



# e-Bulletin

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## ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

### **Annual Meetings Program Book Is Online!**

Check out the [Online Annual Meetings Program Book](#)! The 2013 AAR Annual Meeting is packed with excellent programming. See a session you just can't miss? There is still time to [register](#). **Save \$50** and register for the Annual Meeting in Baltimore at the Early Bird rate.

The *Program Book*, featuring the complete program listing and room locations, will be mailed to all Annual Meetings registrants in early October. You must be registered for the Annual Meetings by **August 30** to receive the *Program Book*. (Note: Previously, a print *Program Book* was sent to all AAR members regardless of Annual Meetings registration status; this year, you must be registered to receive a print *Program Book*.)

### **Additional Meetings Reservation System Is Open!**

[Reserve](#) your reception, editorial meeting, or other business event at the Annual Meeting today through the [online Additional Meeting reservation system](#)! Additional Meetings that are requested now are published in the online and print *Annual Meetings Program Book*.

## **AAR GRANTS - DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1!**

### **AAR Research Grants**

The 2013-2014 [Research Grants Online Submission System](#) is open!. Each year the AAR awards grants of up to \$5,000 for individual and

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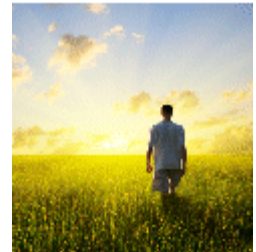
## Renewal Across the Americas

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The Annual  
Renewal  
Theology  
Conference

February 28

March 1, 2014



Regent University  
Center for  
Renewal Studies

Call for Papers  
Deadline  
November 30



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## VARIETIES OF UNDERSTANDING

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New Perspectives  
from Psychology,  
Philosophy, &  
Theology



**Funding available.**

collaborative research projects. All applicants must apply [online](#); paper applications will not be accepted. The deadline to apply for a 2014 grant is **August 1, 2013**. Go to the [AAR website](#) for additional information.

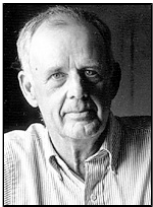
### Regional Development Grants

The deadline for proposals for [Regional Development Grants](#) of up to \$4000 is **August 1**. [Regional Development Grants](#) provide funds for special projects within the regions that promise to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and the work of the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Where possible projects should be designed so that they may be duplicated or transported to other regions.

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### AAR AWARDS

#### 2013 Martin E. Marty Award Winner: Wendell Berry



The Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion is pleased to announce Wendell Berry is the recipient of the 2013 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion. Berry is the author of more than 40 works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. In 2012, he presented the National Endowment for the Humanities Jefferson Lecture, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. federal government for intellectual achievement in the humanities. At the Marty Forum on Sunday, November 24, at this year's annual meeting in Baltimore, he will be interviewed by Norman Wirzba, Professor of Theology, Ecology, and Rural Life at Duke Divinity School.

The Public Understanding of Religion Committee encourages and solicits nominations for future Marty Award recipients. Nominations may be made online. Nominees need not be AAR members or academics.

#### 2013 Religion and the Arts Award Winner: Meredith Monk



The Religion and the Arts Award Jury is pleased to announce Meredith Monk is the winner of this year's Religion and the Arts Award. Monk's performance and vocal work has engaged, provoked, settled, and stirred audiences around the world and across the past five decades. Conjuring Joan of Arc and Hildegard of Bingen, sacred spaces and liturgical performance, the state of the environment and the nature of impermanence, Monk's work resituates our sense of hearing and ultimately our sense of being. She

gracefully moves between the realms of "religion and the arts," and has suggested, "Hopefully what you're doing as an artist is bodhisattva practice. It's the same thing; there's no separation at all."

Monk will be in attendance at the 2013 AAR Annual Meeting in Baltimore, taking part in a Special Topics Forum on Sunday, November 24, with AAR members S. Brent Plate, Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, and Ann Pellegrini.

### **AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching**

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**.

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### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

#### **Submit your nominations by August 1**

Members of the AAR are invited to nominate persons to fill open positions on AAR Committees, Task Forces, and Juries. The 2013 Call for Nominations is [here](#). You may submit your nominations [online](#)! The deadline for nominations is **August 1, 2013**.

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### **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.

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### **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](#)

**Funding available.  
Proposals due  
November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



A project based at Fordham  
University in New York City

[Profession web page](#) and issues of [Religious Studies News](#).

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## 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](#).

