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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013 TODAY!

[Renew your 2013 AAR membership](#) and make sure your access remains uninterrupted to all your member benefits, including print and online access to JAAR, Religious Studies News, the online membership directory, and reduced registration rates at the Annual Meeting.

AAR is holding a weekly drawing for a new AAR series book for renewing members. If you renew today or before **December 16**, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for *Other Dreams of Freedom: Religion, Sex, and Human Trafficking*, by Yvonne C. Zimmerman. Last week's winner, Dale M. Schlitt, Oblate School of Theology, won a copy of *Teaching Undergraduate Research in Religious Studies*, by Rebecca Todd Peters, and Bernadette McNary-Zak, eds. Each Monday begins a new drawing for new or renewing members!

AAR ELECTION WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

- Vice President: Thomas Tweed, University of Texas, Austin
- Treasurer: Linda A. Moody, Mount St. Mary's College
- At-Large Director: Jin Y. Park, American University
- Regions Director: Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

Congratulations to Tom, Linda, Jin, and Susan. They join our Board at an exciting time in our history. Thank you to Mark Jordan, Lucinda Huffaker, William K. Mahony, and David L. Weddle for running as well.

Best wishes to Otto A. Maduro as he completed his tenure as AAR

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President at the Annual Meeting in November. John L. Esposito is the new AAR President and Laurie Zoloth 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.

NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

AAR has partnered with several publishers to offer [discounts](#) on books and journals. Thank you to our partners:

- Ashgate Publishing
- DeGruyter
- Cambridge University
- Journal of Vaishnava Studies
- Oxford University Press
- Routledge
- University of California Press
- Wiley-Blackwell

If you would like to learn more about discounts on books and journals, visit http://www.aarweb.org/Members/Member_Discounts/.

DONATE TO THE ACADEMY FUND

As you think about your end-of-year charitable giving, please consider a gift to the [AAR Academy Fund](#). To learn more about the Academy Fund, make a one-time gift, or set up recurring giving, please visit www.aarweb.org/donate. Every gift is critical in helping to secure the future of the AAR.

AAR AND SBL RELEASE JOBS REPORT

The AAR and SBL recently issued an important jobs report tracking job listing data from 2001–2010 in religious, biblical, and theological studies. [View the report here](#). This report is historic in two regards. First, it reports on the past decade with an eye toward identifying key and important trends. Second, it is our first baseline collection and evaluation of a set of data that will facilitate annual updating and long-term analysis.

AAR AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The AAR's Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee has a new [Facebook](#) page!

Planning a Sabbatical?

Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research

is accepting applications for
the 2013/14
Resident Scholars Program.

Applications due:
Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013

The program provides opportunities for postdoctoral research and brings together well-trained, creative, articulate men and women for careful thought in a place of inquiry and prayer. People whose intellectual pursuits fit within the broad category of “ecumenical and cultural research” are encouraged to apply.

For more information about
this and other programs,
visit or call:

www.CollegevilleInstitute.org
320-363-3366



Here are some other great ways to connect with your AAR colleagues throughout the year:

- [AAR Facebook page](#)
- [AAR Twitter feed](#)
- [Students Facebook](#)
- [Status of Women in the Profession Facebook](#)

AAR AWARDS AND GRANTS NEWS

Religion and the Arts Award Nominations

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 2013 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2013**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award Nominations

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, 2013**.

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.

Here is a recent example: The Organization of American Historians (OAH) would like to extend an invitation to you and your patrons to submit a session or single paper proposal for the 2014 OAH Annual Meeting, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, Thursday, April 10 to Sunday,

April 13, 2014. The call for papers and a link to the proposal system is available on the [OAH website](#).

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 [Status of Women in the Profession web page](#) and issues of [Religious Studies News](#).

AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards and Accomplishments

Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
2012 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence, the highest teaching honor bestowed by University of North Carolina, Charlotte, which includes a nomination for the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching, the University of North Carolina systemwide award.

Books and Major Publications

[Dyron B. Daugherty](#), Pepperdine University
Church History: Five Approaches to a Global Discipline. New York: Peter Lang, 2012.

[Kenneth Garcia](#), University of Notre Dame
Academic Freedom and the Telos of the Catholic University, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-137-03191-4

[Matthew S. Hedstrom](#), University of Virginia
The Rise of Liberal Religion: Book Culture and American Spirituality in the Twentieth Century, Oxford University Press, November 2012 release.

[Carolyn M. Jones Medine](#), University of Georgia and John Randolph

LeBlanc

Ancient and Modern Religion and Politics: Negotiating Transitive Spaces and Hybrid Identities (Oct 30, 2012) ISBN-10: 0230340849 ISBN-13: 978-0230340848

[Monica R. Miller](#), Lewis & Clark College

Religion and Hip Hop, Routledge, August 2012, 978-0-415-62857-0

[Brian K. Pennington](#), Maryville College

Teaching Religion and Violence. American Academy of Religion and Oxford University Press, March 2012 release date.

[Gloria L. Schaab](#), Barry University

Trinity in Relation: Creation, Incarnation, and Grace in an Evolving Cosmos. Anselm Academic Publishing, September 2012. ISBN: 978-1-59982-096-5

[Harry H. Singleton III](#), Benedict College

White Religion and Black Humanity. ISBN: 978-0-7618-5737-2. Lanham, Maryland, University Press of America, January 2012.

Susanna Snyder, Episcopal Divinity School

Asylum-Seeking, Migration and Church, Ashgate, October 2012.

[Michael D. Swartz](#), The Ohio State University

The Signifying Creator: Nontextual Systems of Meaning in Ancient Judaism. New York and London: New York University Press. April 2012. ISBN: 9780814740934

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)
