

PSYCHOLOGY ON THE INTERNET 1: ELECTRONIC JOURNALS AND DISCUSSION LISTS

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The internet has been described as an anthropologist's paradise, as the symbol of the new world order, as a form of intellectual AIDS, as a super-panopticon and as the last undiscovered continent. Like it or not, if you are into the knowledge and power business in the post-apartheid, post-cold war, postmodern era, you will be caught up in the internet as surely as you would have ended up in a behaviourist's clutches if these were the 60s. To hasten this in any case inevitable process, **PINS** may or may not be publishing an increasing number of papers on topics related to cyber-culture. In the first of this possible series we here bring you an entirely factual introduction to sources of academic information on psychology available to you by e-mail. Thus we have chosen both the most banal motive (information) and the most easily-mastered apparatus (e-mail) for our first demonstration. In future editions it is possible that we shall be exploring more deeply repressed motives and more complex state apparatuses.

What is nice about these e-mail resources is that they are (almost) without exception free. All you need is access to e-mail, which most staff and some students at South African universities and technikons already have. For others the cost of e-mail access is only around R15 per month through one of the many bulletin boards in the larger cities.

The main use you can put e-mail to, apart from exchanging messages with colleagues in Baden-Baden, is to subscribe to electronic conferences and electronic journals. These are just like regular conferences and journals, only different. The journals are different because they're mostly a bit more informal, although some are intended as prestige publications, featuring all the paraphernalia (editorial boards, a stringent peer review process) characteristic of conventional quality academic journals. In some cases an e-mail subscription to an electronic journal gives you access to the full text of the journal, while in others only the contents page is sent by e-mail and the actual text has to be accessed by some other means.

The conferences are different because they don't ever stop, but sort of go on for ever and ever, and also you get to listen to *all* the papers (sigh). How these conferences, or discussion lists, work is that people don't send e-mail messages directly to each other, but rather to a central address, from where they get broadcast to all the list members.

Discussion lists are often meant as forums for debating current issues in the field, but are usually also a good way of doing the kind of networking that keeps the academic world turning and to find information about upcoming conferences, journals, new books, postgraduate courses, or job opportunities in foreign lands. The majority of lists are open to anybody who cares to subscribe, a policy which sometimes leads to frustration when lists are hijacked by groups with completely different agendas from those initially envisaged. This can be quite amusing (such as when lists meant for psychiatrists are invaded by ex-patients), although it is presumably less amusing when one is at the receiving end. Some lists (such as the psychopharmacology and psychotherapy list) are limited to professionals only, and one is expected to send one's credentials before being signed on. For similar reasons, some lists are moderated, that is all incoming messages are checked before being broadcast to other subscribers.

However, be prepared. The moment you start subscribing to lists the junk quotient of your e-mail will soar. There are two solutions. One, learn to scan your e-mail the way you would the *Sunday Times*, only homing in on the juicy bits. Two, keep instructions handy on how to *unsubscribe* from each list (this crucial bit of information is usually sent to you when you first subscribe) - don't say we didn't warn you.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE.

Subscribing to a list or electronic journal is generally very easy. In a few cases you have to send an e-mail message requesting subscription from the list manager, but mostly the subscription process has been automated, and all that is required is to send a standard subscription message. So all you do is send an e-mail message consisting of one line to the subscription address. The message is: *subscribe listname*. If the list is called *Paraphilia*, you simply send the message, *subscribe Paraphilia*, to the appropriate subscription address. The software at the other end will figure out your name and e-mail address and subscribe you to the list. If this doesn't work, you may have to try *join Paraphilia*. In some cases you have to put your first and last name in the message too, as in *subscribe Feminism Thandi Modise*, and in all cases (unless explicitly otherwise stated) it is best to leave the e-mail message's subject line blank. In alphabetical listings below, the subscription address is given in brackets after each list name. You will have to remember your own name, of course. Please let us know of corrections or additions to these listings - information on the internet changes very rapidly, and it is certain that several of the addresses given will already be out of date.

