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EDUCATION

- 2016-2019/21 *Ph.D., Health Psychology*, Western Sydney University
2015-2019 *Ph.D., Psychology of Religion*, University of Groningen
2013-2015 *M.Phil, Religion, Culture, Mental Health*, Stellenbosch University
2008-2012 *B.A. (Hons), Theology*, University of Nigeria (West Africa Theological Seminary)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022- *Associate Professor*, School of Psychology and Counselling, Regent University, VA, United States
2021-22 *Psychological Scientist and Director*, COSORI Australia, Sydney, Australia
2019-21 *Lecturer/Research Fellow*, School of Psychology, Western Sydney University Australia
2016-19 *Unit Coordinator*, School of Social Sciences & Psychology, Western Sydney University, Australia
2017 *Research Project Assistant*, Swinburne University of Technology, VIC, Australia
2016-18 *Teaching & Research Assistant*, School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University Australia
2012-15 *Project Leader / Director*, Third Millennium Africa Project, South Africa & USA
2008-11 *Executive Secretary*, Spiritual Formation Department, West Africa Theological Seminary, Nigeria
2006-08 *Global South Correspondent & Writer*, In My Street, Berlin, Germany
2005-06 *Litigation Clerk*, Rodney Aman Chambers, Nigeria
2004-05 *Assistant Sales Manager*, Golden Gloves Limited, Nigeria
2003-04 *High School Science Teacher*, City Group of Schools, Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

- 2021 *Certificate III in Work Health and Safety Procedures*: Academy Green Learning, Australia
2017 *Certificate in Stata and Basic Analysis*: Western Sydney University, Australia

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Wilson-Fadiji, A., de la Rosa Fernández-Pacheco, P.A., **Counted, V.**, de Kock, J., Bronkhorst, W., Joynt, S. Tesfai, A. Nyamaruze, P., Govender, K. Cowden, R. G. (in press). Flourishing During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Longitudinal Study of South African Adults. *Psychological Reports*

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Neff, M.A., Masilela, L., Cowden, R.G., & **Counted, V.** (2022). Religion, Migration, and the New African Diaspora: A Psychological Perspective. *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* <https://doi.org/10.1558/jasr.21032>

Counted, V. & Abraham, I. (2022). Introduction to the Special Issue on Religion, Spirituality, and the New African Diaspora. *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* <https://doi.org/10.1558/jasr.21071>

Cowden, R.G., Davis, E.B., **Counted, V.**, Chen, Y., Rueger, S.Y., VanderWeele, T.J., Lemke, A.W., Glowiak, K.J., Worthington Jr., E.L. (2021). Suffering, Mental Health, and Psychological Well-being During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Longitudinal Study of U.S. Adults with Chronic Health Conditions. *Wellbeing, Space, and Society* 2, 100048. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wss.2021.100048>

Cowden, R. G., Rueger, S. Y., Davis, E. B., **Counted, V.**, Kent, B. V., Chen, Y., VanderWeele, T. J., Rim, M., Lemke, A. W., & Worthington, E. L., Jr. (2021). Resource loss, positive religious coping, and suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic: A prospective cohort study of U.S. adults with chronic illness. *Mental Health, Religion, & Culture*. Advance online publication: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13674676.2021.1948000>

Counted, V., Neff, M., Captari, L., Cowden, R. (2021). Transcending place attachment disruptions during a public health crisis: Spiritual struggles, resilience, and transformation. *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 39(4), 276-286.

Possamai, A., Long, G., & **Counted, V.** (2021). An Analysis of Australian Research Council's Grants in Religion. *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* 34 (1), 74-95 <https://doi.org/10.1558/jasr.20133>

Renzaho, A., **Counted, V.**, Mansouri, F., Polonsky, M. (2021). The influence region of origin, area of residence prior to migration, religion, and perceived discrimination on acculturation strategies among sub-Saharan African migrants in Australia. *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 23 (1), 141-160 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12134-021-00829-x>

Counted, V., Pargament, K., Bechara, A.O., Joynt, S., & Cowden, R.G. (2020). Hope and well-being in vulnerable contexts during COVID-19 pandemic: Does religious coping matter? *The Journal of Positive Psychology* 17 (1), 70-81 <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2020.1832247>

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Counted, V. (2019). The Role of Spirituality in Promoting Sense of Place among Foreigners of African Background in the Netherlands. *Ecopsychology* 11(2), 101–109. <http://doi.org/10.1089/eco.2018.0070>

