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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: Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., Princeton University



Secretary: Michael D. McNally, Carleton College



At-Large Director: Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University, Bloomington

Congratulations to Eddie, Michael, and Asma. They join our Board at an exciting time in our history. We also extend sincere thanks to Dwight Hopkins, Jon Pahl, and Maria Massi Dakake for their willingness to stand for election.

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RENEW FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 TODAY!

[Renew](#) your 2015 AAR membership! Make sure your access remains uninterrupted to all your member benefits, including print and online access to *JAAR*, *Religious Studies News*, and reduced registration rates at the Annual Meeting. Renew your membership for calendar year 2015 at <https://www.aarweb.org/join2015>.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGE!

If you registered by September 18, you should have received your name badge in the mail. Once you arrive in San Diego, pick up a name badge holder and then feel free to attend any Annual Meeting event; you do not need to come by registration. Those who registered September 19 or who did not receive it in the mail will have to pick their badge up onsite.

Make sure to wear your badge at all Annual Meetings events — it helps people identify you, and there are some sessions with extra security where badges will be checked.

Mobile App at the Annual Meetings

Access the free Annual Meetings app! See all of the details [here](#).

AAR Plenary Sessions at the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego

There have been some exciting changes and additions to our Plenary lineup for San Diego. See below and check out the [AAR website](#) for the full details!

Release of PRRI/AAR National Survey on Religion, Values, and Climate Change (A22-145)
Saturday – 9:00 AM–11:30 AM



Rajendra K. Pachauri, *Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (A22-142)*
Saturday – 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Note: Dr. Pachauri will join us via live video from New Dehli.

Bill McKibben, 350.org: *Updates from the Front Lines of the Climate Fight (A22-402)*
Saturday – 7:30 PM–8:30 PM



Plenary Panel: Religion and the Roots of Climate Change Skepticism (A23-106)

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Hanoch Ben-Pazi, Bar Ilan University



Richard Cizik, New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Oak Ridge, TN



Thomas Ackerman, University of Washington



David Ford, University of Cambridge



Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, *Presidential Address: Interrupting Your Life: An Ethics for the Coming Storm* (A23-146)

Sunday – 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Plenary Panel: Religion, Skepticism, and Scientific Consensus on Climate Change (A24-242)

Monday – 2:00 PM–3:30 PM



Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University



Charles Kennel, University of California, San Diego



Natan Levy, Board of Deputies of British Jews



Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center, *The Role of Religion in Mediating Conflicts and Imagining Futures: The Cases of Climate Change and Equality for Women* (A24-340)

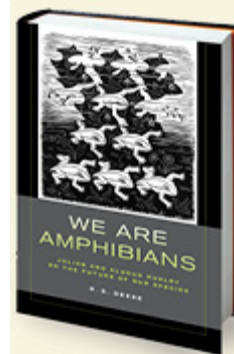
Monday – 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

**Before the Annual Meeting: Conference on Contemplative Studies
November 20–21, 2014**

Warren Auditorium, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall
University of San Diego
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA

The Conference on Contemplative Studies will be a symposium on Contemplative Studies, the emerging interdisciplinary field dedicated to

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research and education on contemplative practice and contemplative experience. The conference will consist of six sequential panels, comprised on three presenters each. The panel topics are as follows: (1) Contemplative Studies; (2) Critical Subjectivity; (3) Contemplative Pedagogy; (4) Contemplative Psychology, Neuroscience, and Clinical Applications; (5) Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, and Religiously-Committed Contemplative Practice; and (6) Interdisciplinary Perspectives. The conference is designed to express a distinctive vision for the field and also to address key issues and potential approaches. It is intended to be a collaborative and critical conversation. That is, this event will be an inclusive, interdisciplinary and sophisticated meeting about contemplative practice and contemplative experience from an academic perspective. Organized by Dr. Louis Komjathy, the conference is sponsored by the University of San Diego and by an American Academy of Religion regional development grant.

Please visit the conference website and view the [online program](#).