These corrections and comments should be sent to Martin Terre Blanche at: 145MTBS@muse.arts.wits.ac.za, *not* to the regular PINS e-mail address.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PSYCHOLOGY-RELATED MATERIAL AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL.

Activism.

If you're into social activism, try the **Radical-psychology-network** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk), a group of psychologists and non-psychologists who "oppose the oppressive and abusive uses of psychology, support those who are oppressed, and use their knowledge positively to work toward social change". **Nuvopsy** (listserv@juvm.stjohns.edu) is a forum to share points of view critical of the "therapeutic state" and institutional psychiatry and promotes alternate views to explaining unwanted behaviour. Another possibility is **ThisIsCrazyL** (listserv@netcom.com), an electronic action and information forum for people who experience *mood swings, fright, voices, and visions* (**People Who**). Another source gives the name of this list as **Madness** and the address as listserv@juvm.stjohns.edu, so you will have to check this out for yourself. List members exchange views on how to change political systems that touch **People Who**, and information on resources that might be useful. For interdisciplinary, research-related discussion on **Self-help and support groups** there is **Sifhlp-l** (listserv@vmd.cso.uiuc.edu). The **Red-rock-eater** list (rre) (rre-request@weber.ucsd.edu) is an excellent resource for information on academic, political, social and organisational advocacy. (See also **Animal behaviour, Clinical psychology, Community psychology, Gender, Illnesses and disorders, and Research design & analysis**.)

Addiction.

Addict-l (listserv@kentvm.kent.edu) discusses research on all types of addictions, excluding (strangely enough) drugs and alcohol. This leaves "addictions" like *sexual addictions, co-dependency, and eating disorders*. **Addiction-Medicine** (majordomo@avocado.pc.helsinki.fi) on the other hand is for health care professionals working in the field of addiction to *alcohol* and/or other *psychoactive substances*. Another forum sometimes dealing with addictions is **Div28** (listserv@gwuvvm.gwu.edu) run by the APA's psychopharmacology division, Division 28. (See also **Clinical psychology, and Illnesses and disorders**.)

Animal behaviour.

The **Animal research information board, Apaarib** (listserv@gwuvvm.gwu.edu), is an APA forum with information on legal and ethical issues around animal research. The **Animal rights alerts list, Ar-alerts** (majordomo@ny.neavs.com) is a forum for animal rights activists. (See also **Behaviourism**.)

Art.

Psy-art (listserv@netcom.com) is a scholarly electronic conference of the Institute for Psychological Study of the Arts at the University of Florida, Gainesville. The group is interested in the psychological study of literature in particular, but in general any of the arts. Discussion tends to be psycho-analytically focused, but comments from any psychological orientation are welcomed. (See also **Postmodernism and popular culture**.)

Assessment.

Assessment-Psychometrics (listserv@netcom.com) is a forum for scholarly discussion of issues related to psychological assessment in clinical and research

settings. For scholarly discussion on the **MMPI**, e-mail reiner@acfcluster.nyu.edu with a request to join and details about your credentials. (See also **Software**.)

Behaviour / Behaviourism.

Try the **Advancement of paradigmatic behaviorism list**, **Apb-l** (listserv@vm1.ulaval.ca). There is also a French version of the list at the same address, but called **Apb-ul-l. Behavior** (listserv@asuv.inre.asu.edu) is a list that deals with behaviour disorders in children. The **Managed-behavioural-healthcare** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) list deals, amongst other related topics, with the development of multidisciplinary outpatient-based treatment provider groups. The **Behavior analysis net**, **Behav-an** (listserv@vm1.nodak.edu), is dedicated to behaviour analysis, incorporating discussion of basic research and clinical issues, especially the interrelatedness of behaviour analysis to clinical psychology and psychiatry and other interdisciplinary areas.

Clinical psychology & Psychiatry.

