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# Spirituality, Theology & Mental Health

MYTH, AUTHORITY & HEALING POWER

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*Spirituality, Theology & Mental Health: Myth, Authority & Healing Power* will begin an ongoing dialogue between theology, anthropology, psychiatry and philosophy, and will be of interest to academics and practitioners (including religious ministers and counsellors) in these areas. It will address issues such as the importance of religion and spirituality in psychiatric treatment of mental illness and the necessity of treating the whole person, and form an ongoing mutually critical engagement between theology and psychiatry. These and related issues will be explored both through academic papers and also through praxis-based workshops such as meditation workshops.

We are accepting abstracts for short papers and proposals for workshops. Papers should be no more than 20 minutes long and may include themes such as:

- health, therapy and saving power
- ritual, prayer and mental wellbeing
- anger, guilt and forgiveness
- religion as taboo in psychiatry
- conceiving and categorising mental disorder
- spirituality and pastoral care
- mysticism, sainthood and anorexia nervosa
- religion and the experience of psychosis
- women, religion and mental health
- mental health: myths and authorities

Relevant abstracts on other topics are also welcomed.

The workshops may be up to 45 minutes in length.

Please limit submissions to 300 words. The deadline for both abstracts and proposals is **31st January 2010**.

13–16 September 2010

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PLENARY SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:

- ✠ Patricia Casey
- ✠ John Cottingham
- ✠ Douglas Davies
- ✠ Charlotte Hardman
- ✠ Keith Meador
- ✠ Loren Stuckenbruck
- ✠ Fraser Watts
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