PWD Lunch: Connecting Conversations

The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee will host a luncheon for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the academy. The lunch follows a Special Topics Forum on "Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility." Please join us on **Monday, November 24**, 11:45 am–12:45 pm, for informal conversation and a chance to build connections with colleagues. Registration for the lunch costs \$13 and is limited to 100 people. If you would like to add this event to your registration, please contact the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org for assistance.

Women's Mentoring Roundtable [Registration](#)

Each year, the Status of Women in the Profession Committee (SWP) organizes a luncheon during the Annual Meeting. Several mid-career and senior AAR scholars gather with newer and emerging scholars in the field to discuss pertinent issues like choosing an adviser, getting published, contract negotiation, and the challenge of balancing work and personal commitments. The lunch is cosponsored with the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Women's Caucus. [Pre-registration is required](#) and the lunch costs \$13. Sorry, no refunds.

SWP is proud to announce an updated edition of the *Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z* is being released at the Annual Meeting. Deeply discounted copies of the book are available to purchase with the luncheon registration for only \$15 each.

**Think, read,
write, pray...in a
place set apart.**

The **Collegeville Institute**
is now accepting applications
for the 2015/16
Resident Scholars Program.

Applications due:
January 12, 2015

The program brings together well-trained, creative, articulate men and women for careful thought in a place of inquiry and prayer. Applicants are encouraged to apply for either a semester or a full academic year. Several fellowships are available, including the Kilian McDonnell Fellowship in Faith and Culture, the Post-doctoral Fellowship, and the Pastoral Fellowship.

For more information about this and other programs, visit or call:

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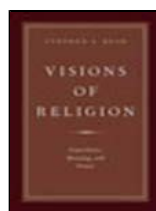
A list of the mentors and more information on the Mentoring Lunch is available on the [registration page](#).

AAR AND SBL RELEASE JOBS REPORT

The AAR and SBL recently issued an important jobs report tracking Employment Services listing data from January 2013 through June 2014. It continues the vital task of identifying key employment trends in religious, biblical, and theological studies. The collection and evaluation of this data set facilitates annual updating of employment related offerings and long-term analysis of the field. Go online to view the [entire report](#).

NEW RELEASE IN THE AAR REFLECTION AND THEORY IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION SERIES

Stephen S. Bush's *Visions of Religion: Experience, Meaning, and Power*, ISBN: 9780199387403, published by Oxford University Press. AAR members receive a 30% discount on all AAR/OUP series titles. Sign in to [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website and click the link to OUP.



AAR PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE THANKS ANNE MONIUS FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE



The Publications Committee hereby extends its deepest gratitude to [Anne Monius](#), Harvard University, for her decade-long service as editor of the [AAR/OUP Religion in Translation Series](#) and her contributions to the collaborative work of the AAR's Publications Committee. Anne revitalized the series by giving it a clear rationale and a title that more accurately reflected its purpose and invited the submission of quality manuscripts. She skillfully applied her expertise in her own area of distinctive scholarship while also building a community of scholars working in an array of languages and genres to support her work guiding scholars in the important but often unappreciated field of translation studies. Anne made certain outstanding scholars were not just recognized but rewarded for their contribution to the international library of texts in religious studies. Anne's unfailing professionalism, exquisite manners, and her impeccable remarks flawlessly timed are all hallmarks of her tenure on the committee. The Publications Committee recognizes its cherished colleague by making a donation in Anne's honor to the AAR.

RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY VIEWER SURVEY

If you use award-winning Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly in your classroom, or watch it to stay up to date on religion in the news, [take the viewer survey](#) and help provide feedback. Major funding for R&E is provided by the Lilly Endowment Inc. The deadline to participate is **November 21, 2014**.

2015 AAR REGIONAL MEETINGS: CALL FOR PAPERS

Support your region and plan to attend your 2015 regional meeting. The following Calls for Papers are open:

Eastern International Deadline: February 16, 2015

Mid-Atlantic Deadline: December 8, 2014

Midwest Deadline: January 6, 2015

New England-Maritimes Deadline: January 12, 2015

Upper Midwest Deadline: December 15, 2014

Look up your [Region's Call for Papers](#) today!

