

Annual Meetings 2014

San Diego, California November 22-25



Registration and Housing

SAN DIEGO

SBL AAR

Hosted by the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion

Getting to the Meeting...

REGISTRATION

Why preregister for the meeting? Only after you register for the AAR Annual Meeting can you book your housing at the specially negotiated rates at one of our official hotels.

Admission to sessions and the exhibit hall is by name badge only!

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BOOK

A printed version of the *Annual Meeting Program Book* will be mailed in early September to everyone who was successfully registered as of August 14 for the Annual Meeting. Please allow 3–4 weeks for delivery. The *Program Book* will include program highlights, complete session listings of AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with room locations, session and participant indices, hotel maps, and ads from the publishers in our exhibit hall.

ONLINE PROGRAM BOOK

A complete listing of all AAR and Additional Meetings session information, including participant names, paper titles, and abstracts will be available in the *Online Program Book* on the AAR website at http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book by **July 15**. The keyword search feature will allow you to find the sessions you're most interested in attending!

ANNUAL MEETING ONSITE AT-A-GLANCE

The printed *Onsite At-a-Glance* will be distributed to all attendees onsite in San Diego. This will include complete session listings for the AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with **updated room locations**, an exhibitor index, and hotel maps.

INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES

It is necessary for those entering the United States to clear customs and immigration. Visitors from Canada and Mexico must present a passport in order to enter the United States. Please be prepared. Non-U.S. citizens should inquire about possible visa requirements from their own country. Official letters of invitation to the Annual Meeting to support visa applications are available. E-mail reg@aarweb.org with your name, address, and the full contact information of the consulate of your country.

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

American, United, and Delta Airlines are the official carriers of the AAR & SBL Annual Meeting and Hertz is the preferred rental car supplier. For the benefit of our conference attendees, a discount is available and is valid a few days before and after the Annual Meeting ends, depending on carrier. To take advantage of these special discounted fares, you can call or make reservations directly through their respective websites listed below. Discounts do not apply to certain restricted fares and exclude sale fare inventories.

CALL TOLL-FREE...

Carrier	Phone Number	Website	File Number
American Airlines	1-800-433-1790	www.aa.com/group	72N4BI
Delta Airlines	1-800-328-1111	www.delta.com	NMHYE
United Airlines	1-800-521-4041	www.ual.com	ZRME785857
Hertz Car Rental	1-800-654-2240	www.hertz.com	04YY0001

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration and Housing is now open!

Online, fax, and mail registrations are accepted! Super Saver registration rates are in effect until May 22. **You must be registered to secure housing.**

2014 Annual Meetings Employment Center registration is open! Within the online registration process, you will find the link to register for the Employment Center. You must be registered as an Annual Meetings attendee to sign up for the Employment Center option.

- May 22** Super-Saver Registration Rate Ends
- June 16** Employer Preregistration Opens
- June 19** Early Bird Registration Rate Ends
Program Participants Deadline to Register
VIP Housing Ends
- Mid-July** Program Book Available Online
- July 31** Deadline for Program Participants
Audiovisual Equipment Requests
- August 14** Advance Registration Rate Ends
Attendee Registration Deadline to Receive Printed Program Book
- September 18** Registration Deadline to Obtain Name Badge in Mail
- Early October** Registration Packets and Program Books Mailed
- October 21** Special Housing Rate End
- October 27** Preregistration for the Employment Center Ends
- Late October** Mobile App of AAR & SBL Available
- November 1** Registration Refund Request Deadline
- November 20** Regular Registration Rate Ends
- November 22–25** Annual Meetings in San Diego, CA

Remember: *You must be registered to secure housing!*

If you book through your own travel agency, be sure to give them the appropriate discount code above.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPTION

As part of its efforts to produce a “greener meeting,” the AAR is offering the option to offset the carbon emissions from your travel to San Diego. By checking the box on the registration form, the AAR will collect \$15 from your registration to purchase carbon offsets from *NativeEnergy*. The AAR’s Sustainability Task Force selected *NativeEnergy* because of its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases while supporting its sustainability projects. *NativeEnergy* is one of the top carbon offset companies in the United States and the world. We encourage you to make this inexpensive commitment to helping make our meetings more environmentally friendly.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

Metro bus service is available to go downtown, but your hotel might not be along the direct route. Many passengers will have to walk up to a mile after riding the bus. Please refer to the Online Trip Planner (<http://www.sdmts.com/Tripplanner.asp>) for reference below and contact your hotel if you have any questions.

