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Renew Today for 2012 Membership

A new year means it is time to check your AAR membership status! [Renew today](#) for the 2012 AAR membership year or check your status by going to your member [Log in](#) page.

Religious Studies News

The January issue of [Religious Studies News](#) is published! It contains the [Call for Papers](#) for the 2012 AAR Annual Meeting, so be sure to check it out.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Call for Papers Now Available!

The January issue of *Religious Studies News* is now available at www.rsonline.org. Inside you will find the [2012 Call for Papers](#).

Please note that the new [Program Administration, Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission \(PAPERS\) System](#) will open by **Monday, February 13**. The deadline for proposal submissions is **Monday, March 5**.

Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Opens *February 6* (TENTATIVE DATE)

Registration and Housing for the **2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois**, will open on **Monday, February 6**. Register before **April 15** to

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AAR AWARDS NEWS

Religion and the Arts Award: Deadline February 1, 2012

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 2012 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2012**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award: Deadline January 25, 2012

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, 2012**.

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](#).

OTHER NEWS

Peer-Reviewed Syllabi

All of us would pay more attention to what and how we teach if we knew our syllabi are subject to the same scrutiny as our scholarly papers. *Syllabus*, a new peer-refereed journal, intends to provide an outlet for recognition and support to faculty who excel in teaching. The journal is at <http://syllabusjournal.org/>. It publishes original course syllabi, essays, and shorter "tool box" entries. All are subjected to blind

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AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards

Lisa Cataldo, Fordham University

Recipient of the Stephen A. Mitchell Author's Award, granted by the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, for the outstanding paper submitted by a psychoanalyst who has been out of training for five years or less.

[Scott M. Kenworthy](#), Miami University

Awarded the 2010 Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize of the American Society of Church History for his book *The Heart of Russia: Trinity-Sergius, Monasticism, and Society after 1825*, Oxford University Press, 2010.

[Rodger M. Payne](#), University of North Carolina, Asheville

Participated in a Fulbright-Hays summer seminar for university faculty exploring religious diversity in Morocco and Tunisia during the summer of 2011.

Books and Major Publications

[Guy L. Beck](#), Tulane University

Sonic Liturgy: Ritual and Music in Hindu Tradition. Studies in Comparative Religion. Frederick M. Denny, Series Editor. University of South Carolina Press, 2012. ISBN 978-1-61117-037-5

[Ellen Blue](#), Phillips Theological Seminary

St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, November 2011. ISBN 1-57233-821-0.

[Lucy Bregman](#), Temple University

Preaching Death: The Transformation of Christian Funeral Sermons. Baylor University Press, Oct. 2011.

[Fabrizio M. Ferrari](#), University of Chester

Health and Religious Rituals in South Asia. Disease, Healing and Possession. London and New York: Routledge, 2011, ISBN: 0415561450.

Talya Fishman, University of Pennsylvania

Becoming the People of the Talmud: Oral Torah as Written Tradition in Medieval Jewish Cultures. University of Penn Press, 2011 | ISBN 978-0-8122-4313-0

[Laura M. Hartman](#), Augustana College

The Christian Consumer: Living Faithfully in a Fragile World. Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN: 0199746427.

Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

Women, Conscience, and the Creative Press: 2009 Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality. Paulist Press, July 2011, ISBN 978-0-8091-4706-9

[Grace Yia-Hei Kao](#), Claremont School of Theology

Grounding Human Rights in a Pluralist World. Georgetown University Press; paperback ISBN: 9781589017337; eBook ISBN: 9781589017603; March 2011

Career Transitions

[Richard Heyduck](#), Wiley College

Appointed Assistant Professor of Religion at Wiley College.

[Grace Yia-Hei Kao](#), Claremont School of Theology

Recently became the first person of Taiwanese descent as well as the first Asian American female to be awarded tenure at Claremont School of Theology.

In Memoriam

Sarah Hammond, College of William and Mary

Dr. Hammond passed away November, 2011. She was a professor of American religious history and a 2009 Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellow at Indiana University. A tribute to Dr. Hammond, with links to other tributes, can be found at [Religion Dispatches](#).

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