AAR GRANTS NEWS

2014–2015 International Dissertation Research Grants

The 2014–2015 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. For information about the program, please visit the [web page](#). The deadline is **December 1**.

Religion and the Arts Award Nominations

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 2015 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2015**. For submission requirements and more information, please see [here](#).



Call for Papers: XXI Quinquennial World Congress of the IAHR

The [XXI Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions](#), hosted by the German Association for the Study of Religions (DVRW), will take place in Erfurt, Germany, **August 23–29, 2015**. The Congress theme is *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*. The deadline for submission of panel, paper, and poster proposals is **Monday, December 15, 2014**. All proposals must be submitted electronically via the [IAHR 2015 website](#). The AAR and its membership are members of the [IAHR](#). Read the [letter](#) from the AAR's International Connections Committee Chair Amy Allocco about the IAHR Call for Papers.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAR's [In the Field](#) is an AAR-member resource for news of events and opportunities for scholars of religion and theological education. Check it out!

ACADEMIC ABBY: Professional Advice from Your Colleagues



Academic Abby

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](#).



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

In Memoriam



William (Bill) Hordern (1920-2014), Lutheran Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dr. William Edward Hordern, former president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon,

Saskatchewan, Canada, from 1966 to 1985, passed away

on November 9, 2014, at the age of 94. Dr. Hordern began his graduate studies in 1945 at the Union Theological Seminary in New York under doctoral advisor Reinhold Niebuhr. He taught at Swarthmore College and Garrett Theological Seminary before returning to his native Saskatchewan in 1966. That same year, he served as president of the AAR. For more information about the life and work of Dr. Hordern, please see [here](#).

Awards and Accomplishments



Jane McAuliffe Named Director of Kluge Center at the Library of Congress

Congratulations to longtime member Jane Dammen McAuliffe, a past president of the AAR, who was recently named director of the John W. Kluge Center and head of the Office of Scholarly

Programs at the Library of Congress. Read the announcement [here](#).

Books and Major Publications

[Elizabeth Blake](#), Saint Louis University

Dostoevsky and the Catholic Underground, Northwestern University Press, 2014.

Adam Bond, Virginia Union University

The Imposing Preacher: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Black Public Faith, Fortress Press, 2013.

[Diane D'Souza](#), Episcopal Divinity School

Partners of Zaynab: A Gendered Perspective of Shia Muslim Faith, Studies in Comparative Religion Series, University of South Carolina Press, 2014, ISBN: 978-1-61117-377-2.

George Faithful, Seton Hall University

Mothering the Fatherland: A Protestant Sisterhood Repents for the Holocaust, Oxford University Press, 2014.

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University

From Comrades to Bodhisattvas: Moral Dimensions of Lay Buddhist Practice in Contemporary China, University of Hawai'i Press, 2014.

Brantley Gasaway, Bucknell University

Progressive Evangelicals and the Pursuit of Social Justice, University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

Elahe Hessamfar, University of Aberdeen

In the Fellowship of His Suffering: A Theological Interpretation of Mental Illness—A Focus on "Schizophrenia", Cascade Books, 2014.

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

Love and Liberation: Autobiographical Writings of the Tibetan Buddhist Visionary Sera Khandro, New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

Robert Magliola, Abac Assumption University of Thailand and National Taiwan University

Facing Up To Real Doctrinal Difference: How Some Thought-Motifs From Derrida Can Nourish the Catholic-Buddhist Encounter, Angelico Press, 2014.

[Thomas Jay Oord](#), Northwest Nazarene University

Theologies of Creation: Creatio Ex Nihilo and Its New Rivals, Routledge, 2014.

Prabhavati Reddy, George Washington University

Hindu Pilgrimage: Shifting Patterns of Worldview of Shri Shailam in South India, Routledge Press, 2014.

William Shepard, University of Canterbury (Retired)

Introducing Islam, 2nd Edition, Routledge, 2014.

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