

AAR Speaking of Students

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Note from the Student Director, Bhakti Mamtora

As you prepare your trip to San Antonio, TX, we wanted to share a few tips for navigating the city and maximizing on the opportunities at the AAR Annual Meeting.

- **Transportation:** The easiest way of traveling from the airport to your hotel is taking an Uber or Lyft taxi service. The city also has a metropolitan transit bus system that you can take to get around town.
- **Graduate Student Programming:** There are several programs geared towards students attending the annual meeting. These include the Student Welcome and Business meeting held on Sunday at 9:00am, the Student Lounge Roundtables on topics such as teaching and grant writing, and our panel “Re-Imagining the Intellectual as a Revolutionary Social Force” on Monday at 9:00am.
- **New Members:** If you are new member attending the Annual Meeting review the [new members guide](#) and get tips on the sessions and services provided during the meeting.



While you are in San Antonio, TX, stop by the Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting held on Sunday, November 20th at 9:00am in the Convention Center, 225D-2nd Level East. Feel free to stop by the student lounge, at the same location, at any point throughout the meeting if you would like to work, chat or take a break! As

always, the room will be stocked with coffee, tea and other beverages.

If you have any suggestions or concerns feel free to send us a message. You can find our contact information here: www.aarweb.org/about/graduate-student-committee.

Annual Meeting Programs Organized by the Graduate Student Committee

The Graduate Student Committee (GSC) is excited to offer a range of programs exclusively for graduate students at this year's Annual AAR/SBL Meeting in San Antonio, TX. [This handout](#) provides details on the events organized for graduate students.

Special Topics Forum for Student Members, San Antonio 2016

Re-Imagining the Intellectual as a Revolutionary Social Force

Chase L. Way, Presiding

Monday, 9:00–11:30 am, Grand Hyatt-Lone Star D (2nd Level)

How can Religious Studies re-imagine the intellectual as a revolutionary social force? This panel addresses this question by examining the various ways in which scholars following traditional or nontraditional career paths can engage with the public. In particular, the panel explores how digital scholarship – across new media platforms – can provide ample opportunity for public engagement, career advancement, and move the field of religious studies forward.

Panelists:

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College

Andrew Henry, Boston University

Ken Chitwood, University of Florida

Kelly Gannon, Emory University

Student Lounge Roundtables, San Antonio 2016

This year's Annual Meeting will feature several Student Roundtables on various topics, aimed at serving Student Member needs, and organized and hosted by members just finishing (or just finished) their degrees. All of the roundtable sessions will take place in the Convention Center, 225D-2nd Level East unless otherwise noted. The sessions will last for a total of 90 minutes. You can find more information on student lounge roundtable sessions in the program book and AAR/SBL app.

Saturday Sessions

9:00–10:30am: Encouraging Student Engagement with Assigned Readings

1:00–2:30pm: Playing the Grant Roulette: When and How to Play the Grant-Game in Higher Education

4:00–5:30pm: Valuing Your Work, Working Your Values: Uncovering Why You Do What You Do

Sunday Sessions

10:00–11:30am: *Teaching Living Religions in Environments of Potential Controversy*

1:00–2:30pm: *Alt-Ac Employment and Recruitment from an HR Perspective*

3:00–4:30pm: *Embedded and Embodied: The Ethics of Virtual Ethnography*

5:00–6:30pm: *Graduate Student Teaching: In the Classrooms and with Your Peers*

Monday Sessions

1:00–2:30pm: *Time Saving Resources and Strategies for Teaching*

4:00–5:30pm: *The Work-Life Balance in Academia: Balancing Graduate School with Family*

2017 Regional Meeting CFPs

Open calls for papers for the 2017 AAR regional meetings include the following:

- [Rocky Mountain-Great Plains](#) – Friday, November 4 deadline
- [Mid-Atlantic](#) – Friday, December 16, 2016 deadline
- [Pacific Northwest](#) – Friday, December 30, 2016 deadline
- [Upper Midwest](#) – Friday, January 6, 2017 deadline
- [Midwest](#) – Tuesday, January 10, 2017 deadline
- [Eastern International](#) – Friday, February 15, 2017 deadline

Facebook Pages for Student Members

Our [Student Members and Friends of the American Academy of Religion](#) Facebook page is available for all members and friends of the AAR. Members can post calls for papers, job listings, requests for more information, forthcoming publications, and more.

You can also stay connected with students and events in your region by "liking" your regional Facebook page:

- [Student Members of the AAR EIR](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR Midwest Region](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR New England-Maritime Region](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR Pacific Northwest Region](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR and SBL Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR Southeast Region](#)

- [Student Members of the AAR Upper Midwest Region](#)
- [Student Members of the AAR Western Region](#)
- [American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region](#)