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IMPORTANT MEMBER UPDATES

Renew Today for 2012 Membership

Don't miss out on your membership! [Renew today](#) for the 2012 AAR membership year. Renew before December 31, 2011 and you will receive the 2011 membership rate. Member rates increase on January 1, 2012!

AAR Election Winners Announced!

- Vice President: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
- Secretary: Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University
- At-Large Director: Roberto R. Lint Sagarena, Middlebury College
- Student Director: Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Congratulations to Laurie, Roberto, Elonda, and Warren. They join our Board at an exciting time in our history. Thank you to Naomi R. Goldenberg, Justin McDaniel, Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, and David L. Weddle for running as well.

Best wishes to Kwok Pui Lan as she completed her tenure as AAR President at the Annual Meeting in November. Otto A. Maduro is the new AAR President and John L. Esposito is President-Elect.

We extend warm appreciation and thanks to the outgoing leadership of the AAR — check the March issue of Religious Studies News for more about their great work.

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Luce Summer Seminar on Comparative Theology

The AAR will once again deliver a Summer Seminar on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology to theological educators. These seminars will help faculty participants to formulate a working answer to the properly theological question, "What significance does my neighbor's faith and tradition have for my own?" The next cohort will be composed of 18 participants and 7 instructors and will gather for a week-long event during summer 2012, then a one day event the following fall at the 2012 Annual Meeting, followed by another week-long event the next summer. The application deadline is **January 15, 2012**. Find out [more information](#) about this seminar.

AAR AWARDS NEWS

Religion and the Arts Award: Deadline February 1, 2012

Nominations are being accepted for the Religion and the Arts award, which is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the Academy and for a broader public. Nominees need not be AAR members. Please, no self nominations. To be considered for the 2012 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2012**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award: Deadline January 25, 2012

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 [see here](#). The deadline for nominations is **January 25, 2012**.

ACADEMIC ABBY: Professional Advice from Your Colleagues

Do you have a question about life in academe that you are at a loss to answer by yourself but don't feel you can approach your colleagues



SUMMER 2012

- **The Economics of Global Poverty**
Christopher Barrett
July 9–12, 2012
- **Globalization & Worship**
Charles Farhadian
July 23–August 3, 2012
- **Religion, Modernity, and the Hermeneutics of Science**
Peter Harrison
July 8–21, 2012
- **Singing What We Believe**
Bert Polman
June 18–22, 2012
- **Communitas: A Visiting Scholars Program**
Four consecutive weeks between June 25 and July 27, 2012

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with it? [Ask Academic Abby!](#) Academic Abby is able to answer questions large and small, from dealing with faculty dilemmas, to tenure issues, to work/life balance troubles. Questions can be submitted anonymously through an [online form](#). Members of the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee will respond to each question received. The question and answer will be posted on the [SWP web page](#) and issues of [Religious Studies News](#).

AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards:

[Anthony Cerulli](#), Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Awarded an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for his project, "Medical Narratives and Allegorical Bodies in Indian Medical Literature."

Books:

[Guy L. Beck](#), Tulane University

Vaishnava Temple Music in Vrindaban: The Radhavallabha Songbook, Blazing Sapphire Press, October 2011.

[Monica A. Coleman](#) and Nancy R. Howell and Helene Tallon Russell, Claremont School of Theology

Creating Women's Theology: A Movement Engaging Process Thought, Pickwick Publications, September 2011 release date. 978-1-61097-177-5

[Carl W. Ernst](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

How to Read the Qur'an: A New Guide, with Select Translations, University of North Carolina Press, December 2011, ISBN-13: 978-0807835166

[David M. Freidenreich](#), Colby College

Foreigners and Their Food: Constructing Otherness in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Law. Berkeley: University of California Press, August 2011 (ISBN 978-0520253216)

[Jane Naomi Iwamura](#), University of California, Los Angeles

Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions and American Popular Culture, Oxford University Press, December 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0199738618

[Justin D. Klassen](#), Bellarmine University

The Paradox of Hope: Theology and the Problem of Nihilism, Eugene,
OR: Cascade Books, 2011, ISBN-13: 978-1608997701

Reid B. Locklin, University of Toronto

*Liturgy of Liberation: A Christian Commentary on Shankara's
Upadesahasri*. Leuven: Peeters, November 2011 release date.

[Daniel Rancour-Laferriere](#), University of California, Davis

The Sign of the Cross: From Golgotha to Genocide. Transaction
Publishers, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-4128-1133-0.

[Glen G. Scorgie](#), Bethel University

Gen. ed. *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan,
2011. Consulting editors: Simon Chan, Gordon T. Smith, James D.
Smith III. ISBN: 978-0-310-29066-7

[Eliezer Segal](#), University of Calgary

Reading Jewish Religious Texts, Routledge, October 2011. ISBN-10:
0415588227. ISBN-13: 978-0415588225

[Eliezer Segal](#), University of Calgary

On the Trails of Tradition: Explorations of Jewish Life and Learning.
2011. Paper: CreateSpace, ISBN-10: 1463623917; ISBN-13: 978-
1463623913; ebooks: (Apple iBook, Kindle, Nook) Quid Pro Books: ISBN
9781610271035.

[Eliezer Segal](#), University of Calgary

For Signs and for Seasons. Paperback: CreateSpace 2011: ISBN-10:
1463610017, ISBN-13: 978-1463610012. e-books (Apple iBook, Kindle,
Nook): Quid Pro Books: ISBN 9781610271066.

Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College

Islamic Revival in Nepal: Religion and a New Nation. Routledge, 2011.
ISBN: 9780415618748

[Benjamin M. Stewart](#), Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology, Augsburg
Fortress, 2011. ISBN: 978-0806653938

Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University New Orleans

Ed., *Oxford Handbook of Millennialism* (New York: Oxford University
Press, 2011).

Career Transitions

[Andre E. Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary](#)

Named the Dr. James L. Netters Assistant Professor of Rhetoric &

Religion and African American Studies.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones! [Submit your Member Note online.](#)
