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Colleagues:

Greetings from the Luce Center in Atlanta! The staff and I hope you enjoyed the winter break and are starting both the new year and a new semester/term in good spirits and in good health. We ordinarily do not release an E-bulletin in the month of January, but we had a number of exciting news items to share with you: the Annual Meeting Call for Papers is now available online and there are a number of upcoming deadlines for awards and grants.

With every good wish in this winter season, I offer you my thanks for your participation in the work of our Academy.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jack Fitzmier'.

Jack Fitzmier
Executive Director

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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Call for Papers Now Available!

The 2010 Call for Papers is now [online](#). The Online Paper/Panel Proposal (OP3) System will open on Friday, January 15. The deadline for proposal submissions is Monday, March 1.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR THE
SUMMER SEMINAR ON THEOLOGIES OF RELIGIOUS
PLURALISM AND COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY: COHORT**

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TWO

The American Academy of Religion is pleased to announce the formation of Cohort Two of our Luce Summer Seminars.

These week-long seminars will provide training to theological education faculty who are often preparing students for future religious leadership and ministry. The Theological Education Steering Committee invites applications from theological educators interested in pursuing the following questions. The seminars will help address the question of religious diversity as a question of faith, that is to say, as a properly theological question: what is the meaning of my neighbor's faith for mine? While we expect that the bulk of applicants will come from seminaries and divinity schools, we also welcome theological educators who teach in theology and religious studies departments.

The seminars, composed of twenty to twenty-five participants and eight instructors, are designed for those relatively new to the theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology, allowing them to learn from scholars and advance their understanding. The result of the summer seminars will be to increase the number of theological educators who can teach in the areas of theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology in a variety of institutions in which theological education takes place. All accepted applicants will be awarded a cash stipend of \$1,000, plus the grant will cover most of their expenses incurred in their participation in the seminars.

Cohort Two will meet June 13-20, 2010, at Georgia Tech, Atlanta; then on October 29, 2010, at the Annual Meeting, Atlanta; and, finally May 29-June 5, 2011, in Chicago.

The application deadline for Cohort Two is January 15, 2010. All accepted applicants will be notified by early March 2010.

Further information on the seminars can be found at http://www.aarweb.org/Programs/Summer_Seminars.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT WINNERS

The American Academy of Religion is pleased to announce the Regional Development Grant winners for 2009-2010:

- Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, "Promoting Public Understanding of Religion"
- Daniel McClain, Catholic University of America, and Elizabeth Lawson, Temple University, "Student Formation and Regional Resources"
- Ronald B. Neal, Claflin University, "REM Professional Development Initiative"
- Tina Shepardson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, "Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity"

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Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and the work of the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events, and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. The application deadline for 2010-2011 is August 1, 2010. Further information on the grant application process can be [found here](#).

MARTIN E. MARTY PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AWARD

To nominate someone for the AAR's Martin E. Marty Award, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion by those whose work speaks to the public as well as to scholars, please [click here](#). The deadline for nomination submissions is January 25, 2010.

AAR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Committee on Teaching and Learning seeks nominations for the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award. Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the AAR website at www.aarweb.org/programs/awards/teaching_awards. The deadline for nominations is January 11, 2010.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION

In order to give recognition to new scholarly publications that make significant contributions to the study of religion, the American Academy of Religion offers Awards for Excellence. The Awards honor works of distinctive originality, intelligence, creativity and importance, books that affect decisively how religion is examined, understood, and interpreted. Awards for Excellence are given in four categories: Analytical-Descriptive, Constructive-Reflective, Historical, and Textual. For more information about our Awards, [click here](#). The deadline for submissions is March 20, 2010.

BEST FIRST BOOK IN THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS AWARD

The AAR History of Religions Jury invites nominations for Best First Book in the History of Religions Award. Eligible books for this award must meet the following criteria:

- The nomination must be the first book published by the nominee.
- It must be in the field of "History of Religions" (in the broad sense that it raises historical and/or comparative methodological questions in the field of religion).
- It must have been published within the calendar year of 2009.

- The nominated book must be written by a single author.

The deadline to submit a book along with a nomination is January 11, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

ACLS HUMANITIES E-BOOK

The AAR is a member of the American Council of Learned Societies. The ACLS offers individual annual subscriptions to the ACLS Humanities E-book (HEB) to current AAR members. By early 2010, HEB will be offering unlimited access to nearly 3,000 full-text, cross-searchable titles across the humanities and social sciences, from the 1880s through the present.

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