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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS



2014 Call for Papers Now Available!

The [2014 Call for Papers](#) is now online. Proposals may be submitted through the [Program Administration Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission \(PAPERS\) System](#). Please note and use

the appropriate method of submission each Program Unit prefers. The deadline for all proposal submissions is **March 3, 2014, 4:59 PM Eastern Standard Time**.

2013 AAR Annual Meeting Audio Recordings

[Audio recordings](#) from the 2013 Annual Meeting in Baltimore are now available! The sessions recorded include:

[Plenary: Karen Armstrong: The Science of Compassion](#)

[Querying Natural Religion: Immanence, Gaia, and the Parliament of Lively Things](#)

[Plenary Panel: Pope Francis and the State of Global Catholicism](#)

[Plenary: A Lifetime of Learning: An Interview with Diana Eck](#)

[Presidential Address: John Esposito](#)

[Marty Forum: Wendell Berry](#)

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[Special Topics Forum: Remembering Robert N. Bellah \(1927–2013\)](#)

[What Americans Want from Immigration Reform: PRRI/Brookings Survey](#)

[Plenary Panel: Public Understanding of Religion and Issues of Religious Pluralism](#)

[Judith Butler's Parting Ways \(Columbia University Press, 2012\)](#)

Outgoing Program Unit Chairs

Special thanks to our Program Unit Chairs whose terms ended in 2013. For the full list, please see [here](#).

2013 Annual Meeting Satisfaction Survey Results

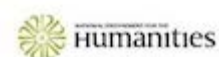
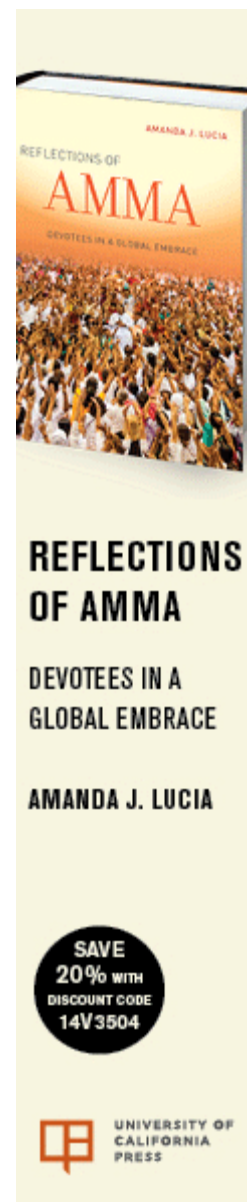
Responses to the recently released [post-Annual Meeting survey](#) reflect positive experiences by members in attendance. Thank you for completing the survey and helping the AAR improve for the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego!

REGIONAL MEETING NEWS

Support your region and plan to attend your 2014 regional meeting! Call for Papers and online registration is open for many regions — check out [your region](#) to see how you can become involved!

CALL PERSONAL NARRATIVE BLOG POSTS ON WORK/LIFE BALANCE

The AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee (SWP) would like to invite you to participate in an examination of issues surrounding work/life balance. We are especially soliciting stories and/or strategies that draw others deeper into the complex challenges of and diverse visions for work/life balance. While we recognize the very phrase "work/life balance" is terminologically perilous, and we welcome reflection that address the challenges of the phrasing as well, we also hope to prepare a website guide for diverse reflections upon and strategies for work/life balance that engages the various personal and institutional contexts of the American Academy of Religion membership. Stories may reflect upon both successful and unsuccessful navigations of career, family, community, and personal lives, and strategies can be in a plurality



NEH 2014
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Kurtis Schaeffer

Application Deadline:
March 4th, 2013

For more information,

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. For instance, maybe one could just submit a strategy for time management over the course of a week, or one could share a story addressing the negotiation between elder care and institutional leave policies. 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 **March 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 **August of 2014**.

[19th Annual Language Online Program for Graduate Students.](#)

Real Time. Intensive. Focus:
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Preparation. May 19-July 10.
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Biblical Languages.

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 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**.

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!](#)

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for the fourth competition of the Public Fellows program. This year, the program will place 20 recent PhDs from the humanities and humanistic social sciences in two-year staff positions at partnering organizations in government and the nonprofit sector. Fellows will participate in the substantive work of these organizations and receive professional mentoring, a stipend of \$65,000 per year, and individual health insurance. The deadline for the 2014 competition is March 19, 2014. More information is [here](#).

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 Accomplishments

[Jennifer Powell McNutt](#), Wheaton College Graduate School
Awarded the Leland Ryken Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities by Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL) in December 2013. This award is given yearly to a faculty member who exhibits excellence in the classroom. It includes special recognition and a cash reward.

[Kasia Szpakowska](#), Swansea University
Awarded a [Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grant](#) (2013–2016) for the [Ancient Egyptian Demonology Project: Second Millennium BCE](#). While much attention is paid to major gods and temples, our goal is to illuminate the darker side of religion. Through surviving rituals and paraphernalia we are creating a database that can later be augmented and expanded by other scholars, and an interactive portal for the public.

Books and Major Publications

[Bradley Clough](#), University of Montana
Early Indian and Theravada Buddhism: Soteriological Controversy and Diversity, Cambria Press, 2013.

[Donald Crosby](#), Colorado State University (Emeritus)
The Thou of Nature: Religious Naturalism and Reverence for Sentient Life, SUNY Press, 2013.

[Donald Crosby](#), Colorado State University (Emeritus)
The Philosophy of William James: Radical Empiricism and Radical Materialism, Rowman and Littlefield, 2013.

[Donald Crosby](#), Colorado State University (Emeritus)
More Than Discourse: Symbolic Expressions of Naturalistic Faith, SUNY

Press, 2014 (forthcoming)

John Grim, Yale Divinity School and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
Ecology and Religion, Island Press, January 2014.

[Crystal Lynn Lubinsky](#), University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
Removing Masculine Layers to Reveal a Holy Womanhood: The Female Transvestite Monks of Late Antique Eastern Christianity, Brepols Publishers, 2013.

[Jennifer Powell McNutt](#), Wheaton College Graduate School
Calvin Meets Voltaire: The Clergy of Geneva in the Age of Enlightenment, 1685-1798, Ashgate, 2014, ISBN-13: 978-1409424413.

[Carole Myscofski](#), Illinois Wesleyan University
Amazons, Wives, Nuns, and Witches: Women and the Catholic Church in Colonial Brazil, 1500–1822, University of Texas Press, 2013.

[Rebecca Todd Peters](#), Elon University
Solidarity Ethics: Transformation in a Globalized World, Fortress Press.

[Darryl W. Stephens](#), United Methodist Church
Co-editor with Patricia Beattie Jung, *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach*, Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

Joel Tishken, Washington State University
Isaiah Shembe's Prophetic Uhlanga: The Worldview of the Nazareth Baptist Church in Colonial South Africa, New York: Peter Lang, 2013.

[Phyllis Zagano](#), Hofstra University
Ordination of Women to the Diaconate in the Eastern Churches: Essays by Cipriano Vagaggini, Liturgical Press, 2013. Translators: Amanda Quantz, Carmela Leonforte, and Phyllis Zagano.

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