Metro Bus

Public transit is available to and from the airport and downtown San Diego on the Metropolitan Transit System’s Route 992, which stops at Terminals 1 and 2 and the Commuter Terminal. To find the bus stop, walk directly outside of your terminal by baggage claim and look for the bus sign. The bus operates between 5:00 am and 11:30 pm, every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends and holidays. A single ride is \$2.25, and the bus service is wheelchair accessible.

Plan your trip by using the MTS Online Trip Planner (<http://www.sdmts.com/Tripplanner.asp>). For more information on the Metropolitan Transit System, call 619-557-4555 or visit www.sdmts.com.

Taxis

If you need a taxi, simply follow the signs leading to the Transportation Plazas. A Transportation Coordinator will place you with the first available taxi—unless you specify a particular taxicab company. For cab service to the SAN Airport, one suggestion is Airport Yellow Cab of San Diego, who can be reached at 619-444-4444. An approximate fare to the Convention Center is \$22.

Shared-Ride Vans

The AAR and SBL are partnering with Prime Time Shuttle this year. Shared shuttle service is available 7 am–11 pm for arriving flights. Shuttle service for departing flights is available 24 hours a day. They are offering a discount price of \$6 per one way trip. There are two ways to book Prime Time:

- ☞ Call 1-800-733-8267, hit 1 for reservations, and give the discount code 592216
- ☞ Go to <http://primetimeshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=SBLAAR&LOGON=GO>. You will most likely select Arrivals. On the next page, select the correct airport (note that it defaults to LAX) and input your flight information. Note that only AAR & SBL hotels are listed on this link.

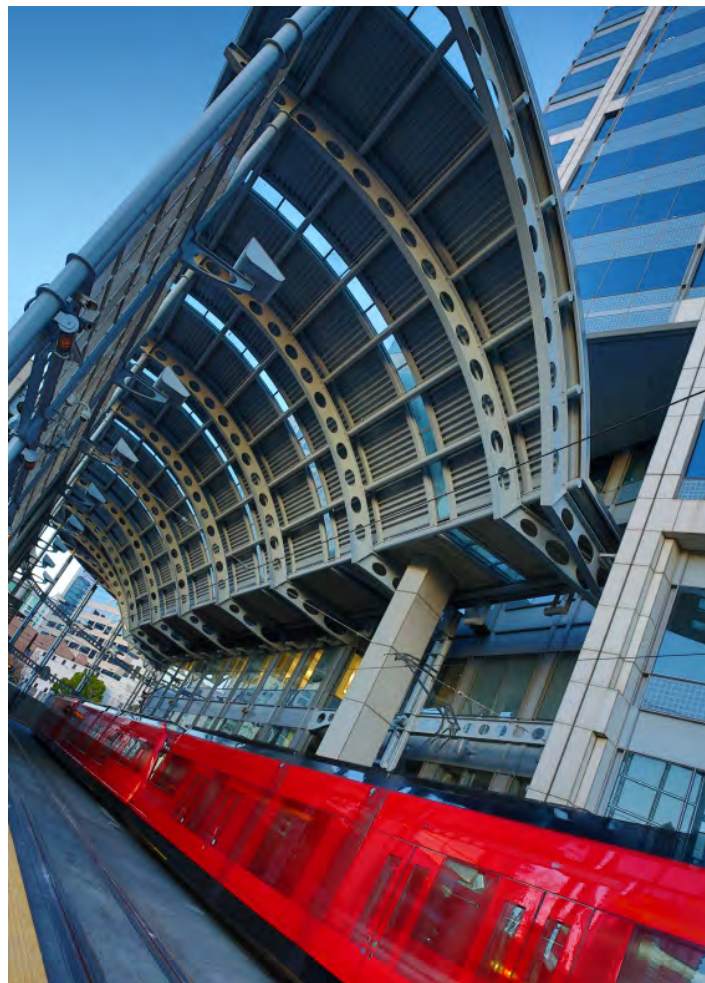
PARKING AT THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER

The Convention Center is located at 111 W. Harbor Drive. On-site parking is available at the underground parking garage located below the building. Enter the parking garage on Harbor Drive between First Ave. and Fifth Ave. The daily rate is typically \$15, although on special event days (within downtown San Diego) you will have to tell the parking attendant you are here for AAR & SBL to receive the \$15 rate. Payment is due upon entry and there are no in and out privileges. No overnight parking is permitted.



