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Exploring Spirituality and Culture in Adult and Higher Education Peter Lang GmbH, Internationaler Verlag Der Wissenschaften

This anthology addresses the experiences of third-wave feminists in the construction and reformulation of spirituality. It is a useful resource for any course on women and/or feminism and religion.

Spiritual Circles Duke University Press

A CHILLING NOVEL ABOUT THE ISOLATION OF BEING STALKED AND THE ABUSE OF POWER. Olivia Peters is over the moon when her literary idol, the celebrated novelist and muchadored local priest

Mark D. Brendan, offers to become her personal writing mentor. But when Father Mark's enthusiasm for Olivia's prose develops into something more, Olivia's emotions quickly shift from wonder to confusion to despair. Exactly what game is Father Mark playing, and how on earth can she get out of it? This remarkable novel about overcoming the isolation that stems from victimization is powerful, luminous, and impossible to put down.

The New Atheist Novel Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Spiritual Identities Literature and the Post-secular Imagination Peter Lang
 Routledge

The book discusses the issue of religiosity in the context of American Jewish literature, emphasizing the significance of Judaism as an indispensable element in the formation of American Jewish female identity. The empirical part of the book is devoted to a critical comprehensive analysis of selected fiction by contemporary American Jewish female writers, representatives of the third generation, whose works were published between 1980-2005. The literary analyses of the

selected narratives reveal a strong connection between the identity of American Jewish women and Judaism, and the simultaneous need to modify it in the face of socio-political transformations occurring in the American society at the turn of the twenty-first century
Queering Spirituality and Community in the Deep South University of Illinois Press
 Growing numbers of young adults are either nonreligious or "spiritual but not religious," but this does not signal a lack of interest in religion and meaning-making. Though the lexicon describing sexuality and gender is quickly evolving, young people do not yet have satisfactory language to describe their fluid religious and spiritual identities. In *Identities Under Construction* Pamela Dickey Young and Heather Shipley undertake a focused study of youth sexual, religious, and gender identity construction. Drawing from survey responses and interviews with nearly five hundred participants, they reveal that youth today consider their identities fluid and open to change. Young people do not limit themselves to singular identity categories, experiencing the choice of one religion, of maleness or femaleness, or of a fixed sexuality as confining. Although they recognize

various forces at work in identity construction - parents, peers, the internet - they regard themselves as the authors of their own identities. For most of the young adults in the study, even those who are most traditionally religious, religious opinions and values should adapt to changing social mores to ensure that people are not judged for their sexual choices or identities. Further, they are not judgmental of others' choices, even if they would not make these choices for themselves. Engaging religion and sexuality studies in new ways, *Identities Under Construction* calls for a new grammar of religion that better captures lived realities at a time when religious choice has broadened beyond choosing a single organized religious tradition.

Contributing to Personal and Community Well-being IAP

Since her forced migration to the United States, the African American woman has consciously developed a literary tradition based on fundamental evolutionary principles of mind and body. She has consistently resisted attempts by patriarchs and matriarchs alike to romanticize and redefine that biologically-based literary heritage. This volume of ten classic texts, including such nineteenth-century writers as Jarena Lee, Harriet Jacobs, and Angelina Grimké, documents for teachers and general readers how African American female self-portraits gradually crystallized over some three centuries of brutality imposed by white men and their surrogates, who legally raped and then branded her immoral, precisely because she was black and female. This anthology also explores how her literary features were further defined during the postbellum era of Jim Crow segregation and civil rights abuses. Readers cannot adequately understand this woman's unique story without learning how and, more importantly, why mental and physical atrocities so gruesome that most people cringe to think of them were inflicted upon her black female self in this land.

Fiction, Philosophy and Polemic After 9/11 John Wiley & Sons

This collection of essays considers the return of the religious in contemporary literary studies. In the twenty-first century it is now possible to detect a new sacred 'turn' in thought and writing. For some writers, this post-secular identity plays itself out in both a recuperation of religious traditions (Catholicism, Puritanism, Judaism) and a re-invention of the religious imaginary (apophaticism, messianism, apocalypticism, fundamentalism). In literary studies, the implications of the post-secular are revitalizing critical engagement with canonical works and fuelling the reclaiming of neglected writings as questions of the construction of spiritual identities come once again to the fore.

