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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.

This month's e-bulletin contains a number of items, including the link to the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, general instructions, and important deadlines. In addition, we congratulate the winners of the international dissertation research grants and seek nominations for several 2011 awards. AAR also seeks a qualified individual to fill the Academy Book Series Editor position.

With every good wish in this academic year and with thanks for your participation in the work of our Academy, I remain

Sincerely yours

Jack Fitzmier  
Executive Director

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## ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

### Call for Papers Now Available!

The January issue of *Religious Studies News* is now available at [www.rsonline.org](http://www.rsonline.org). Inside you will find the [2011 Call for Papers](#). If you attempted to enter the site earlier today and had difficulty, please try again now.

Please note that the [Online Paper/Panel Proposal \(OP3\) System](#) will open on Tuesday, February 1. The deadline for proposal submissions is Tuesday, March 1.

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## **Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Open February 15**

Registration and Housing for the 2011 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, will open on Tuesday, February 15. Register before May 1 to receive the Early Bird discount!

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS**

The American Academy of Religion is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010–2011 [International Dissertations Research Grants](#): Mudgha Yeolekar of Arizona State University and Mashal Saif of Duke University.

The 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.

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## **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 nominations is January 25, 2011.

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## **RELIGION AND THE ARTS AWARD**

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 2011 award, nominations must be made by February 1, 2011. For submission requirements and more information, please [click here](#).

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## **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

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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, 2011.

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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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