SAN DIEGO TROLLEY

MTS’ San Diego Trolley (<http://www.sdmts.com/Trolley/Trolley.asp>) is San Diego’s light rail transit network. Its three lines serve many popular areas and attractions, such as Downtown, the Convention Center, SDSU, Old Town, and the Mexican border. The Trolley does not stop at the Airport. However, the Trolley’s Blue and Orange Lines make convenient transfers with MTS Bus Route 992 (<http://www.sdmts.com/mtsr/RouteNew.aspx?r=992>) at America Plaza station.



Housing Information

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To receive the specially negotiated room rates, you must first register for the meeting. You may then make your reservation through the AAR Housing Department. You may reserve by Internet, fax, or mail using the enclosed housing form, or by using the link in your registration confirmation email. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Special rates may not be available after October 30, 2014. DO NOT contact the hotels prior to November 17, 2014.

HOTEL RATES

Note: All rates are subject to local taxes, which currently have an average of 12.5% tax per room per night. For example, a \$150 rate is \$168.75 with tax included.

HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
1. Embassy Suites Downtown	\$159	\$159	\$179	\$199
2. Grand Hyatt	\$154	\$154	\$179	\$179
3. Hard Rock Hotel	\$159	\$159	\$179	\$199
4. Hilton Bayfront	\$159	\$159	\$179	\$199
5. Hilton Gaslamp Quarter	\$159	\$159	\$179	\$199
6. Indigo Hotel	\$144	\$144	\$164	\$164
7. Marriott Gaslamp Quarter	\$145	\$165	\$185	\$205
8. Marriott Marquis & Marina	\$150	\$150	\$170	\$170
9. Omni Hotel	\$159	\$169	\$179	\$189
10. Residence Inn Gaslamp Quarter	\$140	\$140	\$160	\$180
11. Solamar Hotel	\$150	\$150	\$170	\$190
12. Westin Gaslamp Quarter	\$139	\$139	\$149	\$159
13. Andaz Hotel	\$149	\$149	NA	NA
14. Courtyard Downtown	\$140	\$140	\$160	\$180
15. Horton Grand Hotel	\$119	\$119	NA	NA

HOUSING CONFIRMATION

You will receive an email confirmation when you make your hotel reservation with the AAR Housing Department. Please allow at least 3–5 days for receipt if your request is faxed or mailed. If you receive a written confirmation that is incorrect, please contact the AAR Housing Department in writing immediately to correct your reservation. The AAR Housing Department will send you a new confirmation reflecting the corrections.

HOUSING CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES

All hotel accommodation questions, changes, and cancellations should be directed to the AAR Housing Department throughout the meeting year. Note that cancellations must be received in writing (mail, fax, or e-mail) at least 72 hours prior to arrival date to ensure you are not charged your first night's stay.

SUITE REQUESTS

Some hotels have suites available at a discounted rate. Contact the AAR Housing Department for more information: +1-855-836-0001 (U.S. & Canada); +1-404-727-7972 (outside U.S. & Canada); housing@aarweb.org. Suites are not to be used for interviewing purposes. Employers who plan to use the Annual Meeting Employment Center may request a Private Interview Room when they register for the Employment Center. For additional information about the Employment Center, please see <http://www.aarsbl.org>.

ATTENDEES WITH ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

All meeting rooms are accessible by elevator (doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs) or wheelchair lift. A limited number of guest rooms are set aside for the physically challenged. If you need special accommodations, please indicate your specific needs on the designated area of the housing form and e-mail, fax or mail it to the AAR Housing Department.

Attendees with disabilities who need information regarding special assistance during the meeting should contact the AAR Housing Department by phone at 1-404-727-7972 or via e-mail at housing@aarweb.org.



Hotel Locator Map



Downtown San Diego Hotels

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Embassy Suites Downtown | 6. Indigo Hotel | 11. Solamar Hotel |
| 2. Grand Hyatt | 7. Marriott Gaslamp Quarter | 12. Westin Gaslamp Quarter |
| 3. Hard Rock Hotel | 8. Marriott Marquis & Marina | 13. Andaz Hotel |
| 4. Hilton Bayfront | 9. Omni Hotel | 14. Courtyard Downtown |
| 5. Hilton Gaslamp Quarter | 10. Residence Inn Gaslamp Quarter | 15. Horton Grand Hotel |

At the Meeting...

CHILDCARE

Child care will be offered for an hourly fee during this year's Annual Meeting. Please visit the AAR Web site at <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information> under Childcare for information and pricing details in the fall.

