

Annual Meetings 2015



REGISTRATION AND HOUSING OPENS APRIL 6!



The 2015 AAR Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA, **November 21-24**.

Registration and housing for the event opens on **April 6**. Check your e-mail or the

[AAR website](#) for more information in the coming days!

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.



EMPLOYMENT CENTER FEES WAIVED FOR CANDIDATES

The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature have eliminated all Employment Center fees for candidates. Beginning in 2015, all active members of the AAR or SBL who have registered for the Annual Meeting will be able to register as candidates with the Employment Center free of charge.

Registered candidates will continue to be able to post their CVs

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on the Employment Services website for employer review and will receive an onsite edition of Employment Listings at the Annual Meetings. This decision reflects our concern to reduce the cost of interviewing onsite and to make conference attendance more affordable for our members.



AAR ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANTS

AAR is excited to announce **twenty-six** new travel grants designed to assist people without institutional funding to attend the Annual Meeting!

AAR Annual Meeting Travel Grants - 25 Grants

Available Application Deadline: May 1

The American Academy of Religion is pleased to announce that it will award **twenty-five** travel grants worth **\$500 each**, plus complimentary Annual Meeting registration, on a competitive basis to members who demonstrate both financial need and a desire to participate in the Annual Meeting. Special consideration will be given to applicants from underrepresented minorities.

Attending the Annual Meeting, delivering papers, serving on panels, and interviewing at the Employment Center afford valuable opportunities for scholarly development. Yet in recent years, declining access to external sources of funding has made the cost of attendance prohibitive for many who would benefit from these activities. Students, contingent faculty, and the unemployed/underemployed experience this hardship most acutely. If they cannot attend, not only they, but the Academy as a whole suffers from the loss of their involvement. To broaden participation in the Annual Meeting, AAR has developed a generous grant program to defray costs and make attending the Annual Meeting a reality for members who would otherwise struggle to attend.

More information, including how to apply before the **May 1** deadline, is [online](#).

AAR Religion and the Arts Travel Grant

Application Deadline: May 1

The Religion and the Arts Travel Grant will assist a graduate student or young scholar studying Religion and the Arts who is without institutional support to attend the AAR Annual Meeting. The travel grant will offset the travel costs associated with attending the Annual Meeting: registration fees (including tours and workshops), hotel room, transportation, and meals **up to \$1,500**.

More information on the Religion and the Arts Grant, including how to apply before the **May 1** deadline, is [online](#).

This travel grant is made possible by the generous support of Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University. Contact Deborah Minor, AAR Director of Finance and Administration, at 404-727-3049 or dminor@aarweb.org for more information on how you can fund a program and make a difference within the Academy.

More information about the 2015 Annual Meeting is being added to the [AAR website](#) daily. Be sure to check back frequently for important news and tips.