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Colleagues:

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

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

Sincerely yours

Jack Fitzmier  
Executive Director

#### ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

##### Call for Papers Now Available!

The 2011 Call for Papers is [now online](#). Proposals may be submitted through the [Online Paper/Panel Proposal \(OP3\) system](#). Please note and use the appropriate method of submission each Program Unit prefers. The deadline for all proposal submissions is March 1, 2011, 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

##### Registration and Housing

Registration and Housing for the 2011 Annual Meeting will be opening soon. You must be registered to secure housing. "Super Saver" registration rates are in effect until April 30, 2011. Check back to

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[www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org) for more information and to register!

## Financial Support Available for Students of Color Annual Meeting Presenters

The Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee will offer financial support to students of color who are invited to present a paper at the 2011 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The support will cover the costs of Annual Meeting registration. You must have a paper accepted in order to be eligible. If you have questions or for more information, contact Jessica Davenport, AAR Associate Director of Member Services, at [jdavenport@aarweb.org](mailto:jdavenport@aarweb.org).

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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

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## FREE CONTENT AVAILABLE ON JAAR WEBSITE

As the Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Amir Hussain wanted to let you know about the content that is available for free on the JAAR website at <http://jaar.oxfordjournals.org>. The latest issue (78:4, December 2010) is online, and from it he has selected the 2009 Presidential Address by Mark Juergensmeyer, the

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reflections of Richard Martin on Islamic Studies in the Academy, and the final word by the outgoing editor, Chuck Mathewes of the University of Virginia. You are encouraged to not only read those pieces, but to send them out to non-AAR members for a taste of what is published in the *JAAR*. One of Amir's goals as editor is to have the *JAAR* more widely read, both by AAR members as well as the larger academy.

For those interested, click "[E-mail Table of Contents](#)," and you can sign-up to receive the table of contents when a new issue of *JAAR* is published or new content appears online.

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### **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. The Academy Series is unique among the book series. Several features distinguish the series, among them the fact that it is the only series devoted to publishing books that originate as dissertations. The AAR takes seriously its role in promoting the development of emerging talent and has set aside the Academy Series to feature the best and most original work emerging from graduate programs in religion. Since the only criteria for consideration is that a work excels in scholarship that originates as a recently defended dissertation, the range of topics eligible for Academy Series recognition is very broad and inclusive of the diversity and vitality of religious studies.

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](mailto:cduggan@shawu.edu). The application deadline is April 15, 2011.

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