COMPUTER ACCESS

There is a free cyber café in the exhibit hall. The San Diego Convention Center will have complimentary Wifi located throughout the building, including the meeting rooms. All the hotels have Internet access available in their business centers or guest rooms. The hotels may charge a fee to access the Internet.

FIND A FRIEND

Please note the box on the registration form that gives permission for your name, institution, and hotel (if any), which will be available on our mobile app. If you do not check the box, your information will not be listed.

EXHIBIT HALL

Visit over 150 publishers in the AAR & SBL Exhibit Hall located in the San Diego Convention Center's Exhibit Hall FG. AAR & SBL's Exhibit Hall features books on a wide spectrum of subjects from religious studies to hermeneutics to philosophy, often at deep discounts on cover price. A free Cyber Café is available inside the Exhibit Hall. Don't miss out!

MOBILE APP

We will again provide a Mobile Meeting Guide. The mobile app will provide members with a technically-reliable, intuitive, and functional solution. At no cost, this mobile app provides attendees with all of the data an attendee could ever need.

MORE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION AT

[https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information!](https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information)

- Registration & Housing
- Full program schedule and descriptions
- Annual Meeting Employment Center
- Accessibility assistance
- And much more!

AAR & SBL ANNUAL MEETINGS HOURS

AAR & SBL Program Schedule

AAR, SBL, and Additional Meeting Sessions will be held in the San Diego Convention Center, Hilton Bayfront, Marriott Marquis & Marina, Grand Hyatt, and the Omni Hotel.

Saturday, November 22	9:00 am–6:30 pm	Program Unit Sessions
	8:00 pm–10:00 pm	Member Reception
Sunday, November 23	9:00 am–6:30 pm	Program Unit Sessions
Monday, November 24	9:00 am–6:30 pm	Program Unit Sessions
Tuesday, November 25	8:30 am–12:00 pm	Program Unit Sessions

Full program schedule and descriptions available mid-July at http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book!

Onsite Registration and Exhibit Hours

Registration and the Exhibit Hall are located in the San Diego Convention Center. The Exhibits are in Halls F & G and Registration is in the lobby outside of Halls F & G.

	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Exhibit Hall</i>
Friday, November 21	11:00 am–6:00 pm	
Saturday, November 22	8:00 am–5:30 pm	8:30 am–5:30 pm
Sunday, November 23	8:00 am–5:30 pm	8:30 am–5:30 pm
Monday, November 24	8:00 am–5:30 pm	8:30 am–5:30 pm
Tuesday, November 25	8:00 am–10:00 am	8:30 am–12:00 pm

A name badge is required to enter all sessions and the Exhibit Hall. Register and arrange housing anytime online at <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing!>

Annual Meetings Employment Center

The Annual Meetings Employment Center provides job candidates and employers with current job listings, candidate credentials for review, a message service, and interview facilities.

CANDIDATE SERVICES

All registered candidates receive:

- ☞ Annual Meetings edition of *Employment Listings*.
- ☞ Opportunity to submit a CV for employer review.
- ☞ Access to the Employment Center e-mail Message Center confidential communication with registered employers.

All candidates have the option of submitting a CV to the Employment Center. Organized by job classification, online CVs are available to employers electronically from June 16, 2014 through February 15, 2015, and onsite at the Annual Meetings Employment Center.

Please see <http://www.aarsbl.org/content/candidate-services> for more information.

CANDIDATE FEES

Preregistration: Open–Oct. 27, 2014, \$25

Onsite Registration: Oct. 28–Nov. 24, 2014 \$50



EMPLOYER SERVICES

All registered employers receive:

- ☞ Job advertisements included in the Annual Meeting Edition of *Employment Listings*, available on-site to all candidates.
- ☞ An Employment Center Icon next to online advertisements indicating that the position is registered for the Employment Center.
- ☞ Access to candidate credentials online through February 15, 2015.
- ☞ An interview booth and the ability to invite any candidate to an interview.
- ☞ Ability to reserve a Private Interview Room for an additional fee.
- ☞ Access to the Employment Center e-mail Message Center to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.

Employers who register onsite will not be able to reserve Private Interview Rooms or Interview Hall space prior to arriving onsite.

EMPLOYER FEES

First Job: \$275 (\$325 onsite)

Each Additional Job: \$60 (\$85 onsite)

ADVERTISING A JOB

In order to ensure the widest possible pool of candidates, all jobs registered with the Employment Center must be advertised online for at least 30 days. So, for 2014, if you plan on listing an ad for the four week minimum, you must begin your ad no earlier than August 25, 2014. The end date of your ad would then be September 22 at midnight. This is the first day of the 60-day period out from the Annual Meeting and would make your ad eligible for registration for the Employment Center. The fee for the advertisement is not included in the Employment Center registration fee. To place an ad, go to www.aarsbl.org.

