarda Elpidio · Ana Lucia Cunha · Amanda Cafezeiro et al.
- 23 Bridging Psychiatry, Spirituality, and Lived Experience: Lessons from a Community-Based Resilience Model**
Rouida Siddiqui · Ali Syed
- 24 Acute Effects of Personal Prayer on Pressure Pain Thresholds: A Randomized Single-Blind Crossover Study**
Georgia Westenhofen · Giancarlo Lucchetti · Homero Vallada · Mario F. P. Peres
- 25 Belief Modification as a Clinical Mechanism of Action in Spirituality-Informed Medicine**
Rodrigo Bravo
- 26 Uncanny Coincidences and Telepathic Dreams: Integrating Synchronicity into Psychiatric Practice**
Anna Yusim
- 27 EEG-Informed Exploration of Self-Transcendence in Empathic Listening: A Spiritual-Psychiatry Pedagogy**
Parameshwaran Ramakrishnan
- 28 Development of Spiritual and Religious Competencies: SPIRIT Protocol in Brazilian Psychiatric Hospitalizations**
Marianna Costa · Bruno Mosqueiro · Neusa Rocha
- 29 Toward an Evidence-Based Chaplaincy Informed Spiritual Psychiatry Fellowship**
Paul Benz · Parameshwaran Ramakrishnan
- 30 Prevalence of Depression: Spirituality as Protective Factor After 2024 Floods in Rio Grande Do Sul**
Paulo Henrique Dutra · João Antonio Fortunatti · Marianna Costa · Neusa Rocha

- 31 The Theatre of Death: Visionary Experience, Trauma, and Spiritual Transformation**
Jesus Quintero
- 32 Religion and Spirituality's Roles in Queer Lives: Well-Being, Distress, and Reconciliation**
Tatianna Dugue
- 33 Balancing Help and Harm: The Dual Influence of Religion on Mental Health**
Ashlyn Mildenhall
- 34 Treating Religious OCD/Scrupulosity: Integrating ACT and Restoration Therapy**
Bonnie Young
- 35 Spiritual Intelligence: A New Frontier**
Azin Nasser
- 36 Attention, Enlightenment, Cure**
Coryna Ogunseitan
- 37 Beyond Fortune-Telling: Tarot's Evidence-Based Role in Psychological Exploration**
Emily McGill
- 38 Minimizing Burnout for School Mental Health Professionals: The Spirituality-Based Self-Care Model**
Indy Hurun Ein · Ubaidillah Marsan
- 39 Spiritual Intimacy and Relationship Satisfaction: A Systematic Review with Meta-Analytic Synthesis**
Aviva Satz-Kojis · Emily Meyer · Hannah Thomson
- 40 Dimensions of Religiosity Predict Flourishing in Religiously Affiliated Adults in Puerto Rico**
María F. Fernández-Vélez · Isis Collazo-Rivera · Orlando M. Pagán-Torres
- 41 Spirituality, Emotional Regulation, and Mental Health: A Theoretical-Practical Reflection**
Júlio César Adam · Clairton Puntel · Christian Haag Kristensen
- 42 Existential Well-Being Buffers Distress Linked to Ambivalence Among Asian Indian Americans**
Monson Varghese
- 43 Character Strengths in Pope Francis' Speeches to Young People: A Positive Psychology Analysis**
Almir Brito · Jonas Cury
- 44 Islamic Religiosity Dimensions and the University Stress-Depression Relationship**
Lina Chihoub · Neshwa Rajeh · Rania Awaad
- 45 Divine Coping After Religious Exit: Associations with Psychological Adjustment in ex-Evangelical Christians**
Jesse Ojeda · Annette Mahoney
- 46 The Farbrengen: A Psychodynamic Group Therapy with Song and Meaning**
Zalman Abraham
- 47 Sacred Stories: Evaluation of a Novel Protocol in an Acute Psychiatric Setting**
Angelika A. Zollfrank

- 48 Curvilinear Associations Between Salvation Beliefs and Mental Health**
Cindy Smith · Niyeli Herrera
- 49 Barriers and Facilitators to Spiritual Care Integration in the Veterans Health Administration**
Timothy Usset · Anne Klee · Sophia Fantus · Brandon Griffin et al.
- 50 Spirituality Groups on Specialized Behavioral Health Units: A Research-Informed Approach**
Leanne Dodge
- 51 Poetic Medicine: Integrating Arts-Based Reflective Practices into Clinical and Pastoral Care**
Himabindu Lanka · Witek Nowosiad
- 52 The Phenomenology of Non-Ordinary Experiences during Spiritualist Séances**
Everton Maraldi · Ana Lucia Cunha · Maria Eduarda Elpidio · Amanda Cafezeiro et al.
- 53 Meaning, Peace, and Faith: Spiritual Predictors of Depression and Anxiety Symptoms in Migraineurs**
Georgia Westenhofen · Ida Fortini · Homero Vallada · Mario F. P. Peres
- 54 Spirituality as Predictor of Better Quality of Life After the 2024 Floods in Southern Brazil**
Paulo Henrique Dutra · João Antonio Fortunatti · Marianna Costa · Neusa Rocha
- 55 How Religion and Spirituality Promote Well-Being: The Predostatic Mind Model**
Sofia Moreira Ferrão · Felix Henrique Paim Kessler
- 56 Recognition of the Patient's Spiritual Dimension as an Ethical Requirement in Healthcare**
Assis Cristiane Ribeiro · Moraes Alexandre Rocha Almeida de
- 57 Bridging Comparative Theology and the 'Living Human Document': MMSS as a Pedagogy**
Parameshwaran Ramakrishnan · Carl David Onofrio · Bindu Lanka · Paul Benz · Caleb Lewis
- 58 The Approach to Spirituality and Religiosity in Medical Education in Brazil**
Maria Lucia Machado Salomão · Manuela Salomão Del'Arco · Pedro Henrique Salgueiro Pinheiro et al.
- 59 Evidence-Based Spiritual Structures of the Mind: Translating Chaplaincy Research into a Spiritual-Psychiatry Fellowship**
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