There are a large number of discussion lists devoted to psychiatry and clinical psychology, most of which are part of **Interpsych**, a non-profit organization on the internet promoting international scholarly collaboration on inter-disciplinary research and intervention in the field of psychopathology. By 1994 there were already over 7 000 subscribers to **Interpsych** lists. **Interpsych's** address is listserv@netcom.com. For more information about **Interpsych** resources, send the message, "send psychiatry". To receive the **Interpsych** newsletter free of charge send the message, "subscribe ipn" to listserv@fra.psych.nemc.org. The following lists can be joined in the usual way by e-mailing listserv@netcom.com: **Clinical-psychologists**, **Clinical psychophysiology**, **Child-psychiatry**, **Emergency-psychiatry**, **Forensic-psychiatry**, **Psych-current-issues**, **Psychiatry-l**, **Psychiatry-resources** and **Psychoanalysis**. Although the **Interpsych** lists are meant for scholarly discussion, they are mostly open to anybody. Two exceptions are the **Psychopharmacology** list (only doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, etc.) and the **Psychotherapy** list (only professionals). To join the former e-mail Ivan Goldberg at ikg1@columbia.edu informing him of your desire to subscribe. For information on how to join the latter e-mail psycho-therapy-request@netcom.com. Apart from the **Interpsych Forensic psychiatry** list mentioned above, there is also a list, **Forens-l** (forens-request@acc.fau.edu) maintained by the **Forensic medicine and sciences interest group** which includes discussion on forensic issues in psychiatry. (See also **Activism**, **Addiction**, **Assessment**, **Behaviourism**, **Geriatric issues**, **Hypnosis**, **Illnesses and disorders**, and **Trauma**.)

Cognitive & neuropsychology.

The **Cognitive neuroscience** list discusses issues "at the interface of cognitive science (broadly construed) and biology", with an emphasis on science rather than philosophy. E-mail Kimball Collins at cogneuro-request@ptolemy.arc.nasa.gov and ask for more information. For discussion with a possibly more philosophical bent, try the **McGill mind/brain discussion group** which runs an inter-disciplinary (computer science, physics, psychology) list, **Brain-l** (listserv@musica.mcgill.ca) focussing on mind/brain issues. The **Psyche-D** (listserv@iris.rfmh.org) list has a similar focus and also produces a peer-reviewed electronic journal, **Psyche-l** (available at the same address). The **Neuro-psych group** and its neuro-psych mailing list, brings together clinicians from all over the world who are involved in the practice and development of clinical neuro-psychology. Only psychologists, physicians, other health care professionals, and graduate students in health-related

fields, may subscribe. Start the subscription process by sending a message to Ivan Goldberg (ikgl@columbia.edu or psydoc@netcom.com) informing him of your desire to subscribe. The **Study of cognitive rehabilitation** list, **Scr-1** (listserv@mizzou1.missouri.edu) brings together professionals who work with people with traumatic brain injuries and is a good place to look out for conference announcements and calls for papers in the neuro field. For more information on the electronic **Artificial intelligence research journal**, send an e-mail to jair@cs.cmu.edu with the message "help". Put the word "autorespond" in the subject heading. **Cognicao** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br) is a Latin American list for the discussion of "research results and ongoing problems related to human perception, cognitive functioning, representation and construction of knowledge, with special attention to Information technology and Communication". Discussion is in Portuguese, Spanish and English. For the softer side of cognition, try the **Creativity and creative problem solving** list, **Crea-cps** (listserv@hearn.nic.surfnet.nl), or **Intudm-1** (listserv@utepa) which focusses on the role of *intuition* in decision making. (See also **Geriatric issues**, and **Illnesses and disorders**.)

Community psychology.