Workshops

THATCAMP

The Humanities and Technology Camp

Friday, November 21, 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Chris Cantwell, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Presiding

The advent of digital technology and social media has not only transformed how today's religious communities function, but also how scholars teach and research religion more broadly. If you are interested in how technology is changing—or can change—the work of religious studies scholars, then we invite you to attend the AAR's second annual THATCamp! THATCamp stands for "The Humanities and Technology Camp," and they exist to bring scholars and technologists of every skill level together to learn how to integrate digital technology into their teaching and research. THATCamps are unconferences, which means this learning and building occurs not through formal presentations but in hands-on workshops or sessions proposed on the spot by participants. Topics we will cover could include academic blogging, social media in the classroom, digital research methods, web-based class projects, online publishing, and countless others.

The cost for the workshop is \$25, which includes the entire day of sessions and coffee. There will be time for lunch on your own. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

RELIGION AND MEDIA

The History and Materiality of Religious Circulations

Friday, November 21, 11:00 am–6:00 pm

Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, Quest University, Canada, Ann Burlein, Hofstra University, and Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding

The Religion and Media Workshop, one of the most popular sessions at the AAR annually, is a day-long seminar designed to foster collaborative conversation at the cutting edge of the study of religion, media, and culture. In 2014 the Workshop will explore the history and materiality of religious circulations.

Our topic will be religious circulations. What makes it possible for particular forms of religion to become popular? How do obstacles, such as secrecy, silence and censorship, block the circulation of religion (as compared to the role of gossip, scandal, and threat)? What are some good ways of thinking about networks? Most generally, how do media increase contact between diverse religious expressions, even enabling them to circulate globally, while obscuring, obstructing, or enhancing specific religious understandings?

The workshop will not be structured as traditional paper sessions, but rather as a master class in religious circulations, their possibilities and limits. Three to five readings will be circulated to participants before the event. Because of the nature of this year's workshop, it is essential that all participants commit to doing the readings ahead of time and prepare to participate in seminar-style conversation. We invite you to join us for a master class on the possibilities and impossibilities of religious circulations.

The cost for the workshop is \$70, which includes lunch and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

LEADERSHIP

Best Practices in an Era of Contingent Labor: A Workshop for Chairs of Religious Studies Programs and Departments

Friday, November 21, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Toddie Peters, Elon University, and Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

According to the American Association of University Professors, more than half of all faculty members across the United States hold part- or full-time, non-tenure-track teaching positions. What can departments and institutions do to improve the working conditions of these contingent faculty colleagues? In plenaries, panels, and breakout sections, participants in this workshop will explore concrete ways for chairs and departments to help contingent faculty members thrive. Contingent faculty members and experts who have studied the circumstances surrounding "contingent labor" will lead the workshop. A best practices document for contingent faculty drafted by the Academic Relations Committee will focus our discussions.

The cost for the workshop is \$75, which includes lunch and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

Participants will include:

Courtney Bender, Columbia University

Edward Curtis, Indiana University

Christine Gudorf, Florida International University

David Watt, Temple University

Workshops (cont.)

RETHINKING ISLAMIC STUDIES

Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices

Friday, November 21, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Danielle Widmann-Abraham, James Madison University and Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding

The 2014 Rethinking Islamic Studies workshop will continue to explore best practices for teaching undergraduates foundational topics in Islamic Studies. This year, we will look at conceptual and pedagogical strategies for teaching four topics: law, Shi'ism, ritual practice, and violence.

Our focus will be pedagogical, exploring the practical aspects involved in enhancing student learning and critical thinking regarding essential topics in the study of Islam. Our goal is to enhance the integration and mutual enrichment of Islamic Studies and the broader field of Religious Studies. Through both presentations and conversation, we will collectively explore such questions as: How can we help students grasp both the historical formation and contemporary practice of Islamic law? How do we situate the authority of law in terms of the various practices that characterize the lived religion of Islam? What resources does the broader field of Religious Studies offer in terms of thinking about law/jurisprudence as a comparative category that can enrich inquiry about Islam? In teaching about Shi'i traditions, how do we facilitate the exploration of distinct interpretive traditions of Islamic history and theology without reifying sectarian differences? How can we build students' appreciation for the multiple effects of ritual performance, as it embodies tradition, forms ethical subjects, and structures temporal human life? Finally, violence remains one of the most crucial questions in religious studies inquiry. How do we shape classroom conversations about violence as an intellectual topic of profound ethical import? To put it another way, how can we orient analysis of violence in the past so that it contributes to reflexive analysis of violence in the present? What conceptual frames help students think critically about violence in relation to Islamic tradition and in terms of universal human phenomena? And as a corollary, what implicit parallel practices of nonviolence can we excavate for students in the humanities?

