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Colleagues:

Greetings from the Luce Center in Atlanta! This month's E-bulletin contains a number of items: notice about the release of our March issue of *Religious Studies News*; news about the Annual Meeting in San Francisco; information regarding our regional development grants; and a solicitation for an editor for one of our book series.

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

Sincerely yours

Jack Fitzmier
Executive Director

MARCH RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS NOW ONLINE!

We are very pleased to announce the release of the March issue of *Religious Studies News*. The issue can be accessed by going online to www.rsnonline.org.

In this issue, you will find lots of information on our upcoming Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, as well as a recap of what occurred at our 2010 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. You can also read about pertinent matters in the field of religion in our Features and News sections. Our *Spotlight on Theological Education* issue explores the transition from graduate school to seminary teaching.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

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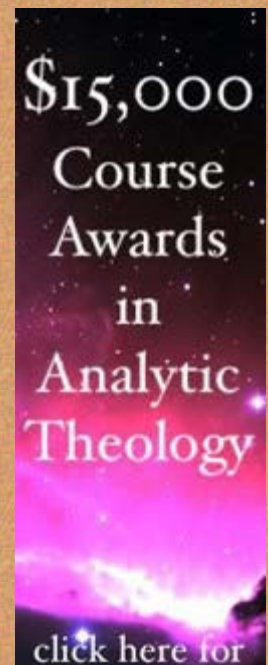
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Registration and Housing

Registration and Housing for the 2011 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, are now open. Save by registering now — "Super Saver" registration rates expire on April 30! You must be registered to secure housing. Visit the AAR website to [register and book housing online](#).

Workshops

Four workshops are available at the Annual Meeting. Registration is limited, so sign-up soon. For more information about the workshops, [please click here](#).

- [Religion and Media Workshop](#) on "What's Next for Texts: Scripting Religion in a Networked World," Friday, November 18, 9:30 AM–4:30 PM
- [Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop](#) on "Gender, Sexuality, and Bodies in the Text," Friday, November 18, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
- [Status of Women, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Workshop](#) on "Overcoming Barriers to Underrepresented Scholarship: A Strategy and Action Workshop," Friday, November 18, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM
- [Sustainability Workshop](#) on "Teaching About Religion and Sustainability: The Animal Question," Friday, November 18, 1:45 PM–5:30 PM

Tour Information

Several tours are available at the Annual Meeting. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the tours, [please click here](#).

- Bay Area Cemeteries Tour
- Cathedral Architecture and Stained Glass Tour
- Edible Cityscapes — Religion, Justice, and the Bay Area Sustainable Food Culture
- *Girls in Trouble* and Contemporary Jewish Museum Tour
- Historic Castro Neighborhood
- Muir Woods
- Sacred and Religious Sites of San Francisco
- San Francisco City Tour
- Vedanta Society of Northern California

2010 Annual Meeting Sessions Available on Video!

Videos from the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, are [now available](#)! The sessions recorded include:

[Blogging God: On Faith](#)

- [Conversation with Ena Heller, 2010 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner](#)
- [Islam and Sacred Space in America: Zeroing in on the Park51 Controversy](#)
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Have you considered applying for a 2011–2012 [Regional Development Grant](#)? Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that promise to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events, and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Where possible, projects are designed so that they may be duplicated or transported to other regions.

Applications should include a narrative description of the project detailing how the project promises to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and the work of the region. Please include comments on how these projects or activities may be adapted to other regional groups. The application should state the time period covered by the project and provide a detailed budget (office expenses, travel expenses, honoraria, stipend, and other expenses). Institutional overhead costs should not be included in this budget. No grant will exceed \$4,000.

Successful grants from prior years can be [found here](#).

Deadlines:

- August 1, 2011 – Grant proposals due to Regional Directors
- September 1, 2011 – Regional Directors forward grants to Regions Committee
- October 15, 2011 – Regional grant awards announced

AAR SEEKS ACADEMY SERIES BOOK EDITOR

The AAR Publications Committee seeks a book editor for the Academy Series, which is sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and published in cooperation with Oxford University Press.

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AAR Series Editors help set editorial policy, acquire manuscripts, and work with Oxford University Press in seeing manuscripts through to publication. Editors sit on the AAR Publications Committee for the duration of their term. This is a volunteer position. All applicants must be members of the American Academy of Religion.

If you are interested in this position, you are highly encouraged to read further information about the position in the recent [RSN January 2011 issue](#). Please e-mail inquiries, nominations (self-nominations are encouraged), and applications (a letter describing interests and qualifications, plus a current curriculum vita) by Word or PDF attachment to Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Publications Committee Chair, cduggan@shawu.edu. The application deadline is April 15, 2011.