Comunitaria (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br) is another Latin American list, open to all interested in Community psychology. Special emphasis is given to applications appropriate to developing countries and to high risk groups, such as street children, drug addicts, pregnant adolescents, and others. Also of interest to community psychologists is **Rural-care** (majordomo@avocado.pc.helsinki.fi), which features an exchange of ideas, opinions, and information among persons concerned with the delivery of mental health services to individuals in rural and bush areas. You may also want to try the **Rural sociology** list, **Rursoc-1** (listserv@ukcc.uky.edu). There are at least three social work lists which could be useful. **Sciofslw** (listproc@lists.vcu.edu) is dedicated to discussion of the philosophy and science of social work, as is the **Social work E-conference**, **Socwork** (listserv@umab.umd.edu) and the **Social workers** list, **Scwk-1** (listserv@ist01.ferris.edu). All three are open lists for anyone interested in the social work profession, not only social workers. The **Students at-risk** discussion list, **Starnet** (listproc@services.dese.state.mo.us) "brings together people, ideas, and information to cooperatively promote educational and support services for at-risk youth in order to enhance youths' self-esteem, as well as their academic, social, and personal growth". (See also **Activism, Research design & analysis**, **Social psychology**, and **Student issues**.)

Cross-cultural psychology.

The **Transcultural-psychology** (listserv@netcom.com) list is an obvious starting point, while the **Intercultural communication** list, **Intercul** (comserve@vm.its.vpi.edu) has a more interdisciplinary flavour. For regular updates on psychology conferences and publications with a **Latin American** focus, subscribe to **Infopsi** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br). Messages are in Spanish, Portuguese or English. Similarly, the **Baltic psychology mailing list**, **Baltpsi** (listserv@mii.lu.lv) is a means of professional and personal communication among those interested in psychology in the Baltic states. Messages are in English and the three Baltic languages. The **American Portuguese Studies** list, **Apsa-1** (majordomo@beacon.bryant.edu) is devoted to the subject of the literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world, especially Brazil and Portugal. The **Judaism and mental health** list, **Jewish-psy** (listserv@jerusalem1.datasrv.co.il)

"provides a forum for mental health professionals as well as clergy involved in pastoral counseling, to discuss the various ways in which Jewish attitudes, values, beliefs, practices and culture impact on the mental health and psychological well-being of Jews". For the truly esoteric, try **Colorcat** (listserv@brownvm.brown.edu) which is an interdisciplinary list (anthropology, linguistics, philosophy, psychology, and cognitive science) for exploring how the colour continuum is partitioned into categories. Those with a medical bent could consider **Culture-and-nursing** (majordomo@itssrv1.ucsf.edu), a list sponsored by the School of Nursing at the University of California - San Francisco and meant for nurses and other health care professionals interested in topics relating to culture and health. The **Multicultural education** list, **Mult-ed** (listproc@gmu.edu) is for educators and other professionals interested in topics related to multicultural education. A list for the discussion of **Anthropological approaches to the study of Europe** (but you don't have to be an anthropologist and they welcome contributions from other fields) is **H-sae** (listserv@msu.edu). (See also **Cyberculture, Postmodernism and popular culture, and Teaching of psychology**).

Cyberculture.

Try the **Virtual reality psychology** list, **Virtpsy** (listserv@sjuvm.stjohns.edu), which "explores the impact of both text and graphic based environments on interpersonal relations". You could also join the **Technology and social behavior group** list, **Tecgrp-1** (listserv@psuvm.psu.edu). A new list which looks very promising is **Cyberspace-and-society** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk), which aims to report on cyberspace, virtual environments and new cultural technologies. (See also **Postmodernism and popular culture**).

Developmental psychology.

The **European Association of Developmental Psychologists** maintains a list, **Psych-dev-europe** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk). Several Latin American lists focus on developmental issues. Send message to mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br to join **Adolescencia-familia**, **Interacao-social** (discusses child-child interaction, especially in play activities), **Pais-crianca** (discusses the father/mother-child interaction), or **Socio-moral** (discusses socio-moral development). **Famlysci** (listserv@ukcc.uky.edu) is a forum run by the **Family science network** for researchers whose work relates to marriage and family therapy, family sociology, and the behavioural science aspects of family medicine. **Bowlby-Ainsworth's theory of attachment** is discussed on the attachment list (listserv@netcom.com). **Fenomenologia** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br) discusses the application of *phenomenological theory* and methodology to topics related to psychological development in Spanish, Portuguese and English. The **Child and adolescent anxiety and depression** list, **Youth-anx-dep** (majordomo@avocado.pc.helsinki.fi) has been set up to encourage an exchange of ideas, opinions, and information amongst those involved in research and clinical practice in the areas of child and adolescent anxiety and depression.

