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MEMBER NEWS

Renew for 2014

Remain a part of your professional guild by [renewing](#) your 2014 AAR membership! AAR members receive print and online access to JAAR, Religious Studies News, and reduced registration rates at the Annual Meeting. Renew your membership for calendar year 2014 at www.aarweb.org/join2014.

2013 Elections Are Open

Check your inbox for a special e-mail about the AAR elections. All current members are eligible to vote — choose the direction you wish to see the AAR take in the future! Elections are being held for Vice President, Program Unit Director, At-Large Director, and Student Director. Voting ends on **October 24, 2013**.

Publisher Discounts for AAR Members

Oxford University Press is featuring new AAR series books on its religion blog pages! AAR members receive an [exclusive 20% discount](#) on all OUP titles. With a new and updated web store, now is the time to check out the savings! Remember to visit the Member Discounts page to see other [discount offers to AAR members!](#)

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Error in the *Program Book* Participant Index

Due to an error in the file that generated the *Program Book* Participant Index, most AAR paper presenters were left out of the index. A new,

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complete version of the index has been [posted online](#) and will be included in the onsite *At-A-Glance* available at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. We apologize for this error.

Annual Meeting Housing is Closing Soon!

AAR has negotiated special conference rates at twenty-nine luxurious and convenient hotels for the convenience of meeting attendees. Please note that you can only get the special conference rate by booking your room through the Visit Baltimore Housing Bureau. If you haven't made your housing reservations yet, you may find the link to reserve your room on your detailed registration confirmation email. Rooms are filling up fast, so book today! All housing requests must be made by **October 31, 2013**. More information on hotels and travel information can be found [online](#). If you cannot find your registration confirmation, please email reg@aarweb.org. If you have housing questions, please email conventionhousing@baltimore.org.

Employment Center Pre-Registration ends October 28

The deadline for Candidates and Employers to pre-register for the Employment Center is October 28. Candidates who register online are able to view Employment Listings, post a CV, and communicate with Employers on-site through the electronic Message Center. Employers are able to post listings online, reserve booth or private interview space, browse Candidate CV's, and arrange interviews through the electronic Message Center. Registration rates will increase after **October 28, 2013**, so be sure to go [online to register](#) today!

Contribute to the Annual Meeting Soap Drive!

At the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, we are collecting unused hotel soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and any other products listed here that families and homeless in need might find useful. More information about this initiative can be found [online](#).

Show Your Badge: Restaurant Discounts

Baltimore's restaurants have drawn rave reviews from around the globe and this is your opportunity to savor their culinary delights. These restaurants are offering you a special discount November 22–26. Just show your conference badge at one of [these participating venues](#)!

AAR THATCamp: The Humanities and Technology Camp (Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm)

Only a few spaces remain — register today! THATCamp, or The Humanities and Technology Camp, exists to bring scholars and technologists of every skill level together to learn how to integrate digital technology into their



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teaching and research. Topics covered may include academic blogging, social media in the classroom, digital research methods, web-based class projects, and online publishing. THATCamp is free and open to everyone, but participants must register at <http://aar2013.thatcamp.org>.

Project Interfaith Booth: An AAR Sponsored Project

Stop by the Project Interfaith booth (#553) at this year's annual meeting to see their many innovative teaching products— including new curriculum, Speed Dialogue kits, and their RavelUnravel online program. Use these educational tools throughout your campuses and in the classroom to foster open, respectful conversation and learning about religious and spiritual diversity and inclusion. Visit projectinterfaith.org to learn more about their work and check out ravelunravel.com to browse more than 950 short video interviews and educational resources for teaching about religious/spiritual identity, related stereotypes, and creating spaces welcoming of a plurality of religious and spiritual identity and practice.

Women's Mentoring Luncheon — Registration Is Open!

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Women's Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon on Sunday, November 24, at the Annual Meeting. An annual event, the luncheon invites women to meet with womanist, feminist, and LGBTIQ midcareer and senior scholars such as Traci West, Ellen Armour, and Rebecca Todd Peters; see [here](#) for a full list of confirmed mentors. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs \$10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100. [Click here to register](#).

AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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, 2014**.

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 and 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.

**Applications open
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For more information, including the full request for proposals, go to:

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Please, no self-nominations. To be considered for the 2014 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2014**. For submission requirements and more information, please see [here](#).

2013–2014 International Dissertation Research Grants

The 2013–2014 International Dissertation Research Grants applications process is [open](#). These 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.

Other Announcements

The Religion Department at Claremont Graduate University is pleased to announce Dr. Ruqayya Khan as our new Associate Professor of Islamic Studies. Congratulations and welcome!

Ecumenical Theological Seminary in the heart of Detroit, MI, is seeking our next President. Send CV to Ms. Pamela Johnson, 2930 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School (Oct 25–26, 2013)

Sponsored by Harvard Divinity School and AAR's New England-Maritimes Region

One hundred and twenty graduate students and early career scholars will gather at Harvard Divinity School for the second annual "[Ways of Knowing](#)" conference on October 25 and 26, 2013. Representing sixty-five academic institutions from across the United States and the world, they will present papers on religion utilizing historical, anthropological, sociological, philosophical, theological, and literary frameworks. The event will include thirty panels covering a broad spectrum of religious traditions in a variety of historical, geographical, and social contexts. The conference will feature two special topic modules. The first module will include five panels on ritual in South Asian, East Asian, Jewish, and Christian contexts, past and present. Professor Michael Puett of Harvard University will be its guest speaker. The second module will include four panels examining constructions of autonomy in modern European theology and philosophy,



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in contexts ranging from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. Professor David Lamberth of Harvard Divinity School will be its guest speaker.

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](#).

MEMBER NOTES

Awards and Accomplishments

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

Amy L. Allocco has been named the Distinguished Emerging Scholar in Religious Studies by Elon University's President, Leo M. Lambert. The professorship recognizes a junior faculty member who has potential for a

distinguished academic career in religious studies and provides support for research, travel, and professional development.

[A. Denise Starkey](#), College of St. Scholastica

Denise Starkey was named the 2013 Benedictine Professor of General Education.

Books and Major Publications

Chad Seales, University of Texas

The Secular Spectacle: Performing Religion in a Southern Town, Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780199860289.

[Hyo-Dong Lee](#), Drew University Theological School

Spirit, Qi, and the Multitude: A Comparative Theology for the Democracy of Creation, New York: Fordham University Press, 2013 (Comparative Theology: Thinking Across Traditions).

Junius Johnson, Yale Divinity School

Christ and Analogy: The Christocentric Metaphysics of Hans Urs von Balthasar, Fortress Press, 2013, ISBN: 978-0800699956.

[Candy Gunther Brown](#), Indiana University

[*The Healing Gods: Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Christian America*](#), New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

[Anthony R. Mills](#), Independent Scholar

[*American Theology, Superhero Comics, and Cinema: The Marvel of Stan Lee and the Revolution of a Genre*](#) Routledge: Studies in Religion and Film series, 2013.

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