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NEW MENTORING PROGRAM

AAR announces a one-year [pilot mentoring program](#) to commence November 2013 at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. This program is an initiative of three standing committees of the AAR: [Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, & Queer Persons in the Profession \(LGBTIQ\)](#); [Status of Women in the Profession \(SWP\)](#); and [Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession \(REM\)](#). The program grew out of successful mentoring lunches during the annual meetings, informal mentoring opportunities, and an expressed need by the members of these underrepresented groups. Thirty doctoral students, non-tenured (i.e., pre-tenure, adjunct, contract, or hybrid administrator/faculty) faculty, and/or post-doctoral fellows will be matched with participating scholars who will serve as mentors for a period of one year. Depending on mentee needs and mentor capacities, mentors will offer guidance with some of the following: professional development/discernment, access to networks, strategizing about publication(s), job-seeking (including jobs outside the academy or outside the tenure track), the tenure and promotion process, and work/life balance.

To apply, please complete the [online application form](#). Deadline for application: **March 31, 2013**.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Call for Papers Now Available!

The [2013 Call for Papers](#) is now online. Proposals may be submitted

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through the [Program Administration Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission \(PAPERS\) System](#). Please note and use the appropriate method of submission each Program Unit prefers. The deadline for all proposal submissions is **March 1, 2013, 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time**.

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Registration and Housing

Registration and Housing for the 2013 Annual Meetings will be opening soon. You must be registered to secure housing. "Super Saver" registration rates are in effect until **April 15, 2013**. Check back to www.aarweb.org for more information and to register!

AAR AWARD NEWS



2013 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient Announced

The Teaching and Learning Committee is pleased to announce Carolyn Medine is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award. Medine, a professor in the department of religion and in the Institute for African American Studies at the

University of Georgia, will make remarks and engage questions and answers from the audience during the Special Topics Forum at this year's Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. The Teaching and Learning Committee encourages and solicits nominations for the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award. Nominations must be received by **October 1, 2013**. For more information, [click here](#).

AAR 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

Learn more about AAR member discounts on books and journals [here](#).

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.

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](#).

ASK THE DIVA

If you are experiencing issues of special concern to LGBTIQ scholars of religion, the Diva can help! What questions do you have about graduate school, career development, teaching, etc.? Questions can be submitted anonymously through an [online form](#). Members of the LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee will respond. Your confidentiality is assured; the answers can be e-mailed to you privately if you wish. With your permission, the questions and answers will be posted anonymously in [Religious Studies News](#).

AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards and Accomplishments

[Ann Marie Bahr](#), South Dakota State University

Winner of 2012 Dorothy and Eugene T. Butler Human Rights Award for her work on interfaith dialogue and helping to move Brookings, SD, towards a greater awareness of non-Christian religions.

[Grace G. Burford](#), Prescott College

Honored by The Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona (ISBA) with the 2012 Building Bridges Award for Educators. Dr. Burford has worked with ISBA for over ten years to integrate first-hand experiences of Islam into her Religious Studies courses.

Books and Major Publications

[Stephen C. Berkwitz](#), Missouri State University

Buddhist Poetry and Colonialism: Alagiyavanna and the Portuguese in Sri Lanka. Oxford University Press, 2013. ISBN: 9780199935789 (paper), ISBN: 9780199935765 (cloth)

[Zohreh Kermani](#), Youngstown State University

Pagan Family Values: Childhood and the Religious Imagination in Contemporary American Paganism, NYU Press, July 2013 release date.

Career Transitions

[David Freidenreich](#), Colby College

Awarded tenure at Colby College.

[Darrell Jodock](#), St. Olaf College

As of January 1, Darrell Jodock is serving as the Martin Marty Regents Chair in Religion and the Academy at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. The appointment is for calendar year 2013.

[Matthew S. Rindge](#), Gonzaga University

Promoted to Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University (effective Sept 1, 2013).

[David Tabb Stewart](#), California State University, Long Beach

David Tabb Stewart, Associate Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Religions was appointed chair of the Department of Religious Studies at California State University, Long Beach, at the start of 2012-13 academic year.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)