Ergonomics.

The **Environment, design, and human behavior** list, **Envbeh-1** (listserv@vm.poly.edu) is concerned with the relations of people and their physical environments.

Gender.

There are numerous gender and feminist lists in every discipline (Geography, Library studies, Communication) except, it would appear, psychology! For an academic **Women's studies** list, try **Wmst-I** (listserv@umdd.umd.edu). The more narrowly focussed **Gender** list (comserve@vm.its.vpi.edu) discusses issues relating to the study of communication and gender. The **Liberty and Feminism** list, **Libfem** (libfem-request@math.uio.no) takes an individual rights approach to feminism. If you are into **Camille Paglia's** controversial ideas around gender issues, try **Paglia-I** (mailserv@ac.dal.ca). Men's issues are discussed on the **Mail-men** list (mail-men-request@usl.com). The **Lesbian-Gay-Bi graduate students in psychology** list is a forum for information exchange, support, and discussion among lesbian, gay, and bisexual *graduate students* in psychology. The group fulfills a wide range of needs including: meeting lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology students in other graduate programs, discussing research or clinical interests, sharing experiences within different programs, offering support to other members, and discussing a variety of political, social, or philosophical issues of relevance to lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations. Because some **Lgbpsych** members may have concerns regarding privacy the list of subscribers is kept confidential. E-mail neil@psych.mcgill.ca with the message "join lgbpsych@vm1.mcgill.ca your e-mail address firstname lastname". (See also **Activism**, and **Postmodernism & popular culture**).

Geriatric issues.

The **Geriatric-neuropsychiatry** list (majordomo@avocado.pc.helsinki.fi) encourages an exchange of ideas, opinions, and information among persons concerned with "neurobehavioral disorders" in middle-aged and elderly adults.

Health psychology.

See **Cross-cultural psychology**, **Cognitive & neuropsychology**, **Geriatric issues**, and **Illnesses and disorders**.

Hypnosis.

Hypnosis-I (listserv@netcom.com) is for the exchange of ideas, opinions, and information among researchers and clinicians interested in hypnosis and in the broader topics of suggestion and suggestibility. It is intended for use by researchers and by credentialed health care professionals, particularly members of Division 30 (Division of Psychological Hypnosis) of the American Psychological Association, the International Society of Hypnosis (ISH), and the national societies affiliated with ISH.

Illnesses and disorders.

The **Act-up** (act-up-request@world.std.com) list discusses AIDS activism and the politics of AIDS. The **Neuropsych in HIV/AIDS** list, by contrast, is a forum for communication among mental health professionals who are engaged in clinical practice with and/or research regarding individuals with HIV disease. Membership is limited primarily to those with an MD, DO, and/or PhD in clinical or counselling psychology. Psychology graduate students (clinical and counselling) and others who are engaged in professional research about HIV/AIDS related neuropsychological dysfunction will be considered for membership. E-mail eliot@netcom.com for more information. **Chronic fatigue syndrome**, or myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), is the focus of a monthly electronic journal, **Cfs-News** (listserv@nihlist or listserv@list.nih.gov). For information on back issues send the

