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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Annual Meeting Registration and Housing – Early Bird Rates End August 31

[Early Bird rates](#) end after August 31, 2011! Register today to get the best rates. You must be registered to secure housing. AAR has secured great room rates at three new hotels; housing is going fast. [Register TODAY!](#)

Annual Meeting Program Planner – Update Your Mailing Address

The *Annual Meeting Program Planner* is mailed in early September to all current members of the AAR. [Update your mailing address](#) now to receive a copy. The new *Program Planner* contains full information for all AAR and Additional Meetings sessions. The *Annual Meeting Program Planner* is a great way to begin your Annual Meeting planning. Make sure your membership address is listed correctly in the AAR member directory by [logging in](#) to your account. Please allow 3–4 weeks for delivery.

Online Annual Meeting Program Book – Begin Your Annual Meeting Planning Today

Can't wait for the mail? Check out the [Online Annual Meeting Program](#)

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[Book](#)! In addition to the online version and the *Program Planner* mailed in September, a print *Program Book* will be included in the tote bag at the Annual Meetings. Tote bags are available onsite in the registration area of the Moscone Center West in San Francisco.

Employment Center – Registration for Job Candidates and Employers Is Open

The [Employment Center](#), sponsored by the AAR and SBL, is open for candidates through the [Annual Meeting registration system](#). Employers can register through the AAR and SBL [job advertisement submission websites](#). The deadline to preregister for both candidates and employers is **October 24, 2011**. Register early to receive full benefits.

Women's Mentoring Luncheon

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force, and the Women's Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon on Sunday, November 20, at the Annual Meeting. An annual event, the luncheon invites women to meet with womanist, feminist, and LGBTIQ midcareer and senior scholars such as Judith Plaskow, Traci West, Namsoon Kang, and Katie Cannon. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs \$10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100. [Click here to register](#).

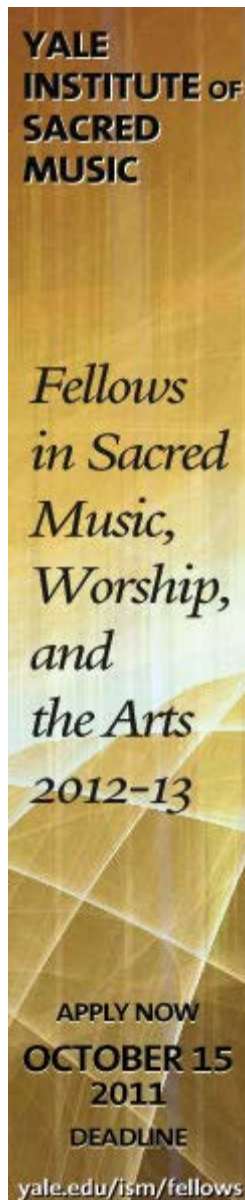
AAR RECEIVES LUCE GRANT

AAR is pleased to report that it has received a \$200,000 renewal grant from The Henry Luce Foundation to hold a Cohort Three of the Luce/AAR Summer Seminars in Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology. [Read more...](#)

AAR AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS

AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching – Nomination Deadline October 1

The Teaching and Learning Committee seeks nominations for the AAR



Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the [AAR website](#). The deadline for nominations is **October 1, 2011**.

2011–2012 International Dissertation Research Grants – Deadline December 1

The [2011–2012 International Dissertation Research Grants applications process is open](#). These annual grants, designed to support AAR student members whose dissertation research requires them to travel outside of the country in which their school or university is located, are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses.

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 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](#).

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in the latest happenings in the field of religion? Would you like to post an announcement of an event, award competition, or other news of importance in the field? [In the Field](#) is your resource for news of events and opportunities for scholars of religion and theological education, published online by the AAR.

AAR MEMBER NOTES

In Memoriam:

Gordon Kaufman, Harvard University and 1982 AAR President, passed away on July 22, 2011. A memorial



article in honor of Dr. Kaufman will be in the October 2011 issue of Religious Studies News.

Awards:

[Caroline Risling Baldy](#) - Awarded the Ford Foundation Pre Doctoral Fellowship. Predoctoral fellowships are awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The fellowships provide three years of support for individuals engaged in graduate study leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree.

[Huaiyu Chen](#) - Awarded a membership of the School of Historical Studies to spend 2011-12 conducting research on "Nestorian Christianity and Buddhism along the Silk Road in Medieval Period" at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

[Robert Geraci](#) - Awarded a National Science Foundation EAGER grant for "Virtually Meaningful: The Power and Presence of Meaning in Virtual Worlds." The project will provide two years of funding for Geraci and undergraduate researchers to study transcendent experiences in massively multiplayer online roleplaying games.

[Matthew S. Rindge](#) - Awarded the Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship (2011) by the Society of Biblical Literature for his paper "Reconfiguring the Akedah and Lamenting God: Mark's Theological Narrative of Divine Abandonment." The international award can only be received by a scholar once during their career.

[Caroline T. Schroeder](#) - Awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship to spend 2011-12 conducting research on children in early monasticism and asceticism at the Seminar for Egyptology and Coptology of the University of Göttingen.

Books:

[Grace Ji-Sun Kim](#), *The Holy Spirit, Chi, and the Other: A Model of Global and Intercultural Pneumatology*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). October 2011 release date. ISBN-13:978-0230120303

[Hitoshi Ochiai](#), *CANTOR: Archetype of Theological Mathematics*, Kyoto, Modern Mathematics Press, September 2011 release date

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