

MINDFIELD:
The Bulletin of the
Parapsychological Association

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The *Mindfield* Bulletin is a publication of the Parapsychological Association edited by Renaud Evrard and Jake Glazier with art director Nikolaos Koumartzis. It features theoretical, research, and historical articles along with columns by the PA President, news in the field, bibliographies of articles relevant to the study of parapsychology, and articles about researchers and laboratories around the world.

Mindfield welcomes submissions that are lay-friendly and written in plain language, yet are well-referenced, thus appealing to scholars, scientists, and supporters of our field alike. We are actively seeking contributions of articles, news announcements, new books, and references to articles relevant to parapsychology in the journals of various fields.

Contributions may be accepted on any parapsychological topic. However, please find below several topics that will be discussed in upcoming thematic issues:

- **“Emergent Work on Exceptional Experiences”:** Expanding on the traditional definition of the paranormal, exceptional experiences constitute an ever-growing segment of psi studies and parapsychology more generally. Emphasis on relationality, in terms of interconnectedness, the symbiosis between mind and body, and human conscious-

ness and its entanglement with other-than-human beings, takes center stage. What is more, these kinds of emergent perspectives help broaden and accelerate the way that researchers have understood the paranormal in the past through the development of new theories and research techniques, procedures, and methodologies - mixed methods, qualitative studies, and collaborations with the public - wherein these expanding approaches to psi and consciousness build inter-dialogue with adjacent scientific fields. Diverse topics that may fall under the purview of exceptional experiences include the relationship between geography, minerals and the experience of orbs or timeslips, sensory deprivation beyond the traditional Ganzfeld set-up using floating tanks or the ghost box, plant sentience and its link to human consciousness, psychometry, and other boundary pushing topics. **Deadline: July 19th, 2021**

- **“Words of Wisdom and Reflections”:** What does a lifetime of work in parapsychology teach someone about the paranormal, living as a scholar, and other topics related to this endeavor? In this issue of *Mindfield*, we collect career-long reflections from scholars that have spent a great deal of their professional lives devoted to pursuing the investigation of the paranormal and psi.

These reflections are complemented with words of wisdom from these ‘sages’ with the hope of inspiring those seeking to likewise devote their skills, talents, and gifts to understanding the paranormal. **Deadline: September 20th, 2021**

- **“Humoresque: Having Fun with the Paranormal”**: Humor is a sign of good health, even for academia, so why not enjoy this freedom in a *Mindfield* issue? This is an opportunity to share your humorous tales, but also a space to reflect about how humor has been used to mock the field of parapsychology and its proponents, or to integrate the paranormal as an inoffensive subject in various cultures. **Deadline: TBD**
- **“Studying Parapsychology and Anomalistic Psychology”**: There are now a lot of educational opportunities in parapsychology and anomalistic psychology, exemplified by Harvey Irwin’s revolutionary book *Education in Parapsychology* (2013). This *Mindfield* issue we develop the “student perspective” on the benefits and caveats of their own educational journeys. Is the field of parapsychology genuinely transdisciplinary? How does one deal with on-going scientific controversies? How much of this learning should be practical? Descriptions from all over the world are welcomed. **Deadline: TBD**
- **“Theoretical Considerations of the Paranormal”**: Every scientific discipline presupposes certain notions, beliefs, and values about the world that it generally leaves implicit while carrying out its investigation or research. In what ways does parapsychology carry-forth an ideology that its practitioners remain blind to? It is no doubt that psi tells us something about the world, but what exactly does it say? In this issue of *Mindfield*, the philosophy of parapsychology will be examined, in part, by reflecting on the axioms taken for granted by our scientific pursuit. **Deadline: TBD**

Paper Guidelines:

- We welcome papers on any parapsychological topic through the next year (2022). Thematic issues with a TBD deadline will be published when enough papers are collected on one topic.
- The size of the articles should be between 850 and 2350 words, plus references (APA style).
- Please review the [PA Publication Style Guide](#) for more specifications and guidance.
- Inquiries can be sent to mindfield@parapsych.org.

News Announcements:

- Professional and Associate PA members are invited to submit announcements about upcoming events, lectures or conferences, new appointments, calls for study participants, and/or current media links describing their work.
- Forward your announcements to office@parapsych.org for both potential inclusion in *Mindfield* and/or the PA’s social media outlets.

Books Received:

- Soon-to-be published books and books published within the last two years may be sent to: Parapsychological Association, PO Box 14884, Columbus, Ohio 43214 USA.
- Books appropriate for our audience will be included in the “Books Received” column with a few words of summary/review.

Articles Relevant to Parapsychology:

- PA members are invited to forward articles relevant to parapsychology in the journals of various fields to mauricevanluijtelaar4@outlook.com or mindfield@parapsych.org.
- Preprints and articles that have not yet appeared in electronic journals will not be included.