message "index cfs-news" rather than the usual subscribe message. An alternate source of information is *Cfs-wire* (also at listserv@nihlist), a discussion list for CFS support groups. **Depression-I** (listserv@netcom.com) is a scholarly discussion list for issues related to mood disorders in clinical and research settings. **Obsessive-compulsive disorder** is discussed by the **Ocd-I** list (listserv@marist.edu). Academics, as well as people with obsessive compulsive disorders and their families are invited to join. Similarly, researchers, speech clinicians, academics, and others who specialize in dealing with *stuttering*, as well as those who stutter, are welcome to join **Stutt-I** (listserv@vm.temple.edu). **Schiz-I** (listserv@umab.umd.edu), on the other hand, appears to be mainly for *schizophrenia* researchers, rather than for those thought to suffer from the condition. The **dissociative-disorders** (listserv@netcom.com) list is also for professionals and graduate students. Two more general lists devoted to illnesses and disorders are English, Spanish and Portuguese lists discussing *psychopathology*, **Psicopatologia** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br), and *psychosomatics*, **Psicossomatica** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br). The latter particularly involves discussion based on the ideas of the Paris Psychosomatic School. (See also **Activism**, and **Addiction**).

Language.

Psy-language (listserv@netcom.com) contains discussions related to language and psychopathology, including theories of language and their relevance for the study of psychopathological speech, new research and publications in the area, and requests for help with research. **Linguist** (listserv@tamvm1.tamu.edu) is an electronic conference for the academic discipline of linguistics and related fields, with no particular ideological or theoretical bent, and welcoming discussion of any subfield of linguistics.

Organisational / industrial psychology.

The **OIC** (listproc@ursus.jun.alaska.edu), or **Organizational issues clearinghouse**, is a forum for the distribution of calls for papers, conference announcements, special journal issue announcements, etc, dealing with organisational issues. It is intended to bridge the gaps between various discipline-based organisational researchers. The current membership includes members of anthropology, sociology, psychology, management, political science, library studies, nursing, and health management departments. **Eawop-I** (listserv@hearn.nic.surfnet.nl) is a discussion list run by the **European Association of Work and Organizational Psychologists**. For a different slant, try the Latin American list **Trabalho-sujeito** (mailserv@vortex.ufrgs.br), which discusses "work and its articulations with subjectivity" and which "prioritizes the significance of work as a socio-historical category". The language is Portuguese, Spanish and English. (See also **Community psychology**, **Social psychology**, **Software**).

Parapsychology.

Psi-I (listserv@cunyvm.cuny.edu), the Parapsychology Discussion Forum, discusses experiences, issues, questions, or research related to psi. If you are a sceptic, rather give it a miss - the list is for scholarly discussion of psi phenomena, not for polemical debate.

Personality.

Pcp (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) is a list for the discussion of Personal construct psychology, including both theoretical and methodological issues as well as the

relation between personal construct psychology and other social science perspectives.

Postmodernism and popular culture.

Bads (bads@uclink.berkeley.edu) is an electronic journal devoted to "political education for everyday life". Recent articles discuss Jurassic Park, alien abductions, television talk shows, punk rock, and "gender slumming". **Popcult** (mailserv@camosun.bc.ca) is a list for the analytical discussion of popular culture. **Pmc-list** (listserv@ncsuvm.cc.ncsu.edu) is a list used for distributing the table of contents of **Postmodern culture**, a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary electronic journal of contemporary literature, theory and culture. You will also receive instructions on how to retrieve items from the journal. Back issues are readily available, and subscription is free. **Pmc-talk** (same address) is a discussion group which accompanies **Postmodern culture**, and is used to distribute non-peer-reviewed essays, bibliographies and interviews. Another postmodern discussion list for those into *narrative therapy* is **Mftc-I** (listserv@lynx.apsu.edu). (See also **Cyberculture**, **Gender**, **Research design & analysis**, **Social psychology**, and **Sport psychology**).

Research design and analysis.

