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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS



Release of PRRI/AAR National Survey on Religion, Values, and Climate Change (A22-145)

What do Americans think about climate change, and how do religious and moral beliefs impact their opinions about science, human responsibility, and environmental policies? This panel will feature the release of a new national public opinion survey, conducted by Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) in collaboration with the AAR. The survey of 3,000 Americans is one of the largest surveys on religion and climate change ever conducted. More information about the session is available in the [online Program Book](#).

International Members Guide to the 2014 Annual Meeting

To help our international members navigate the AAR Annual Meeting more easily, the International Connections Committee and the Program Committee have made available an [online International Members Guide](#). This information is helpful for all Annual Meeting attendees, whether you are coming from inside or outside the United States!

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.

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Dates & Deadlines:

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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.

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

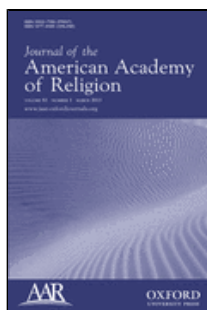
CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Deadline September 1

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the Vice President, Treasurer, and one At-Large Director positions are up for election in **2015**. The nominations deadline has passed for the 2014 elected positions.

Nominations for any of the elected positions must be received by **September 1** of the year prior to the election year. To be considered for any elected position, please submit the following information:

- A brief biographical sketch of no more than 200 words
- A statement on your candidacy for the position, between 500–600 words (e.g., what objectives and goals you would bring to the position)
- A current curriculum vitae

Please send nominations directly to nominations@aarweb.org. Send questions to Elizabeth Hardcastle at ehardcastle@aarweb.org.



JAAR EDITOR SEARCH: Deadline September 25

Professor Amir Hussain will complete his term as Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* at the end of 2015. The Academy is initiating a search for his successor. Professor Kimberly Connor, Chair of the AAR Publications Committee, has agreed to chair the search. A link to the Editor's job description, frequently asked questions, and directions for making nominations or applications is [here](#).

Application deadline: **September 25**.

2015 REGIONAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

Support your region and plan to attend your [2015 regional meeting](#). The following Calls for Papers are open:

[Pacific Northwest](#) Deadline: **November 16, 2014**

[Teaching Award](#)

[Nominations Due](#)

• **October 15:** [Southwest Region CFP Deadline](#)

• **November 16:** [Pacific Northwest Region CFP Deadline](#)

• **December 1:** [International Dissertation Research Grants Due](#)

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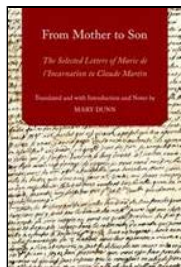
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[Southeast Region](#) (SECSOR) Deadline: **October 6, 2014**

[Southwest Region](#) (SWCRS) Deadline: **October 15, 2014**

[Western Region](#) Deadline: **September 15, 2014**



NEW RELEASE IN THE AAR RELIGION IN TRANSLATION SERIES

Mary Dunn's *From Mother to Son: The Selected Letters of Marie de l'Incarnation to Claude Martin*, published by Oxford University Press. AAR members receive a **30% discount** on AAR/OUP series books. Sign in to [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website and click the link to OUP.

AAR AWARDS AND GRANTS NEWS

Collaborative International Research Grants – Deadline October 1

The [2014–2015 Collaborative International Research Grants Online Submission System](#) is open! The AAR's Collaborative International Research Grants program supports 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).

For information about the program, please visit the [web page](#). The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2014**. Applications must be submitted via the [online proposal submission system](#). Please direct inquiries to Dr. Amy L. Allocco, ICC Chair and Distinguished Emerging Scholar in Religious Studies, Elon University, USA, aallocco@elon.edu.

AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching – Nomination Deadline October 15

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 15, 2014**.

2014–2015 International Dissertation Research Grants – Deadline December 1

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

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACLS Fellowships Available

ACLS is pleased to announce that the 2014–15 ACLS fellowship competitions are now open. ACLS offers fellowship programs that promote the full spectrum of humanities and humanistic social sciences research and support scholars at the advanced graduate student level through all stages of the academic career. Application deadlines vary by program. Comprehensive information and eligibility criteria for all programs can be found on the [ACLS website](#).

State Department Seeking Fellows

The U.S. Department of State is seeking nominations (both sponsored and self-nominated) for its [Franklin Fellows Program](#). The program is intended for mid-career or senior professionals who can self-fund one year of full-time work (no telecommuting) . The State Department includes an Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives led by religion scholar Shaun Casey. The deadline for application is **September 2**.

These announcements and others are posted in AAR's [In the Field](#) an AAR-member resource for news of events and opportunities for scholars of religion and theological education.

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



Richard Gelwick, University of New England

The Reverend Richard Lee Gelwick, ThD, died on June 29, 2014.

Gelwick was a scholar on the work of Michael Polanyi with a focus on the intersections between science and religion. He retired emeritus from the University of New England in 1998. An

AAR member since 1964, Gelwick was the chair of the Academic Study of Teaching and Learning Section and the Religion and Ethics in Health Care Group. An obituary for Gelwick can be found in the [Maine Sun Journal](#) and [online](#).

Books and Major Publications

Candi Cann, Baylor University

Virtual Afterlives: Grieving the Dead in the Twenty-First Century, Material World's Series, University of Kentucky Press, 2014.

Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph

Joseph Cheah and Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Georgetown University, *Theological Reflections on "Gangnam Style": A Racial, Sexual, and Cultural Critique*.

[Ronald Grimes](#), Ritual Studies International

The Craft of Ritual Studies, Oxford University Press, 2014.

[Chanequa Walker-Barnes](#), Mercer University

Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength, Cascade Books, 2014.

[Susan Windley-Daoust](#), Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Theology of the Body, Extended: The Spiritual Signs of Childbirth, Impairment, and Dying, Lectio Publishing, 2014.

Career Transitions

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University

Named the Director of the Elon University [Center for the Study of Religion](#).

[Culture, and Society.](#)

In the News

[Cristina Richie](#), Boston College

Richie, a PhD student in theology at Boston College, was recently interviewed by BMJ Talk Medicine about her recent article, "What Would an Environmentally Sustainable Reproductive Technology Industry Look Like?," *Journal of Medical Ethics*, early view doi:10.1136/medethics-2013-101716; print forthcoming. The link to the interview podcast is [here](#).

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