



Speaking of Students

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STUDENT EVENTS AT 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The Graduate Student Committee organized a considerable stream of activities for graduate students at this year's annual meeting in San Francisco. [Full descriptions](#) are available at the AAR website. If you would like to propose a roundtable discussion or "Beyond the Boundaries" lecture for the 2012 annual meeting in Chicago, contact AAR Student Director [Elizabeth Lawson](#). Further information regarding GSC event proposals will follow in an upcoming S.O.S. newsletter.

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SPRING 2012 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional meetings provide great opportunities to present papers in friendly environments, learn about cutting-edge research and meet fellow scholars the field. Click on the relevant link below for more information about registration and calls for papers.

[Eastern International](#)

University of Waterloo and
Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo, ON
May 4-5

*Deadline for Proposals: January
31*

*** Student Paper Competition

[Mid-Atlantic and New England-Maritimes](#)

Cosponsored by both regions
Hyatt Hotel

New Brunswick, NJ

March 15-16

Theme: "Interpreting

Multiculturalism and Pluralism"

[Midwest](#)

Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Concordia University
Portland, OR

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March 30-31
Deadline for Proposals: January 2

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains

Brigham Young University
Provo, UT
March 23-24

Southwest

Marriott Hotel, DFW Airport
Irving, TX
March 9-11

Western

Santa Clara University
Santa Clara, CA
March 24-26
Theme: "Sacred Texts, Sacred Communities"

May 11-13
Deadline for Proposals: March 15

Southeast

Atlanta Marriott Century Center
Atlanta, GA
March 2-4

Upper Midwest

Luther Seminary
St Paul, MN
March 30-31
Deadline for Proposals: December 15
*** Travel grants available for graduate students

REGIONAL NEWS

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region

This year's regional meeting was hosted in March by the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. It was very well attended and featured three well-received plenary addresses.

- "Biblical Studies as a Secular Discipline: Reflections of a Protestant Scholar on a Catholic Theology Faculty," Ronald Simkins (Creighton University)
- Why to Eschew Reductionism: Lessons from the Buddhist Vinaya," José Cabezón (University of California at Santa Barbara)
- "Epistemologies of the Body in the New Testament," Dale Martin (Yale University).

The success of this year's regional meeting was due, in large part, to the work of Professor Jacob Kinnard (Iliff School of Theology) who oversaw the planning of this year's meeting.

Mid-Atlantic Region

Two new Regional Student Reps were elected at the Spring 2011 Regional Meeting:

- **Jennifer Lancaster** (Temple University)
- **Scott Singer** (Temple University).

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR LATEST NEWS

Speaking of Students is sent to all student members of the American Academy of Religion. Remember that memberships run for each calendar year, so this will be the last issue of *SOS* for those not renewing their student memberships. If you would like to continue receiving *SOS*, as well as the many other benefits that come with AAR membership, please remember to [renew](#) soon!

SOS SEEKS NEW EDITOR FOR 2012–13

AAR Student Director [Elizabeth V. Lawson](#) seeks an editor for *Speaking of Students* (*SOS*). The editor will solicit articles for the January, April, July, and October issues of *SOS* based on established submission guidelines. The editor will work closely with the student director, Graduate Student Committee chair, and the AAR staff liaison to the Graduate Student Committee. The editor will also submit an annual status report to the student director.

The term of service is January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. Qualifications include: current student membership in the AAR for at least one calendar year prior to applying, previous editing experience, and current enrollment in a doctoral program. Applicants should send a brief statement of interest with biographical sketch and current curriculum vitae to Beth at evlawson@temple.edu. Applications must be received by Friday, December 30.

Further inquiries about the position may be directed to the current editor, [J. Andrew Edwards](#).
