



# e-Bulletin

American Academy of Religion

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## ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

### Don't Miss the Savings! Registration Rates Increase After May 22!

[Register](#) today to receive the best price on the Annual Meeting! The 2014 member rate is deeply discounted. Annual Meeting registration rates increase after **May 22 at 11:59 pm EDT**, so lock in the savings today.

### Additional Meetings Reservation System Is Open!

[Reserve](#) your reception, editorial meeting, or other business event at the Annual Meeting today through the [online Additional Meeting reservation system](#)! Additional Meetings that are requested now are published in the online and print Annual Meetings Program Book. If you wish your event to be published in the print Program Book, you must submit your reservation by **July 18**. The full list of reservation requirements and deadlines is available [online](#).

## CALL FOR COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Each year, members of the American Academy of Religion are invited to [nominate](#) persons to fill open positions on AAR Standing Committees, Task Forces, and Juries.

In 2014, there are openings in the following groups:

- [Book Award Juries](#)
- [Research Grants Jury](#)
- [Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee](#)

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### Dates & Deadlines:

- **May 22:** [Annual Meeting Super Saver Registration Rate Ends](#)
- **June 6:** [JAAR Survey Response Deadline](#)
- **July 1:** [Committee Nominations Due](#)
- **July 18:** [Additional Meeting Priority Scheduling](#)
- **August 1:** [Regional Development Grants](#)

[Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee](#)

- [Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee](#)
- [Status of Women in the Profession Committee](#)

Nominations for positions on these groups must be made in writing, and must include:

- A brief description of the nominee's academic and professional interests
- A brief summary of the nominee's activity in the AAR
- A statement describing the nominee's interest or promise for a particular assignment
- A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae

Members may nominate themselves. All nominees must be members in good standing of the AAR. Nominations must be received by **July 1, 2014**.

Submit your nomination online [here](#). Nominations may also be e-mailed, faxed, or posted to:

Elizabeth Hardcastle  
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Suite 300  
825 Houston Mill Road NE  
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[nominations@aarweb.org](mailto:nominations@aarweb.org)

Laurie Zoloth, President of the AAR, will review nominations during **August 2014**. If you have questions about particular assignments, please feel free to contact the AAR's Executive Staff, Board members, or Committee/Task Force chairs. Committee descriptions and rosters are available [online](#).

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## **JAAR READER SURVEY**

### **Tell Us What You Think!**

Oxford University Press is implementing an important initiative to gather feedback from readers of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Please take a few minutes and [complete the survey](#) by **June 6**. Be sure to select "Journal of the American Academy of Religion" from

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### [Deadline](#)

- **October 15:** [Regional Research Grants Announced](#)

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the pull-down list of journals. Thank you!

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## **SEEKING MEMBERS WITH MARKETING EXPERTISE**

### **Assist with AAR Membership Task Force**

The AAR Board of Directors is establishing a Membership Task Force charged with creating a comprehensive and ongoing membership development program. To accomplish that goal we will aim to define with some precision the known universe of individuals and institutions interested in the academic study of religion. We seek, therefore, the assistance of current AAR members whose scholarly work on the study of religion might be helpful in defining the AAR's potential market, as well as any member with expertise in marketing and/or membership development. Members with such a background who are willing to volunteer either as consultants or as members of the Task Force are encouraged to contact AAR Executive Director Jack Fitzmier at [jfitzmier@aarweb.org](mailto:jfitzmier@aarweb.org) or Membership Task Force Chair Warren Frisina at [warren.frisina@hofstra.edu](mailto:warren.frisina@hofstra.edu).

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## **Regional Development Grants**

Have you considered applying for a [2014–2015 Regional Development Grant](#)? Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events, and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Where possible, projects should be designed so that they may be duplicated or transported to other regions.

Applications should include a narrative description of the project detailing how the project promises to benefit the scholarly and professional lives of AAR members and the work of the region. Please include comments on how these projects or activities may be adapted to other regional groups. The application should state the time period covered by the project and provide a detailed budget (office expenses, travel expenses, honoraria, stipend, and other expenses). Institutional overhead costs should not be included in this budget. No grant will exceed \$4,000. Successful grants from prior years can be found [here](#).

Application deadlines are:

**August 1, 2014** — Grant proposals due to Regional Coordinators

**September 1, 2014** — Regional Coordinators forward grants to Regions Committee

**October 15, 2014** — Regional grant awards announced

A list of the Regional Coordinators can be found [here](#).

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## MEMBER NOTES

### In Memoriam



Glen H. Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
Longtime AAR member Glen Stassen, a Baptist theologian known for his commitment to social justice and peacemaking, passed away on April 26, 2014, at the age of 78. Stassen was the Lewis B. Smedes Professor of Christian Ethics at the School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary. To read more about Stassen's life and work, please see [here](#).

### Awards and Accomplishments



[John L. Esposito](#), Georgetown University  
Distinguished Career Research Achievement Award, Georgetown University. The award honors the contributions of a scholar to her/his field over the course of a career. The basis of this award is the standing which the faculty member enjoys in his or her scholarly discipline, based on evidence that the nominee's work is recognized as distinguished and influential well beyond the Georgetown community.

### Books and Major Publications

[Joseph A. Adler](#), Kenyon College

*Reconstructing the Confucian Dao: Zhu Xi's Appropriation of Zhou Dunyi*, Albany: SUNY Press, 2014.

[Marc DiPaolo](#), Oklahoma City University

*Unruly Catholics from Dante to Madonna: Faith and Politics in Cultural Studies*, Scarecrow, 2013.

[Marc DiPaolo](#), Oklahoma City University

*Godly Heretics: Essays on Alternative Christianity in Literature and Popular Culture*, McFarland, 2013.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)

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