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AAR Election Results Announced

AAR has now completed elections to the AAR Board of Directors. Thank you for voting! Here are the results:



Vice President: Serene Jones,
Union Theological Seminary



Program Unit Director: Greg Johnson,
University of Colorado, Boulder



At-Large Director: Mayra
Rivera, Harvard University



Student Director: Kristy Slominski,
University of California, Santa Barbara

Congratulations to Serene, Gregory, Mayra, and Kristy. They join our Board at an exciting time in our history. We also extend sincere thanks to Karen King, Kelly Bulkeley, Josef Sorett, and Emma Brodeur for their willingness to stand for election.

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Check out the [Annual Meeting Special Edition e-Bulletin](#) for news and information on how to navigate the Annual Meeting in style!

International Members Guide to the Annual Meeting

To help our international members navigate the Annual Meeting more easily, the International Connections Committee and the Program Committee have put together an International Members Guide to the 2013 Annual Meeting. In it, you'll find transportation information, maps, program sessions that may especially interest international members, local places of worship, restaurants that serve dietary restrictions, and general U.S. travel information.

[View the full-text PDF](#)

[View the guide on our website](#)

Women's Mentoring Luncheon — Only a Few Space Remain!

A handful of lunch spaces remain! 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](#).

AAR GRANTS & AWARDS: APPLY TODAY!

Religion and the Arts Award Nominations



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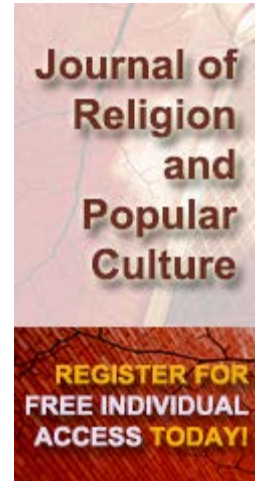
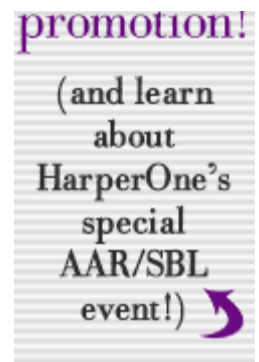
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Nominations are being accepted for the Religion and the Arts Award, which is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent and significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the Academy and for a broader public. Nominees need not be AAR members. 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. The deadline for applications is **December 1, 2013**.

Collaborative International Research Grants

The American Academy of Religion, a member of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), is pleased to announce a new [Collaborative International Research Grants](#) competition. This initiative is intended to support generative research collaborations between and among scholars located in different geographical regions who wish to pursue focused, joint projects in any area of the study of religion. Applications for awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 will be reviewed by the AAR's International Connections Committee (ICC). The application deadline is **January 6, 2014**.

AAR to Conduct Survey to Analyze Long-Term Impact of the Religious Studies Major

The AAR requests institutions with an undergraduate major in religious studies support a survey of their former majors that will help determine the impact of the religious studies major.

Institutions can participate in the survey by providing a list of graduates with current e-mail addresses along with a letter from an institutional figure (department chair or otherwise) that will accompany the survey when it is sent to former students. Participating institutions will receive a report of their institution's results as well as national data.

Travel reimbursement grants are available to individuals who would like to use the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC) for research. Faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, independent researchers, and Episcopal clergy and laypersons are encouraged to apply. Funds may be used for transportation, meals, lodging, photocopying, and other research costs.

**Deadline:
1/15/2014.**

The AAEHC is a joint project of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church and the Virginia Theological Seminary. For more information, visit www.vts.edu/aaehc.

Grants are available to help institutions that need resources to conduct the survey. The grant application deadline is **February 1, 2014**. Interested participants are encouraged to attend a 2013 Annual Meeting, Baltimore session about the project (**A24-232, "Survey of the Long Term Impacts of Liberal Education on Religious Studies Majors," Sunday, 1:00–2:30 p.m., Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Potomac room**).

The project is supported by the Teagle Foundation and administered by an IRB protocol by Georgia State University. To learn more, please visit the survey's [web page](#).

Call for Papers: Teaching Interreligious Encounters (AAR Teaching Religious Studies Book Series)

There is a projected new volume on teaching interreligious encounters in the AAR's Teaching Religious Studies series published by Oxford University Press. This volume will consist of essays addressing various facets, practical and theoretical, of teaching across multiple religious traditions, including Comparative Theology (CT) and Theologies of Religious Pluralism (TRP). The essays need not utilize the scholarship of teaching and learning and research on pedagogy, but such proposals are especially welcome. The contributions may run anywhere along the gamut of teaching as knowing (content) to sustained reflection on the practice of teaching CT and TRP. Approaches of essays can include, but are not limited to: student learning outcomes; important topics to cover; "essential" readings for students in these areas; experiential learning; practical experiences in the classroom; syllabus design; site visits; what does and does not "work" and why; resources/toolboxes and helps for teaching; models; and preferred pedagogies. Suggestions for other topics and approaches are certainly welcome. Each contribution will be 4000 to 5000 words. You may view the previous volumes in the series [here](#).

Please submit a 250-word abstract by **December 31, 2013**, to Alex Hwang: hwangalex@yahoo.com or Marc Pugliese: marc.pugliese@saintleo.edu.

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](#).

MEMBER NOTES

Books and Major Publications

[Ilsup Ahn](#), North Park University
Religious Ethics and Migration: Doing Justice to Undocumented Workers,
Routledge, November 2013.

John D. Barbour, St. Olaf College
Renunciation: A Novel, Wipf and Stock. ISBN: 978-1-62032-845-3.

[Christopher Daily](#), SOAS, University of London
Robert Morrison and the Protestant Plan for China, Hong Kong University
Press and the Royal Asiatic Society, 2013. (North America and Europe
distributor: Columbia University Press)

[Chris Denny](#), St. John's University - NY

Empowering the People of God: Catholic Action before and after Vatican II, co-edited with Jeremy Bonner and Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, New York: Fordham University Press, 2014. Released November 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0823254002.

[Sarah E. Fredericks](#), University of North Texas

Measuring and Evaluating Sustainability: Ethics in Sustainability Indexes, New York: Routledge, 2013.

[Johnny Bernard Hill](#), Claflin University

Prophetic Rage: A Postcolonial Theology of Liberation, Eerdmans Publishers, November 2013.

[Andre E. Johnson](#), Memphis Theological Seminary

Urban God Talk: Constructing a Hip Hop Spirituality, Lexington Books, 2013.

James F. McGrath, Butler University

Time and Relative Dimensions in Faith: Religion and Doctor Who, edited by Andrew Crome and James F. McGrath, London: Darton, Longman, and Todd, 2013.

Alain Epp Weaver, Mennonite Central Committee

Mapping Exile and Return: Palestinian Dispossession and a Political Theology for a Shared Future, Fortress Press, 2014.

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