International Handbook of Education for Spirituality, Care and Wellbeing A&C Black

Light in the Dark is the culmination of Gloria E. Anzaldúa's mature thought and the most comprehensive presentation of her philosophy. Focusing on aesthetics, ontology, epistemology, and ethics, it contains several developments in her many important theoretical contributions.

The Handbook of Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence UPA

Exploring Spirituality and Culture in Adult and Higher Education is written from the unique perspective of teacher, researcher, and author Elizabeth Tisdell who has extensive experience dealing with culture, gender, and educational equity issues in secular adult and higher education classrooms, and formerly in pastoral and religious education settings on college campuses. This important book discusses how spiritual development is informed by culture and how this knowledge is relevant to teaching and learning. For educators, an understanding of how spirituality is informed by culture, and how spirituality assists in meaning-making, can aid in their efforts to help their students' educational experiences become more transformative and culturally relevant.

The Contemporary Post-Apocalyptic Novel LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

"Much have been said about the Mayas, but they have not been allowed to speak for themselves". This collection of original articles by indigenous Mesoamericans - in counterpoint with the insights of social scientists - makes a significant contribution to intercultural and religious dialogue.

Literary and Cultural Readings of Goddess Spirituality University of Virginia Press

Many sexual minority people of faith struggle to integrate their sexual and spiritual identities, although research suggests that an affirming faith community can support this process. Nevertheless, research into the lived experience of being "at home" in a faith community as a

sexual minority is lacking. My study aimed to fill this gap in the literature. This work opens with a story of my own journey of identity integration in the context of a supportive community, followed by a review of the literature on the intersection of people's sexual and spiritual identities, the lived experience of being "at home," and LGBTQ people's experiences in faith communities. I then discuss the phenomenological research method and its application to my study, followed by my study's findings on the lived experience of at-homeness as a sexual minority in a faith community. Faith community leaders, mental health professionals, and others who want to learn how to help sexual minorities to feel at home in faith communities and other contexts will benefit from this work.

Spirituality in Young Adult Literature Universitat de València

With its range of subject texts, *Literary Expressions of African Spirituality* builds a critical framework for exploring the presence and import of African spirituality in black Ameri-Atlantic artistic musings. These essays illustrate the intricate network of African spiritual transportations and transformations among New World and continental African literatures.

Native American Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Spirituality BRILL

Fictional literature, when enkindled with spiritual ideas, creates an appeal that transcends time and place. This has been the case with many literary works produced in India and other parts of the world, and this is so even in our modern times characterized by consumerist culture that hardly sees below the surface of things. A compilation from 'Prabuddha Bharata', this book presents to the readers, through a series of articles, a systematic record of some of those writers who added the spiritual dimension to their fictional works in India and the Americas. Published by Advaita Ashrama, a publication house of Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math

The Gendered Triangle of Religion, Secularity and Spirituality McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

How important is childhood in the spiritual formation of a person? How do children experience God in the context of their lives as they grow? What does God do in the lives of children to draw them to himself and help them grow into a vital relationship with him? How can adults who care about children better support their spiritual growth and direct it toward relationship with God through Jesus Christ? These are critical questions that church leaders face as they consider how best to nurture the faith of the children God brings into our lives. In this book, over two dozen Christian scholars and ministry leaders explore important issues about the spiritual life of children and ways parents, church leaders, and others who care about children can promote their spiritual formation.

