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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Acceptance to the Annual Meeting Program

If you submitted a proposal for the Annual Meeting, you should have received notification of whether or not your proposal was accepted. If you did not receive notification and submitted your proposal using the online proposal system, you can check your status by logging in to [PAPERS](#). If your status is not listed, please contact the Chairs of the Program Unit(s) to which you submitted.

Students of Color Presenting on the Annual Meeting Program: Subsidies Available

AAR's Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee provides registration waivers to AAR student members of color who are presenting papers at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

If you are a student of color on the AAR Annual Meeting program and are not receiving institutional support, you are eligible to have your registration fees waived (or reimbursed). To apply for this assistance, please complete [the short questionnaire](#) no later than 11:59 pm EST **May 19, 2013**. Subsidies are limited to 25 applicants. Priority will be given to those who successfully complete the questionnaire first and meet the requirements. Applicants must be a current 2013 AAR member and registered solely as an AAR member (e.g., not registered as a SBL or dual member). Those who would rather wait to register for the Annual Meeting until after the subsidies are announced on June 3 may do so. You may direct any questions to reg@aarweb.org.

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Registration and housing for the 2013 Annual Meeting will be opening soon!

REGIONAL NEWS

Regional Meetings are occurring now! Check out the dates for events in your region.

[2013 Regional Meeting Dates and Locations](#)

Regional Online Registration Systems:

[Eastern International](#) - Deadline: May 10

[Pacific Northwest](#) - Deadline: May 5

[Religion in the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains Conference](#), Denver, June 22, 2013: Special one-day conference on religious identity and practice, supported by an [AAR Regional Development Grant](#).

WINNERS OF THE 2012–2013 INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS

AAR is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012–2013 International Dissertations Research Grants:

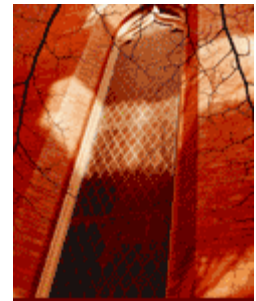


Lauren Osborne, University of Chicago
International Dissertation Research Grant
Research destination: Muscat, Oman



Sara Singha, Georgetown University
Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation
Research Fellowship
Research destinations: Islamabad, Karachi, and
Lahore, Pakistan

[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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NEWS FOR DEPARTMENTS AND CHAIRS

Academic Relations Committee Seeking Input from Members

The Academic Relations Committee has adopted a plan that will guide its work between the spring of 2013 and the fall of 2015. As part of this plan, the Committee will focus its energy on several matters, including:

- 1) The issues connected to colleges' increasing reliance on contingent faculty; and
- 2) Providing assistance to the chairs of religious studies departments.

To this end, the Committee welcomes members and department chairs to offer advice to the Committee on topics related to supporting adjunct faculty and assisting the chairs of religious studies departments.

Please send any feedback you have or information regarding your department's efforts in these two areas to [Stephanie Gray](#). The committee will be meeting this summer to work on a plan of action to be pursued over the next few years.

Departments Seeking External Reviewers

From time to time, chairs of religious studies departments ask the Academic Relations Committee to help them identify scholars who might be willing to serve as external reviewers for departmental reviews. The committee is always happy to assist with your search.

If you would like us to suggest potential reviewers for your department, you can do so in one of two ways:

- 1) Send [Stephanie Gray](#) an e-mail that describes the qualities you are looking for in your reviewers (Are you looking, for example, for professors who have served as the chair of a religious studies department at a small liberal arts college? For people who specialize in Islamic studies?). Please be sure to include information about yourself (name of your institution, size, relevant information about the search); or
- 2) Complete [the request form](#) on the AAR website.

The committee will send you, within two weeks of your request, a list of potential reviewers.

AAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING — Nomination Deadline October 1

The Teaching and Learning Committee seeks nominations for the AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the AAR website. The deadline for nominations is October 1, 2013.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hey, did you know the Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship is seeking applications? The Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship listing is just one of the listings you can read in AAR's [In the Field](#)! 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 Honors

[Pieter Coppens](#), Utrecht University

Awarded a Fulbright PhD scholarship, which seeks to promote the exchange of expertise between the United States and the Netherlands. Coppens will receive the maximum scholarship of \$1,000 per month to conduct four months of his PhD research on mystical Qur'an commentaries at Yale University.

Books and Major Publications

[Michael Cameron](#), University of Portland

Christ Meets Me Everywhere: Augustine's Early Figurative Exegesis, (Oxford Studies in Historical Theology), Oxford University Press, 2012 ISBN: 978-0-19-975129-7

[Don H. Compier](#), Graceland University

Listening to Popular Music, (Compass Series on Christian Reflections on Daily Living), Fortress Press, 2013, ISBN 978-0-8006-9891-1

[Jennifer G. Jesse](#), Truman State University

William Blake's Religious Vision: There's a Methodism in his Madness, Rowman & Littlefield, February 2013, ISBN 978-0-7391-7790-7 (hardcover), 978-0-7391-7791-4 (electronic)

[Kwok Pui-lan](#), Episcopal Divinity School

Anglican Women on Church and Mission (Canterbury Studies in Anglicanism), Morehouse Publishing, 2013, ISBN: 978-0-8192-2804-8. coedited with Judith A. Berling, Graduate Theological Union, and Jenny Plane Te Paa, College of St. John the Evangelist, Auckland, NZ.

[Robert MacSwain](#), Sewanee: The University of the South and Taylor Worley (eds.)

Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture: Responses to the Work of David Brown, Oxford University Press, 2012. 978-0-19-964682-1

[Elia Shabani Mligo](#), Amani University Project

Doing Effective Fieldwork: A Textbook for Students of Qualitative Field Research in Higher-Learning Institutions, Eugene OR: Wipf & Stock, Resource Publications, 2013 (ISBN: 13: 978-1-62032-793-7), March 2013

release date.

[Kristy Nabhan-Warren](#), The University of Iowa
The Cursillo Movement in America: Catholics, Protestants, and Fourth-Day Spirituality. The University of North Carolina Press, June 2013 release date.

[Quincy D. Newell](#), University of Wyoming
New Perspectives in Mormon Studies: Creating and Crossing Boundaries, co-edited with Eric F. Mason. University of Oklahoma Press, March 2013 release date. ISBN: 978-0806143132.

Career Transitions

[Kristy Nabhan-Warren](#), University of Iowa
Nabhan-Warren is completing her first academic year as the V.O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Fellow in Catholic Studies in the department of Religious Studies, the University of Iowa. Nabhan-Warren has also been appointed the new Director of Graduate Studies for the Religious Studies Department.

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