If you are deeply into the quantitative side of things, try **Mpsych-I** (listserv@brownvm.brown.edu), a list sponsored by the **Society for Mathematical Psychology**, which involves chatting about mathematical methods, formal logic, computer simulation and so on. Also sort of quantitative is **Q-method** (listserv@kentvm.kent.edu), a list for the discussion of all aspects of Q methodology including the Q-sort technique and Q factor analysis. If you use *experiment generator packages*, then **Psych-expts** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) is for you. Qualitative lists seem to be more numerous, although none are specifically psychological. **Qualrs-I** (listserv@uga.cc.uga.edu) is the **Qualitative research for the human sciences** list, possibly leaning somewhat towards anthropology. **Ethno** (comserve@vm.its.vpi.edu) is more specifically for discussion around Ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, while **Qualnet** (listserv@sum.acs.syr.edu) deals with the microcomputer analysis of qualitative data. **Mlist** (mailing-list@qsr.latrobe.edu.au) is a new mailing list for people into qualitative data analysis, especially as it relates to using computers. **Mlist** is a particularly good place to hang out in if you use the *NUD-IST software package*. Please put "mlist subscribe" in the subject line when you subscribe to **Mlist**. **Qualsoftware** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) is another discussion list for those who like to combine qualitative enquiry and computers. **Partalk-I** (listserv@cornell.edu) is the **Participatory action research** discussion list run by the Cornell Participatory Action Research Network. It has an interdisciplinary focus on socially transformative research of all sorts, including university outreach programmes and participatory community action projects. Sharing of papers, bibliographies, personal experiences, and activity announcements from "distant locations" are particularly welcome. **Semios-I** (listserv@ulkyvm.louisville.edu) is the **Visual and verbal semiotics** list and deals with semiotics, verbal and non-verbal communication, language behaviour, visual issues generally, and linguistics. (See also **Activism**, **Community psychology**, **Postmodernism & popular culture**, **Software**, and **Teaching of psychology**).

Qualitative research.

See **Research design & analysis**.

Resources in psychology.

Psychology, or **Psyc** (listserv@pucc.princeton.edu), is a refereed electronic journal sponsored by the American Psychological Association, covering all areas of psychology. **Apasd-1** (listserv@vtvm1.cc.vt.edu) is the **Psychology research funding bulletin**, which lists current funding opportunities available to researchers in psychology - with a strong American slant, of course. At the other side of the Atlantic, **Mailbase** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) is the Britain's largest electronic mailing list service which enables groups to manage their own discussion lists and associated files. For an index of on-line documentation about **Mailbase**, send the message "index mailbase". For more information send the message "send mailbase user-faq". **Comserve** (Comserve@vm.its.vpi.edu) is a similar service, but specialising in lists related to the study of human communication. Send a message "show hotlines" for a description of the various lists. One of the **Comserve** lists which could be particularly useful is **Newbooks**.

Social psychology.

Although there appears to be no list specifically devoted exclusively to social psychology, there are a number of related lists. **Por** (listserv@unc.edu) is a forum for academics and professionals interested in public opinion research. The **Social-theory** (mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) list involves analysis of the relationship between psychology and sociology. One of its particular fields of interest is social psychology and its theoretical underpinnings. Postmodern theory and social constructivism are also discussed. **Abslst-1** (listserv@cmuvm.csv.cmich.edu) facilitates scholarly exchanges among members of the **Association of Black sociologists and other Black social scientists**. (See also **Community psychology**, **Organisational psychology**).

Sport psychology.

Sportpsy (listserv@vm.temple.edu) is a list for the discussion of exercise and sport psychology, while **Play-1** (listserv@hg.uleth.ca) offers multidisciplinary perspectives on play, games, and sport. Apart from more traditional topics, the list also covers mass-mediated images and representations of play, narratives of play, the global organization of sport, and feminist, postmodern and discourse analytic perspectives on sport. **Gymn** is a discussion list relating to the teaching of gymnastics. Send e-mail to Robyn Kozierok at raek@athena.mit.edu. (See also **Postmodernism & popular culture**).

Software.