Selected Poems Advaita Ashrama (A Publication House of Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math)

The Science of Religion, Spirituality, and Existentialism presents in-depth analysis of the core issues in existential psychology, their connections to religion and spirituality (e.g., religious concepts, beliefs, identities, and practices), and their diverse outcomes (e.g., psychological, social, cultural, and health). Leading scholars from around the world cover research exploring how fundamental existential issues are both cause and consequence of religion and spirituality, informed by research data spanning multiple levels of analysis, such as: evolution; cognition and neuroscience; emotion and motivation; personality and individual differences; social and cultural forces; physical and mental health; among many others. The Science of Religion, Spirituality, and Existentialism explores known contours and emerging frontiers, addressing the big question of why religious belief remains such a central feature of the human experience. Discusses both abstract concepts of mortality and concrete near-death experiences Covers the struggles and triumphs associated with freedom, self-regulation, and authenticity Examines the roles of social exclusion, experiential isolation, attachment, and the construction of social identity Considers the problems of uncertainty, the effort to discern truth and reality, and the challenge to find meaning in life Discusses how the mind developed to handle existential topics, how the brain and mind implement the relevant processes, and the many variations and individual differences that alter those processes Delves into the psychological functions of religion and science; the influence on pro- and antisocial behavior, politics, and public policy; and looks at the role of spiritual concerns in understanding the human body and maintaining physical health

Orisa Peter Lang

The purpose of this book was to examine how spiritual identities are constructed through ritualised behaviour and enacted belief in Zionist Christian Church services. Another aim was to identify the significance of specific religious objects and activities in order to investigate how these contribute to the performance of identity in the Zionists. The investigation was rooted in various ritual performance theories (Turner, 1982; Schechner, 2002). The investigation revealed that Zionist identity is performed on both the individual and collective levels of Zionist culture. The results indicated that identity is constructed through a series of religious acts and symbolic behaviours and that identity formation occurs through performance. It was also discovered that Zionist church services are highly ritualised and that spiritual identities emerge through 'restored' behaviours prescribed in the ritual context. The belief in the 'Holy Spirit' was also discovered to play a significant role in the emergence of spiritual identities.

SPIRITUALITY AS A WORKING MODEL IN BRIEF PSYCHOTHERAPY Academic Press

This Handbook draws together leading social scientists in the world from multiple disciplines to articulate what is known and needs to be known about spiritual development in childhood and adolescence.

Spiritual Approaches to Emotional and Behavioral Change Augsburg Fortress Publishers

This text provides a long overdue alternative to current literatures about the religious and spiritual lives of college students with their over reliance on Christian frameworks for faith development. Through research-based illustrations, the volume calls on higher education professionals and academics in the United States to more effectigely and completely consider a multi-fiath frame to view the impact of faith diversity on college campuses

Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision: Faith, Folktales, and Feminism in Her SAGE

This international volume provides a comprehensive account of contemporary research, new perspectives and cutting-edge issues surrounding religion and spirituality in social work. The introduction introduces key themes and conceptual issues such as understandings of religion and spirituality as well as definitions of social work, which can vary between countries. The main body of the book is divided up into sections on regional perspectives; religious and spiritual traditions; faith-based service provision; religion and spirituality across the lifespan; and social work practice. The final chapter identifies key challenges and opportunities for developing both social work scholarship and practice in this area. Including a wide range of international perspectives from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Malta, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, the UK and the USA, this Handbook succeeds in extending the dominant paradigms and comprises a mix of authors including major names, significant contributors and emerging scholars in the field, as well as leading contributors in other fields of social work who have an interest in religion and spirituality. The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Spirituality and Social Work is an authoritative and comprehensive reference for academics and researchers as well as for organisations and practitioners committed to exploring why, and how, religion and spirituality should be integral to social work practice.

Spirituality and Social Care Rowman & Littlefield

Given the ways in which spirituality functions in the work of such Black women writers and filmmakers as Toni Morrison, Ntozake Shange, Maya Angelou, Julie Dash, and Euzhan Palcy, Judylyn Ryan proposes in this challenging new study that what these women embrace in their narrative construction and characterization is the role and responsibility of the priestess, bearing and distributing life-force to sustain the community of people who read and view their work. Central to these women's vision of transformation is what Ryan calls a paradigm of growth and an ethos of interconnectedness, which provide interpretive models for examining and teaching a broad range of artistic, cultural, and social texts. The focus on theology provides a new way of viewing the connections among New World African diaspora religious traditions, challenging the widespread and reductive assumption that Afro-Christianity shares no philosophical commonalities with Santeria, Candomble ...

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