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Counted, V. (2019). Sense of Place Attitudes and Quality of Life Outcomes among African Residents in a Multicultural Australian Society. *Journal of Community Psychology* 47(2), 338-355. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22124>

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Counted, V. (2019). African Christian Diaspora Religion and/or spirituality: A concept analysis and re-interpretation. *Critical Research in Religion* 7(1), 58-79. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2050303218823258>

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Counted, V. (2018). Global avoidant attachment predicts indicators of caregiving faith in Australian-based African Christians in New South Wales. *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* 30(1), 55-74. <https://doi.org/10.1558/jasr.36551>

Counted, V., Possamai, A., & Meade, T. (2018). Relational Spirituality and Quality of Life 2007 to 2017: An integrative research review. *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes* 16:75. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12955-018-0895-x>

Counted, V. & Miller, J.R. (2018). Pastoral Juxtaposition in Spiritual Care: Toward a caregiving faith theology in an evangelical Christian context. *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* 74(2), a4630. <https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v74i2.4630>

Counted, V. (2017). Attachment Theory and Religious Violence: Theorizing Adult Religious Psychopathology. *Journal for the Study of Religion* 30(1), 78-109. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17159/2413-3027/2017/v30n1a4>

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Counted, V. Missionizing Youth Identity Crisis: Towards a missional hermeneutic of care in youth ministry practice. *Missionalia: Southern African Journal of Missiology*, 41(1), 82-102. <https://doi.org/10.7832/44-1-141>

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Books

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Counted, V., Cowden, R.G., & Ramkissoon, H. (2021). *Place and Post-Pandemic Flourishing: Disruption, Adjustment, and Healthy Behaviors*. Springer

Counted, V. (2021). *The Roots of Radicalization: Disrupted Attachment Systems and Displacement*. Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield

Counted, V. & Watts, F. eds. (2019). *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Counted, V. (2019). *Experiencing God in a foreign land: Theoretical and empirical explorations on the psychological links between religion and place among dispersed people*. University of Groningen Press

Book Chapters

Counted, V., Miner, M., & Bulbulia, J. (in press). Australia and New Zealand: Psychology of Religion Up to 2022. In: Ladd, K. et al. (eds.), *Cambridge International Handbook of The Psychology of Religion*. Cambridge University Press

Michael, M., Ede, S.S., Chukwuorji, J., Agbo, A.A., & **Counted, V.** (in press). Nigeria: Psychology of Religion Up to 2022. In: Ladd, K. et al. (eds.), *Cambridge International Handbook of The Psychology of Religion*. Cambridge University Press

Cowden, R.G., **Counted, V.**, & Ho, M.Y. (2022). Positive Psychology and Religion/Spirituality Across Cultures in Africa, Asia, and Oceania. In: E. B. Davis, E. L. Worthington, Jr., & S. A. Schnitker (eds.), *Handbook of positive psychology, religion, and spirituality*. Springer.

Counted V., Cowden R.G., Ramkissoon H. (2021) Protest, Despair, and Detachment: Reparative Responses to Place Attachment Disruptions During a Pandemic. In: *Place and Post-Pandemic Flourishing*, pp 55-67. Springer https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-82580-5_5

Cowden R.G., **Counted V.**, Ramkissoon H. (2021) Transcending Place Attachment Disruption: Strengthening Character During a Pandemic. In: *Place and Post-Pandemic Flourishing*, pp 81-92. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-82580-5_7

Cowden R.G., **Counted V.**, Ramkissoon H. (2021) Adapting to Place Attachment Disruption During a Pandemic: From Resource Loss to Resilience. In: *Place and Post-Pandemic Flourishing*, pp 71-80. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-82580-5_6

Cowden R.G., **Counted V.**, Ramkissoon H. (2021) Place Attachment and Suffering During a Pandemic. In: *Place and Post-Pandemic Flourishing*, pp 45-54. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-82580-5_4

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El-Essawy, M.H.I., Solimana, A.M.A., Morris, A., **Counted, V.**, Eissaa, A.M., Valikhanic, A., & Moustafa, A. A. (2021). Religious delusions in psychotic patients: Prevalence, possible origin, and effects. In: Moustafa, A.A. (ed.), *Cognitive and Behavioral Dysfunction in Schizophrenia* (pp. 87-113). Academic Press <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-820005-6.00001-3>

