

Call for Papers, 2010 Meeting of the
Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology

**Gift and Economy:
Ethics, Hospitality and the Market**

Location: Azusa Pacific University, Azusa CA

Conference Date: March 4, 2010

Proposals Due Date: September 1, 2009



Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Robert Hamerton-Kelly is a theologian, ordained United Methodist pastor, and author and editor of several books on religion and violence. While serving as Dean of the Chapel and Consulting Professor of Religious Studies at Stanford University, he became acquainted with René Girard and was a founding member of the *Colloquium on Violence and Religion*. Currently, he is President of *Imitatio Inc.*, a foundation that promotes the “recognition of René Girard’s mimetic hypothesis and to further research in human mimetic behavior in the humanities, behavioral and biological sciences.”

The Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology (SSPWT) now issues a Call for Papers for the 2010 annual conference. The conference will be held March 4, 2010 on the campus of Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California. SSPWT encourages submission of papers that integrate psychology and Wesleyan Theology related to the selected theme. We will consider submissions on other subjects as well, but priority will be given to those dealing with the following topics:

- Moral psychology
- Virtue
- Character & child development
- Altruism
- Generosity
- Hospitality
- Greed
- Neuroeconomics
- Ecclesial/pastoral concerns
- Psychological effects of economic systems
- Violence, war, & economy
- Community, Church & economic relations
- Economics & multi-cultural issues
- General submissions related to:
 - Clinical psychology
 - Counseling psychology
 - Cognitive psychology
 - Neuropsychology

The society council would like to encourage increased participation from **undergraduate and graduate students**. Therefore, SSPWT is pleased to open a section of paper presentations to all students. We invite those who are interested to present a proposal along with school affiliation and a brief bio.

Please submit proposals of 500 words or less, the title of the abstract, along with name, position, and institutional and/or professional affiliation, and professional vita (if first-time presenter) to Paul Jones at **pajones@snu.edu** by **September 1, 2009**. The proposal should be sent as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format. Each proposal will undergo a review process.

The society will meet in conjunction with the Wesleyan Philosophical Society (WPS). Please check the SSPWT website updates for exact hotel and meeting site information at: **<http://sspwt.snu.edu>**. The Wesleyan Theological Society will be holding its annual meeting at Azusa Pacific University, March 4-6, 2010.