

AAR Member News

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Annual Meeting Registration Rates Increase after May 21



Registration rates increase after **May 21**, so [register today](#) for the best rate all year.

Undecided? Check out the [Annual Meeting brochure](#) to get a sneak peek at who will be at the Annual Meeting along with everything

you need to know about hotels, local transportation, tours, workshops, and much more.

ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Religion and the Arts Travel Grant

The AAR is pleased to [announce](#) that Matthew Lynch, University of North Carolina is the winner of the inaugural [Religion and the Arts Travel Grant](#). Congratulations, Matthew!



Annual Meeting Travel Grants

The AAR is pleased to [announce](#) the winners of our 25 Annual Meeting Travel Grants. The travel grant selections were based on need; active records of membership and involvement in the AAR; and candidates with the most promising contributions to this year's meeting. It was a very tough field of applicants! Read the complete announcement [here](#).

The 25 grantees are:

Dean Accardi

Connecticut College

Brendan McInerney

Fordham University

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Dustin Atlas	Candace Mixon
Al Quds Bard	University of North Carolina
Arun Brahmhatt	Preston Parsons
University of Toronto	University of Cambridge
Marie Cartier	Lilly Phiri
California State University, Northridge	University of KwaZulu-Natal
Kin Cheung	Daniel Rober
Temple University	Fordham University
Elissa Cutter	Sarah Robinson
Saint Louis University	Claremont Graduate University
Justin Doran	Lara Schubert
University of Texas	Claremont Graduate University
Christopher Duncanson-Hales	Emily Sigalow
University of Sudbury, Laurentian University	Brandeis University
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza	Angeline Song
University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology	Laidlaw College, New Zealand
Jan Holton	Justin Stein
New Haven, CT	University of Toronto
Alexander Hwang	Jennifer Wade
Saint Leo University	Boston College
Ren Ito	Tamar Wasoian
Emmanuel College, University of Toronto	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Andriette Jordan-Fields	
University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology	

Congratulations to the grant winners and thank you to the grant jury for your hard work!

**MARILYNNE ROBINSON: 2015 RELIGION AND THE ARTS AWARD
WINNER**

The [Religion and the Arts Award](#) Jury is pleased to

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announce that Marilynne Robinson has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 award. Robinson is an Pulitzer-Prize winning author who continually investigates the place of religion in modern life through her fiction and nonfiction alike. She will be the featured participant in a Special Topics Forum at this year's Annual Meeting in Atlanta on Sunday, November 22, with AAR members Eric Ziolkowski and Brook Wilensky-Lanford. Read the [full announcement](#) on the AAR website.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AAR-LUCE FELLOWSHIPS IN RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The AAR invites applications for AAR-Luce Fellowships in Religion and International Affairs. The program places scholars with PhDs, from the humanities or related social sciences, or ThDs at the US



Department of State, under the Department's Franklin Fellows Program. Fellows will participate in substantive work of the Department involving religion and international affairs. Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$6,500 per month plus up to \$1,500 as a relocation subsidy.

Funded by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Fellowship program seeks to bring scholarly knowledge and critical perspectives to the analysis of contemporary issues and the shaping of policy; and to offer scholars opportunities to contribute their expertise while learning about the functioning of a US government agency.

Please see the AAR's website for [more information and to apply](#).
Deadline: **June 18, 2015**.

APPLY FOR AN AAR GRANT

Regional Development Grants

Have you considered applying for a 2015–2016 AAR Regional Development Grant? [Apply today!](#)



Deadline: **June 1, 2015.**

AAR Individual and Collaborative Research Grants

The [2015-2016 Research Grants Online Submission System is Now Open!](#)

Each year the AAR awards grants of up to \$5,000 for individual and collaborative research projects. All applications must be submitted [online](#); paper applications will not be accepted.

The deadline to apply is **August 1, 2015**. For additional information, please see the [AAR website](#)

AAR Collaborative International Research Grants

The [2015-2016 Collaborative International Research Grants Online Submission System is now 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 \$5,000 will be reviewed by the AAR's [International Connections Committee](#) (ICC). Please direct inquiries to Dr. Amy L. Allocco, ICC Chair and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Elon University, USA (aallocco@elon.edu).

The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2015**. Applications must be submitted via the [online proposal submission system](#). For information about the program, please visit the [AAR web site](#).

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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. Members may nominate themselves. All nominees must be members in good standing of

the AAR.

There are openings in the following groups for service beginning

January 1, 2016:

- [Academic Relations Committee](#)
- [American Lectures in the History of Religions](#)
- [Book Awards Juries: Best First Book in the History of Religions](#)
- [Employment Services Advisory](#)
- [Graduate Student Awards Jury](#)
- [International Connections Committee](#)
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- [Religion and the Arts Award Jury](#)
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- [Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee](#)
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- [Status of Women in the Profession Committee](#)
- [Teaching and Learning Committee](#)
- [Theological Education Committee](#)

More information on the nominations, including the application, is on the [AAR website](#). Nominations must be received by **June 1, 2015**. Please submit your nomination(s) [here](#).

[Call for Officer Nominations](#)

The AAR Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the Vice President, Program Unit Director, and one At-Large Director positions are up for election in **2016**. The nominations deadline has passed for the 2015 elected positions.

Nominations for the Vice President, Program Unit Director, and At-Large Director positions must be received by **September 1** of the year prior to the election year. Visit the [AAR website](#) for more information on the nomination process for these positions.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

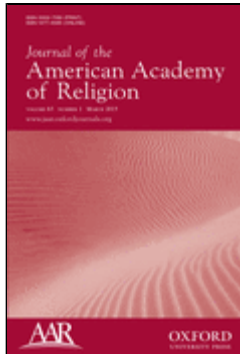
The [Teaching and Learning Committee](#) encourages and solicits nominations for the 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award.

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, 2015**. Please contact Elizabeth Hardcastle at ehardcastle@aarweb.org with any questions.

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[Register](#) by **June 30th, 2015** for the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) Congress to be held in Erfurt, Germany, **August 23–29, 2015**. For more information, see [here](#). The AAR and its membership are members of the

IAHR.

IN THE FIELD

Want to know more about events, calls, and other opportunities in the field of religion? 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](#).

MEMBER NOTES

Awards and Accomplishments

[Zaid Adhami](#), Duke University & Williams College

Received a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the 2015–2016 academic year from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Newcombe Fellowship is the nation's largest and most prestigious award for PhD candidates in the humanities and social sciences addressing questions of ethical and religious values. His dissertation is titled: *Certainty with Doubt? American Secularity and Muslim Discourses of "Belief."*

Books and Major Publications

[Chad Bauman](#), Butler University

Pentecostals, Proselytization, and Anti-Christian Violence in Contemporary India, New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Carl Olson, Allegheny College

Indian Asceticism Power, Violence, and Play, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Career Transitions

[Grace Ji-Sun Kim](#), Earlham School of Religion

Kim is now Associate Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

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