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## AAR MEMBER NOTES

### Awards and Accomplishments

[Roger S. Gottlieb](#), Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Gottlieb's two recent books have both won Nautilus Book Awards. Awarded in the fiction category: *Engaging Voices: Tales of Morality and Meaning in an Age of Global Warming* (Baylor University Press). Awarded in the spirituality category: *Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters* (Oxford University Press).

[Ellen Blue](#), Phillips Theological Seminary

Won the 2013 Women in United Methodist History Writing Award given by the UMC's General Commission on Archives & History (GCAH) for her essay, "'Yes, We Are Everywhere': Thirty Years with the Women for Progressive Action, Lower Ninth Ward."

[Lilian Calles Barger](#), University of Texas at Dallas

Awarded the American Dissertation Fellowship for 2013-2014 by the American Association of University Women for her research entitled "Human Liberation from Below: Transnational Origins of Liberation Theology, 1775-1975," which provides a hemispheric cultural history of ideas at the intersection of religion and politics. The fellowship comes with a \$20,000 award.

[Catherine Roach](#), New College, The University of Alabama

Awarded the Fulbright-University of Leeds Distinguished Chair for 2013–14, in the Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies. Dr. Roach will be finishing a book on the function of the romance narrative in popular

culture.

## **Books and Major Publications**

[Jonathan S. Barnes](#), Global Ministries/DOM

*Power and Partnership: A History of the Protestant Movement*, Wipf & Stock Publishers, May 2013, ISBN: 978-1-62032-242-0.

[Afe Adogame](#), University of Edinburgh

*The African Christian Diaspora: New Currents and Emerging Trends in World Christianity*, London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013, (272pp.) ISBN: 9781441112729.

[Afe Adogame](#), University of Edinburgh

*African Traditions in the Study of Religion, Diaspora and Gendered Societies: Essays in Honour of Jacob Kehinde Olupona*, Ezra Chitando, Bolaji Bateye (Co-editors), Surrey & Burlington: Ashgate, 2013, [206pp.] ISBN: 978-1-4094-4614-9.

[Kenneth Rose](#), Christopher Newport University

*Pluralism: The Future of Religion*, Bloomsbury Academic, March 2013, ISBN: 978-1441152374.

[Caroline J. Addington Hall](#), St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, Los Osos, CA

*A Thorn in the Flesh: How Gay Sexuality is Changing the Episcopal Church*, Rowman and Littlefield, March 2013, ISBN: 9781442219946.

[Louis Komjathy](#), University of San Diego

*The Way of Complete Perfection: A Quanzhen Daoist Anthology*, Albany: State University of New York Press, May 2013, ISBN: 978-1-4384-4651-6.

[Molly Field James](#), Hartford Seminary

*With Joyful Acceptance, Maybe: Developing a Contemporary Theology of Suffering in Conversation with Five Christian Thinkers: Gregory the Great, Julian of Norwich, Jeremy Taylor, C. S. Lewis, and Ivone Gebara*, Wipf & Stock Publishers, released February 2013, ISBN: 978-1-62032-280-2.

[Sandra Levy-Achtemeier](#), St. Johns, Richmond

*Flourishing Life: Now and in the Time to Come*, Cascade Books, May, 2012, ISBN13: 978-1-61097-685-5.

[Luis Santamaría del Río](#), Red Iberoamericana de Estudio de las Sectas

"Entre las sectas y el fin del mundo: Una noche que murmura esperanzas." Vita Brevis, Maxtadt (France), 2013, ISBN: 9781291375954.

[Markus Dressler](#), Istanbul Technical University

*Writing Religion: The Making of Turkish Alevi Islam* (AAR Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series), Oxford University Press, 2013, ISBN13: 9780199969401.

[Bruce P. Rittenhouse](#), Aurora University

*Shopping for Meaningful Lives: The Religious Motive of Consumerism*, Cascade Books, 2013, ISBN: 978-1-62032-114-0.

### **Career Transitions**

[Sayed Hassan Akhlaq Hussaini](#), Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East

Granted two positions as research scholar in Religion and Philosophy at the George Washington University and the Catholic University of America to do research on dialogue among religions and Islamic Current Intellectualism.

[Emilie M. Townes](#), Vanderbilt University

Appointed 16th Dean and Professor of Ethics and Society of Vanderbilt Divinity School effective July 1, 2013.

[Randall Balmer](#), Dartmouth College

Appointed Mandel Family Professor of Arts & Sciences at Dartmouth College and chair of the Department of Religion.

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

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