Counted, V. & Possamai, A. (2020). Confidence in the Australian Society, Belief in Demons, and Practice of Exorcism: The mediating and moderating role of spirituality. In: A. Possamai & G. Giordan (eds.), *The Social Scientific Study of Exorcism in Christianity*, (pp 217-236). Springer. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-43173-0_12

Counted, V. & Watts, F. (2019). Defining the psychology of religion and place: a concept analysis. In: V. Counted & F. Watts (eds.), *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Springer/Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-28848-8_16

Counted, V. (2019). The Psychology of Place Spirituality: A Cascade of Parallel Processes. In:

V. Counted & F. Watts (eds.), *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Springer/Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-28848-8_9

Counted, V. & Watts, F. (2019). An Introduction to the Psychology of Religion and Place. In: V. Counted & F. Watts (eds.), *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Springer/Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-28848-8_1

Counted, V. & Meade, T. (2019). Why and How Environmental and Religious Attachments Matter for Health Promotion. In: V. Counted & F. Watts (eds.), *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Springer/Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-28848-8_15

Counted, V. (2019). Religion, Place, and Attachment: An Evaluation of Conceptual Frameworks. In: V. Counted & F. Watts (eds.), *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives*. Springer/Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-28848-8_3

Encyclopedia Entries

Counted, V. (2020). Attachment Theory and the Study of Religion. In: Adam Possamai and Joseph Blasi (Eds.), *SAGE Encyclopedia for the Sociology of Religion*. SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529714401>

Counted, V. (2020). Quantitative Data Research Software. In: Adam Possamai and Joseph Blasi (Eds.), *SAGE Encyclopedia for the Sociology of Religion*. SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529714401>

Media Interviews & Coverage

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) National Radio : *How to form new habits — and break old ones* <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/godforbid/forming-new-habits-and-breaking-the-old/13748850>

(Dutch) *Nederlands Dagblad / Nederlands Daily Newspaper* (2019): “Band met God versterkt geestelijke veerkracht migrant” : <https://www.nd.nl/nieuws/geloof/band-met-god-versterkt-geestelijke-veerkracht.3444264.hlnkx>

(Dutch) *Reformatorisch Dagblad / Dutch Reformed Daily Newspaper* (2019): “Voor Afrikaan in Nederland is Psalm 137 erg herkenbaar” : <https://www.rd.nl/kerk-religie/voor-afrikaan-in-nederland-is-psalm-137-erg-herkenbaar-1.1578500>

(Dutch) *Nieuw Wij!* (2019): *Kracht van religie mogelijk onderschat in Nederlands integratiebeleid voor Afrikanen*: <https://www.nieuwwij.nl/interview/kracht-van-religie-mogelijk-onderschat-in-nederlands-integratiebeleid-voor-afrikanen/>

Book Review(s)

Counted, V. (2015). African Women, Religion, and Health: Essays in Honour of Mercy Amba Ewudziwa Oduyoye. *Journal of Religion and Health* 54(6), 350–354. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-015-0153-z>

Magazine Articles

Counted, V. (2022). Consider the Least of These: Sternberg's Three Principles of Love and COVID-19. *Christianity Today*. <https://www.christianitytoday.com/better-samaritan/2022/april/consider-least-of-these-sternbergs-three-principles-of-love.html>

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Counted, V. & Cowden, R.G. (2021). Sustaining Well-being in the Absence of Hope. *Psychology Today!* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/au/blog/hope-resilience/202101/sustaining-well-being-in-the-absence-of-hope>

Counted, V. (2020). Migrants and the bond with God: attachment and survival are linked. *The Conversation* <https://theconversation.com/migrants-and-the-bond-with-god-attachment-and-survival-are-linked-128873>

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Counted, V. (2020). Can religious coping help bushfire survivors? *Psychology Today!* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/au/blog/hope-resilience/202001/can-religious-coping-help-australian-bushfire-survivors>

Counted, V. (2020). The Security of Place and Resilience. *Psychology Today!* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/hope-resilience/201903/the-security-place-resilience>

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PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Counted, V. (2021, August). Transcending Place Attachment Disruptions During A Public Health Crisis: Religious/Spiritual Struggles, Resilience, and Transformation [Paper presentation]. 2021 **American Psychological Association Conference**

Rueger, S. Y., Cowden, R. G., Davis, E. B., Rim, M.*, Lemke, A. W.*, Elson, M. C.*, Park, A.*, Worthington, E. L., Jr., **Counted, V.**, Chen, Y., VanderWeele, T. J., Glowiak, K. J.*, & Hamilton, C.* (2021, May). *Positive religious coping buffers the impact of COVID-19 resource loss on depression among chronically ill adults* [Poster presentation]. 2021 **Association for Psychological Science Virtual Convention**

Counted, Victor. "The Role of the Environment in the Relations Between Religion and Health". A presentation at the **Australian Association for the Study of Religion Conference**. December 13, 2020.