Compsych is a non-commercial service providing psychologists with information about computer software (both commercial and freeware) for instruction, research and practice. Send requests for information to compsyh@snyplava.bitnet. Requests can be for listings of software by specific category and/or for lists of users by psychology subfield. Categories must be those specified below:

General	Research Methods
Developmental	Social
Physiological	Testing (Personality)
Sensation/Perception	Testing (Intelligence)
Cognition	Testing (Vocational)
Learning	Testing (Other)
Industrial/Organizational	Clinical (Diagnostic)

Statistics (Tutorials)
Statistics (Computational)

Clinical (Other)
Counselling

For psychologists who use **Macintosh** computers in research and teaching, there is the **Macpsych** list. Endorsed by the Society for Computers in Psychology (SCiP), **Macpsych** is also a source for software mentioned in the journal **Behavior: Research methods, instruments, and computers**. For more information, e-mail Chuck Huff at huff@stolaf.edu. (See also **Assessment**).

Student issues.

The **Psychology students e-mail conference**, **Psycho-I** (listserv@ff.cuni.cz) stimulates discussion and exchanges information among all students at psychology departments, while the **Psychology graduate students discussion group**, **Psycgrad** (listserv@acadvm1.uottawa.ca), features views, debates and conference information relevant to graduate students in psychology. You may also want to look into the **University conflict resolution list**, **Ccrnet** (listserv@alpha.acast.nova.edu). (See also **Community psychology**, **Cross-cultural psychology**, **Gender**, and **Teaching of psychology**).

Teaching of psychology.

Tips (listserv@fre.fsu.umd.edu) covers all aspects of teaching in psychology. This is a very active list, but you will soon learn to skim past the less interesting messages. If you teach a **Research methodology** course, try **Methods** (comserve@vm.its.rpi.edu), which is meant as a forum for methodology instructors in the social sciences. (See also **Cross-cultural psychology**, **Research design & analysis**, **Software**, **Sport psychology**, and **Student issues**).

Trauma.

The **Disaster research newsletter** is an electronic newsletter dealing with hazards and disasters. It includes articles on recent events and policy developments, ongoing research, upcoming meetings as well as queries, responses, and ongoing discussion among readers. E-mail hazards@vaxf.colorado.edu requesting subscription. The **Traumatic-Stress** list promotes the investigation, assessment, and treatment of the immediate and long-term psychosocial, physiological, and existential consequences of highly stressful events. It includes discussion of PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder). Send a message to Charles Figley at cfigley@garnet.acns.fsu.edu for more information. The **Helplessness** list also covers (amongst other topics) issues related to bereavement and PTSD. E-mail Martin Seligman at seligman@cattell.psych.upenn.edu for more information. **Suicide help by email** is available from the Samaritans of Cheltenham and District, England (not a religious group). Around 43% of users of this service are thought to be at active risk of suicide. Contact the Samaritans at jo@samaritans.org. The **Thanatology** mailing list is devoted to the study of all phenomena related to death, dying, grief, and bereavement. Only physicians, psychologists, other health care professionals, and graduate students in health-related fields, may subscribe. Start the process by e-mailing Ivan Goldberg (ikg1@columbia.edu) and informing him of your desire to join.

Getting more information.

If you would like to go beyond what has been supplied above, you can also look around the internet for more information yourself. To get information on new

discussion groups e-mail listserv@vm1.nodak.edu with the message "get new-list readme". For regular updates on new electronic journals, e-mail majordomo@ccat.sas.upenn.edu with the message "subscribe newjour". The more ambitious can e-mail listserv@vm1.nodak.edu with the following gobbledygook in the body of your message:

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//ListSrch JOB Echo=No
Database Search DD=Rules
//Rules DD *
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search <term> in intgroup
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search <term> in new-list
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Replace <term> in the above with the subject name you want to search for.

In addition to the discussion groups listed here, there are also many others which form part of the Usenet system. Most universities and private bulletin boards provide easy access to Usenet groups, without having to go through e-mail. Ask your system operator. Have fun, and watch this space for further updates, and other miscellany of hyperreality.

Note.

Although some of the electronic journals and conferences listed here have been accessed by me, many more have been drawn from secondary sources. Some of the information may therefore be incorrect or out of date.