The format will consist of presentations by experienced instructors combined with interactive small group discussion. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for reflection on effective teaching and student-centered learning. The workshop is intended both for graduate students and professors of Islamic studies, as well as scholars from other fields in religious studies who are looking to incorporate Islamic materials in their courses.

The cost of the workshop is \$35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration limited to the first 70 participants.

RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

Religious Environmentalism and Environmental Activism

Friday, November 21, 1:45 pm–5:00 pm

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding

The Religion and Ecology Group invites you to examine the fusion of religion and politics in religious environmentalism. Many people of established faiths and of eclectic spirituality are engaged in environmental activism for explicitly religious or spiritual reasons. Simultaneously, many secular environmental organizations define themselves as seeking to protect the "sacredness of life." What are the theoretical and practical implications of these hopeful connections? And should this fusion of religion and politics radically alter our understanding of each?

This workshop will offer:

- ☞ An overview of religious environmental activism and the spiritual dimensions of secular environmental groups.
- ☞ A theoretical framework to conceptualize types of political activism.
- ☞ Case studies of activist religious environmental activism; e.g., civil disobedience by religious leaders over Keystone XL, interfaith reforestation efforts in Southern Africa, indigenous resistance to fracking.
- ☞ A chance to join with thoughtful colleagues in examining questions such as:
 - Do progressive movements (for democracy, racial and gender equality, workers' rights, etc.) hold significant lessons for religious environmentalists about political strategy, the role of leadership, and alliances with non-environmental and secular groups?
 - Can explicitly political organizations learn from the religious or spiritual stress on humility, compassion, and self-understanding?
 - Is significant environmental change possible in the face of capitalism or the bureaucratic state (e.g., China)?
 - As scholars are we like engineers studying metallic strengths aboard the Titanic or a Jewish historian studying anti-Semitism in 1938 Germany? How do we combine academic objectivity/professionalism with the fact that we are all affected by and contribute to the environmental crisis?
 - What are the possibilities for environmental activism in our own lives?

The cost for the workshop is \$35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

Workshop Reservation Form

No.	Workshop	Day/Time	Cost
_____	THATCamp <i>The Humanities and Technology Camp</i>	Friday, November 21 9:00 am–5:00 pm	\$25
_____	Religion and Media <i>The History and Materiality of Religious Circulations</i>	Friday, November 21 11:00 am–6:00 pm	\$70
_____	Leadership <i>Best Practices in an Era of Contingent Labor</i>	Friday, November 21 1:00 pm–5:00 pm	\$75
_____	Rethinking Islamic Studies <i>Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices</i>	Friday, November 21 1:00 pm–5:00 pm	\$35
_____	Religion and Ecology <i>Religious Environmentalism and Environmental Activism</i>	Friday, November 21 1:45 pm–5:00 pm	\$35

Name _____

Email _____

AAR Member ID _____

Payment Method: Check (payable to “AAR”) Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number _____

Expiration Date (mo/yr) _____ CCID# _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Workshops fill up quickly and are first-come, first serve!

Return the form with payment by November 1, 2014 to AAR Registration and Housing,
825 Houston Mill Rd. NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, fax to +1-404-935-5321, email reg@aarweb.org, or
register online while completing the registration process at <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing>.

If you’ve already completed registration, please send in the form or simply email reg@aarweb.org.