Counted, Victor. "The Psychology of Religion and Place: Theory, Research, and Practice." A lecture at the Australian Catholic University for the **Institute of Religion and Critical Inquiry**

Symposium, February 19, 2020.

Counted, Victor. *“The Psychology of Religion and Place in a Migration Context.”* A presentation at the **International Association for the Psychology of Religion Conference** at the University of Gdansk, Poland August 31 – Sept 4, 2019.

Counted, Victor. *“Experiencing God in a Foreign Land.”* A presentation and **PhD defense at the University of Groningen**, Netherlands, June 27, 2019.

Counted, Victor. *“Attachment and Quality of Life in African Migrants.”* A presentation at the **Western Sydney University Psychology Research Event**, Western Sydney University, Australia, December 11, 2018.

Counted, Victor. *“Between Emotions and Feelings: Representation of God as an attachment figure, attitudes toward God, and outcomes of quality of life.”* A presentation at the **European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health**, Coventry UK, May 17 - May 19.

Counted, Victor. *“Place Attachment, Spirituality, and African Diaspora Mobility in the Face of Place Change.”* A presentation at the **International Association People-Environment Studies Conference**, Roma Tre University, Italy, July 8 - 13, 2018.

Counted, Victor. *“African Diaspora, Attachment, and Quality of Life.”* A presentation at the **African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific Conference**, University of South Australia, Nov. 23-24, 2017.

Counted, Victor. *“Place Spirituality and Quality of Life in Australia.”* A presentation at the **International Association for the Psychology of Religion Conference**, Hamar, Norway: 21 – 25 August 2017.

Counted, Victor. *“Religious Violence, Attachment, and Psychopathology.”* A presentation at the **Summer School on Religion, Peace, and Conflict**, University of Groningen, Netherlands: 16 – 19, August 2017.

Counted, Victor. *“Investigating youth identity crisis and the internal conflict with the divine and self.”* A paper presented at the **Youth, Health and Practical Justice: An interdisciplinary conference** at the University of New South Wales, Australia (4 – 5 December 2016)

Counted, Victor. *“The Circle of Place Spirituality: A Study of the African Diaspora in the Netherlands.”* A paper presented at **The Australian Association for the Study of Religion Annual Conference** (26 November 2016), hosted by the Institute for Religion, Politics, and Society, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Australia.

Counted, Victor. *“Spirituality and Well-being in South African Youths.”* A paper presented at the **Spirituality, Culture, and Wellbeing Conference** at Excelsia College Sydney, Australia (4 – 5 Oct. 2016).

Counted, Victor. *“Patterns of the God-image Functioning: A study of Christian youths in South Africa.”* A paper presented at the **International Association of the Study of Youth Ministry Conference** at the Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam, Netherlands. (March 30 – 2nd April, 2016).

COMMUNITY SERVICE & CONSULTING WORK

- 2022 *Book Review:* Oxford University Press
- 2022 *Workshop:* Part of the working group for the Religion and Human Flourishing Workshop at Global Scientific Conference on Human Flourishing
- 2022 *Jury:* Global Scientific Conference on Human Flourishing (Review of Conference Abstracts)
- 2022 *Ph.D. Thesis Examiner:* National Institute of Psychology (NIP), Centre of Excellence Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan
- 2022- *Consultant:* Spiritual and Religious Competencies in Clinical Training (PIs: Jim Sells and Jennifer Ripley of Regent University), *John Templeton Foundation*
- 2022 *Cross-Cultural Working Group:* The Global Flourishing Study
- 2021 *Researcher Rating Assessor:* National Research Foundation of South Africa
- 2021- *Author/Contributor:* Cambridge International Handbook of The Psychology of Religion (PI: Kevin Ladd of Indiana University), *John Templeton Foundation*
- 2022 *Book Review:* Springer Nature
- 2020-21 *Thesis Examiner:* School of Psychology, Charles Stuart University, NSW Australia
- 2021- *Core Research Analysis Team:* Global Flourishing Study (PIs: Tyler VanderWeele of Harvard University and Byron Johnson of Baylor University), *John Templeton Foundation, the Templeton Religion Trust, the Templeton World Charity Foundation, the Fetzer Institute, the Paul Foster Family Foundation, the Wellbeing for Planet Earth Foundation, Well Being Trust, and the David and Carol Myers Foundation.*

