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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

2014 Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Is OPEN!

[Register](#) today to receive the best price on the Annual Meeting! The 2014 member rate is deeply discounted. Annual Meeting registration rates increase on **May 23**, so lock in the savings today.

[Check out the Annual Meeting brochure](#) for all the details on registration, housing, tours, workshops, and more!

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.

Racial and Ethnic Minority Students 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 San Diego.

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

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registration fees waived (or reimbursed). To apply for this assistance, please complete [the short questionnaire](#) no later than **11:59 pm EST May 11, 2014**. 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 2014 AAR member. You may direct any questions to reg@aarweb.org.

NEED A MENTOR? APPLY FOR MENTORING PROGRAM

The American Academy of Religion (AAR) announces the continuation of the mentoring program piloted in 2013/2014. This program is an initiative of the four standing committees of the AAR: Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender, Intersex, & Queer Persons in the Profession (LGBTIQ); Status of Women in the Profession (SWP); Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CREM); and Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession (PWD). It 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-five (35) post-comprehensive exam doctoral students, non-tenured (i.e., pre-tenure, adjunct, contract) faculty, and/or post-doctoral fellows will be matched with participating senior scholars who will serve as mentors for a period of one year beginning in November 2014 at the annual meeting in San Diego. The mentor will offer guidance with some of the following where possible: 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.

More information on the mentoring program guidelines can be found [here](#). To apply, please complete [this form](#). Deadline for application: **April 30, 2014**.

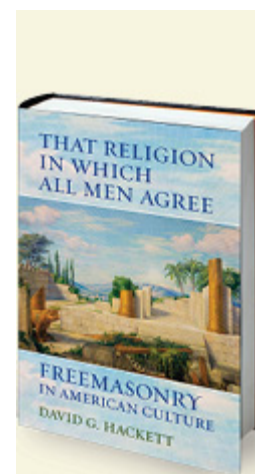
CALL EXTENDED! PERSONAL NARRATIVE BLOG POSTS ON WORK/LIFE BALANCE

The first round of blog submissions concluded on March 15. We are seeking a second round of submissions with a deadline extended to **July 15!**

The AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee (SWP) invites you to participate in an examination of issues surrounding work/life balance.



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We are especially soliciting stories and/or strategies that draw others deeper into the complex challenges of and diverse visions for work/life balance. Stories may reflect upon both successful and unsuccessful navigations of career, family, community, and personal lives, and strategies can be in a plurality of institutional and career contexts as long as they speak to practices for self-care and wellness. Please follow [this hyperlink](#) for more information about SWP's journey toward creating a plurivocal and multipronged website.

With this invitation, we are specifically seeking stories and strategies that should address AAR members, but they need not be academic in tone. These stories and strategies should be "blog-like" in that they fall within 500–750 words, and thus they should also be focused on a particular challenge, issue, or strategy. Please consult Mary Hunt's guide for blog posts, "[Like Falling Off a Blog.](#)" as you craft your pieces. Individuals may sign their names or share their work anonymously; the choice is up to you. Just let us know your preference. You should submit your story or strategy to Aislinn Jones at ajones@aarweb.org by **July 15, 2014**. A panel of women will examine and edit these pieces, returning them for authorial review in the summer, with the goal of their being posted on a live website by **September of 2014**.

CALL FOR RELIGION IN TRANSLATION BOOK SERIES EDITOR

The AAR Publications Committee seeks a book editor for the Religion in Translation Series, which is sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and published in cooperation with Oxford University Press. The Religion in Translation series seeks to make available to research scholars and classroom teachers alike significant primary texts in English translation, important secondary scholarship on religious texts, and reprints of major theoretical works in the field of religious studies. Given this broad mandate, proposals are sought from all areas of the discipline that will bring to an English-speaking audience texts of major importance to the world's religious traditions, monographs that open up specific texts to wider audiences, and new translations of classic works of secondary scholarship that are perennially relevant to the understanding of religious phenomena, values, ideas, and practices. Books published in the series may be found [here](#).

AAR Series Editors help set editorial policy, acquire manuscripts, and work with Oxford University Press in seeing manuscripts through to publication. Editors sit on the AAR Publications Committee for the duration of their five-year (renewable once) term. This is a volunteer position. All applicants



[Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures runs from June 16-27, 2014 at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Registration deadline is May 30th.](#)

must be members of the American Academy of Religion. Please e-mail inquiries, nominations (self-nominations are encouraged), and applications (a letter describing interests and qualifications, plus a current curriculum vita) by Word or PDF attachment to Kim Connor, Publications Committee Chair, connork@usfca.edu. The application deadline is **June 1, 2014**.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Teaching and Learning Committee encourages and solicits nominations for the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award. 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 15, 2014**.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

2014 Smithsonian Ethics Course: Registration Now Open

Registration is open for the first of the two Smithsonian Annual Ethics Education Series 2014 courses. Free and open to the public. The course will raise awareness regarding a variety of critical issues including those related to poverty, unemployment, discrimination, equality, and the needs of all diversely abled persons including Wounded Warriors and veterans. [Online registration is available](#).

This announcement and others are posted in [In the Field](#), an AAR-member 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 Achievements

[Leonard Primiano](#), Cabrini College

Awarded the 2014 Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award by the Kennedy Center. The annual Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards publicly recognize specific teachers by spotlighting their extraordinary impact on the lives of students. The Awards celebrate the teaching profession, the important role of teachers in society, and seek to inspire others to pursue this noble profession. Nominated by students they once taught, these former students' stories exemplify the power one teacher has to inspire others and transform lives.

[Tobias Winright](#), Saint Louis University

Named the Hubert Mäder Endowed Chair of Health Care Ethics in the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University, where he is also Associate Professor of Theological Ethics in the Department of Theological Studies.

Books and Major Publications

Eugene Azorji, Seat of Wisdom Seminary Umuahia-Nigeria
Persons with Disability in Africa (The Nigerian Case), Owerri-Nigeria, 2013.

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Religion and Ecology: Developing a Planetary Ethic, Columbia University Press, 2014.

Sally Dwyer-McNulty, Marist College
Common Threads: A Cultural History of Clothing in American Catholicism, University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

[David Henderson](#), Middlesex University

Apophatic Elements in the Theory and Practice of Psychoanalysis: Pseudo-

Dionysius and C.G. Jung, Routledge, 2014, ISBN: 978-0-415-85784-0.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Georgetown University
Contemplations from the Heart: Spiritual Reflections on Family, Community and the Divine, Wipf and Stock, 2014.

[Jerusha Lamptey](#), Union Theological Seminary
Never Wholly Other: A Muslima Theology of Religious Pluralism, New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Editor and translator, *Lord Siva's Song: The Isvara Gita*, State University of New York Press, 2014.

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University
Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era, NYU Press, 2014.

Christopher Rodkey, Penn State York
Too Good to Be True: Radical Christian Preaching, Year A, Christian Alternative, 2014.

Erin Runions, Pomona College
The Babylon Complex: Theopolitical Fantasies of War, Sex, and Sovereignty, Fordham University Press, 2014.

[Joshua Sweeden](#), George Fox Evangelical Seminary
The Church and Work: The Ecclesiological Grounding of Good Work, Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014.

[Tobias Winright](#), Saint Louis University
Coedited with Jame Schaefer of Marquette University, *Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Benedict XVI's Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013.

Career Transitions

[Mary Hinton](#), Mount Saint Mary College
Mary Hinton has been named the 15th president of the College of Saint Benedict. She currently serves as the vice president for academic affairs at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. She will take office at the College of Saint Benedict on June 15, 2014. Read the full announcement [here](#).

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