Tour Information

SAN DIEGO CITY TOUR

Friday, November 21, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm, \$40



As the birthplace of California, San Diego is blessed with a rich history, stunning geography and a Mediterranean climate, making it one of the world's most delightful cities. Your bus tour begins with an introduction to

the downtown area, with its modern buildings and bustling businesses, which is in stark contrast to the historic Gaslamp Quarter located just a few blocks away. We'll cross the award winning Coronado Bay Bridge next, where you will visit the island and drive by one of San Diego's most treasured icons, the Hotel del Coronado. As we return to the mainland, enjoy the open beauty and manicured lawns of Balboa Park, the nation's largest urban cultural park and site of the 1915 Panama-California Expo. We'll continue on to San Diego's birthplace in Old Town where you have free time to explore the historic exhibits, as well as the numerous shops and restaurants in this unique village atmosphere. The tour will continue to La Jolla ("the jewel" in Spanish), where you will be able to gaze out onto the beautiful Pacific Ocean, driving by Bird Rock to watch the kayakers, and then by the children's pool, which is now a sanctuary for the local sea lions. You will continue onto Mount Soledad, where in 1946, a cross was built for Korean War heroes. This monument has been the source of a long-running legal case regarding the separation of church and state. You'll drive by the Embarcadero and Marine Museum, which holds a collection of many historical ships, including the famous USS Midway. Passing Seaport Village and the fishing fleet, the bus heads back to the Convention Center.



VINYASA YOGA CLASS

Saturday, November 22, 7:00 am–8:00 am, \$15

Join your colleagues for a 50 minute Vinyasa yoga session, which connects breathing to poses through movement. Participants will also learn shoulder placement and coordination as they improve total body alignment. Mats and/or pool towels will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing.

SAN DIEGO HARBOR CRUISE WITH A LECTURE ON THE VISIBLE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Saturday, Nov 22, 9:15 am–12:30 pm, \$45

Join your colleagues and friends on a two hour cruise of the San Diego Bay. First you will travel to the North Bay where a colony of sea lions live on the bait barges near Point Loma, then you'll venture to the South Bay by Coronado and view the San Diego Skyline. Over 50 landmarks, historic sites and environmental interest points will be seen as you travel over 13 miles.



Accompanying us on the cruise will be Michel Boudrias, the chair of the Marine Science and Environmental Studies Department at University of San Diego, who will deliver a presentation on climate change specifically

geared to scholars working in the humanities. The presentation will take advantage of the scenic views from the boat to illustrate the impending and already visible effects of climate change in the region. Annual Meetings participants will have a private area to hear Dr. Boudrias talk, or you may venture outside to hear the Captain discuss local landmarks as you pass them. Participants will meet at the Convention Center and walk a mile to the boat dock for the 2 hour cruise. This is a rain or shine event; refunds will not be issued for inclement weather. Registration for this event will only be open until Friday, November 21 at 6:00 pm PST.

CHINESE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, November 23, 12:45 pm–2:00 pm, \$10

This one hour docent-led walking tour includes a lecture on the history of San Diego's Chinatown and an overview of precious artifacts of Chinese art and culture in the historic Chinese Mission Building. The group will then tour the Chuang Garden, a tranquil koi pond and waterscape with a blend of Chinese and Japanese rock elements. The closing of the visit will be a visit to the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Extension, housing a featured rotating exhibit, typically a fascinating study on an aspect of Chinese art, culture, or history. The group will depart from the Convention Center and walk to the Museum. The actual tour will be held 1:00 pm–2:00 pm, so feel free to join the Historical Gaslamp Tour around the corner at 2:30 pm, or explore the museum and gardens on your own. (Please register separately for the Gaslamp Tour.)



Tour Information (cont.)

HISTORIC GASLAMP TOUR

Sunday, November 23, 2:15 pm–4:00 pm, \$15



Opening a window to San Diego's past, the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation showcases the history of the William Heath Davis House built in 1850, which is the oldest house downtown.

The tour includes architecturally significant structures of the period from Old City Hall (1874) to the Romanesque style Keating Building (1890) to the Baroque Revival Louis Bank of Commerce (1888), along with fascinating stories of the people and characters that shaped the destiny of San Diego. From William Heath Davis, who first attempted the building of "New Town," to Alonzo Horton who came here in 1867 and finished the job, the cultural heritage of San Diego speaks through the buildings of a by-gone era that stand as testimony to its richness. The group will depart from the Convention Center and walk to the Gaslamp Museum. The actual tour will be held 2:30 pm–4:00 pm, so feel free to join the Chinese Historical Museum and Garden Tour that ends at 2:00 pm, just around the corner. (Please register separately for this tour.)

WINE AND RELIGION: A PAIRING OF THE SPIRITS

Sunday, November 23, 4:15 pm–8:00 pm, \$55

Participate in a unique session at the San Diego Cellars winery, where you may listen to a presentation on wine and religion, and afterward enjoy a pairing flight consisting of six different regional wines paired with light fare.