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2022- **Consultant:** “Spiritual and Religious Competencies in Clinical Training” (PIs: Jim Sells and Jennifer Ripley of Regent University), *John Templeton Foundation*
- 2021- **Author/Contributor:** Cambridge International Handbook of The Psychology of Religion (PI: Kevin Ladd) - **\$234,517 USD**, *John Templeton Foundation*
- 2021- **Contributor/Part of the core analysis team** – Global Flourishing Study (PIs: Tyler VanderWeele of Harvard University and Byron Johnson of Baylor University) – **\$46,000,000 USD**, *John Templeton Foundation, the Templeton Religion Trust, the Templeton World Charity Foundation, the Fetzer Institute, the Paul Foster Family Foundation, the Wellbeing for Planet Earth Foundation, Well Being Trust, and the David and Carol Myers Foundation.*
- 2019 **Recipient:** Internship Research Fund, - **\$10,000 AUD**, *Western Sydney University Graduate Research School*
- 2016-2019 **Recipient:** International Postgraduate Scholarship Award - **\$81,050 AUD**, *Australian Government & Western Sydney University*

- 2019 **Recipient:** The Wessel Ganzevoort Fund for Best PhD Thesis - **€750 Euros**, *University of Groningen, the Netherlands*
- 2016-2019 **Recipient:** Travel & Research Award - **\$7,000 AUD**, *Western Sydney University, Australia*
- 2015-2018 **Recipient:** Research Fellowship - **\$6,000 USD**, *PRACTMAUS, Stellenbosch University, South Africa*
- 2015-2016 **Recipient:** Research Travel Fund - **€7,370 Euros**, *Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 – present: Founding Member, Society for the Psychology of Religion in Australia and New Zealand
- 2022 – present: Honorary Fellow, Western Sydney University's School of Psychology
- 2021 – present: Faculty Affiliate, Harvard University's Human Flourishing Program
- 2021 – present: Fellow, International Society for Science and Religion
- 2021 – present: Research Team, Global Flourishing Study
- 2020 – present: Member, American Psychological Association
- 2019 – present: Member, Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality
- 2018 – present: Member, International Association for People-Environment Studies
- 2018 – present: Member, Place Attachment Network
- 2018 – present: Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2017 – present: Research Associate, Cambridge Institute for Applied Psychology and Religion
- 2016 – present: Member, International Association for the Psychology of Religion
- 2016 – present: Member, Australian Association for the Study of Religion
- 2016 – 2019: Adjunct Faculty, Comparative Study of Religion, University of Groningen
- 2015 – 2018: Adjust Faculty & Research Associate, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Book and Journal Issue Editor

- 2020 – present: Religion, Spirituality, and Health: A Social Scientific Approach Book Series (Springer), Lead Book Editor (*Place, Spirituality, and Wellbeing: A Global and Multidisciplinary Approach*)
- 2021 – present: *Sustainability* (MDPI), Guest Editor (*Migrant Health and Quality of Life*)
- 2021 – 2022: *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* (Equinox Publishing), Guest Editor (*Religion, Spirituality, and the New African Diaspora*)
- 2017 – 2019: *The Psychology of Religion and Place: Emerging Perspectives* (Palgrave Macmillan), Lead Editor

Journal Editorial Board

- 2021 – present: *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, Editorial Board Member

Journal Reviewer (continuous)

- Journal of Positive Psychology*
- Psychological Reports*
- Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*
- Journal of Environmental Psychology*

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Social and Cultural Geography
Mental Health, Religion & Culture
Social Indicators Research
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Journal for the Academic Study of Religion
Journal of Pastoral Care and Counselling
Review of Religious Research
Heliyon
Cogent Psychology
Archive for the Psychology of Religion
Journal of Psychology and Theology
Missionalia
HTS Theological Studies
Ecopsychology
British Journal of Psychology (Open)