You'll learn the wine origins, nuances, and rationale for the pairings. Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an amateur vintner himself, will present a talk entitled "In Vino Sanctus: Finding Religion in the Fruit of the Vine." Informed by over 60 interviews with wine makers in France, Australia, and the United States, his paper examines the way that wine acts as a surrogate for religion in the lives of contemporary wine makers. Drawing upon the concept of implicit religion, Lloyd-Moffett presents some common characteristics of spiritual wine makers. Finally, he queries which unique characteristics of wine offers the potential to transform the mere production of a common beverage into a holistic spiritual vocation. Participants will meet at the Convention Center, take the trolley (light rail) to Little Italy, and then walk 0.4 miles to San Diego Cellars. Registration for this event will only be open until Friday, November 21 at 6:00 pm PST. Registration for this event will only be open until Friday, November 21 at 6:00 pm PST.

BIBLICAL ART IN THE SAN DIEGO MUSEUM

Monday, November 24, 9:30 am–1:00 pm, \$40

Start your day at the San Diego Art Museum with a one hour, decent-led tour of the Renaissance and Baroque, Asian, Persian, and the Art of the Americas galleries. The Museum's collections are all encompassing, with objects from across the globe, and ranging in date from 5,000 B.C. to the present. Perhaps best known for its Spanish old master paintings, the Museum holds a broad collection of European, American, Latin

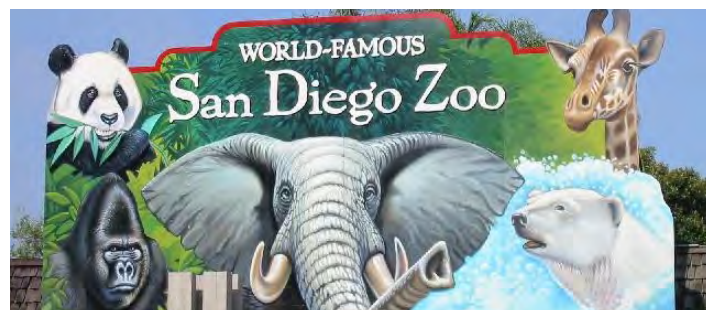


American, and Asian Art. Among the most important aspect of the Museum's holdings in Asian art are the world-class South Asian paintings from the encyclopedic collection of Edwin Binney III; Buddhist sculpture of China and Japan; Ukiyo-e woodblock prints; and a wide variety of ceramics, metalwork, and decorative arts ranging in date from about 1,600 BCE until the present-day. The European collection also holds strong groups of paintings ranging from the Renaissance and Baroque eras to Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Recently, the Museum has made significant acquisitions of contemporary art and photography, and of art from Africa, Oceania, and the indigenous peoples of the Americas. You will have ample time to explore the museum on your own after the tour. The bus will drop off at Presidents Way and Pan American Plaza and participants will have to walk 0.4 miles to the Art Museum.

SAN DIEGO ZOO TRIP

Monday, November 24, 9:30 am–1:00 pm, \$55

Hop on a bus directly from the San Diego Convention Center to the famous San Diego Zoo. The zoo houses over 3,700 animals of more than 650 species and subspecies, and pioneered the concept of open-air, cageless exhibits that re-create natural animal habitats. If you choose to enjoy the 99 acre park after 12:30 pm, the zoo will stay open until 5:00 pm, and an average one-way taxi fare is \$18. More information can be found here to plan your visit: <http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/plan-your-day>. Registration for this event will only be open until Sunday, November 23 at 1:00 pm PST.



Tour Information (cont.)

BALBOA PARK TRANSPORTATION

Monday, November 24, 9:30 am–1:00 pm, \$30



Treat yourself to any number of attractions or museums on this three and a half hour trip. The bus will leave from the San Diego Convention Center and travel to Balboa Park (drop off at Presidents Way and

Pan American Plaza). Participants will have the opportunity to visit one or more of several museums, attractions, and gardens on your own, some of which are complimentary. More information can be found here to plan your visit: <http://www.balboapark.org/visit>.

SACRED SITES TOUR

Monday, November 24, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm, \$30

Religious diversity and architectural modernism are key factors shaping the religious landscape of contemporary San Diego. This bus tour will focus on religious buildings from several traditions, with an emphasis on modern architectural styles.



Potential sites include noted architect Robert E. Des Lauriers's Abu Bakr Al Siddique Masjid (now the Islamic Center of San Diego), Calvary Lutheran Church, and Calvary Baptist (now Canyon Ridge Baptist). Other potential sites include Wat Sovannkiri Buddhist Temple and other sites in the City Heights neighborhood, as well as Irving Gill's First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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