

AAR Member News

AAR RELEASES STATEMENTS ON ANTI-MUSLIM RHETORIC AND CAMPUS CARRY LAWS

In November, AAR's Board of Directors issued a [statement](#) rejecting anti-Muslim rhetoric. The statement calls upon AAR members to reject divisive and dangerous speech and to reaffirm our shared commitment to a free and open society where all residents' rights are recognized and protected. Please read the full statement [here](#).

AAR joined a number of our sibling societies in the American Council of Learned Societies to address campus carry in light of the new concealed weapon law in Texas. AAR released [its own statement](#) on how the concealed weapon law will compromise campus security, in addition to signing the [Joint Statement](#) with the ACLS.

AAR ACADEMY FUND CONTRIBUTORS



The AAR gratefully acknowledges our members who contributed to the Academy Fund from **July 1, 2014**, through **June 30, 2015**. Contributions to this fund support Annual Meeting Travel Grants, international initiatives, including the International Dissertation Research Fellowships, new programs, and the general operations of the Academy. Thank you for your donations! Please see [here](#) for the complete list of contributors. For more information about supporting the work of the Academy, or to make a secure online donation, please see [here](#).

AAR THANKS OUTGOING LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

AAR would like to thank [Committee and Jury members](#) whose

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terms end in 2015. We are grateful for their dedicated service to the Academy!

AAR AWARDS

Martin E. Marty Award Deadline Is January 25, 2016

To nominate someone for the AAR's [Martin E. Marty Award](#), which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion by those whose work speaks to the public as well as to scholars, please see [here](#). Nominations and self-nominations are welcomed. The deadline for nominations is **January 25, 2016**.



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 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 2016 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2016**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

AAR Seeks Book Awards Submissions

The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the annual book awards:

1. Best First Book in the History of Religions
2. Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion (winners in four categories):
 - Analytical-Descriptive Studies
 - Constructive-Reflective Studies
 - Historical Studies
 - Textual Studies

The submission deadline for all book awards is **February 10, 2016**.

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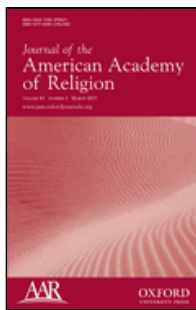
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Questions and letters of nomination may be sent to

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2016 AAR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Are you an AAR member who is passionate about your profession and guild? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm? Do you think AAR membership is an important part of your professional life? If so, the AAR invites you to [join the AAR Ambassador Program!](#)

The AAR Ambassador program helps get information out to people about the study of religion and AAR programs. Ambassadors act as a point of contact for the AAR at your institution. It is a great way to volunteer in the AAR without leaving your office. [Apply](#) to be a 2016 AAR Ambassador today!



MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY - TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

What matters to you in your AAR membership? Let us know by completing the [Member Satisfaction Survey](#). Your feedback on AAR programs and services is crucial. The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete. [Submit the survey](#) by **December 31** to be entered into a drawing to **win one of 3 free AAR memberships**.



2016 REGIONAL CALL FOR PAPERS

Plan to attend your [2016 regional meeting](#). The following Calls for Papers are open:

[Eastern International](#)

Deadline: **February 15, 2016**

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

Deadline: **EXTENDED! January 1, 2016**

Registration is [open](#)! Early Bird deadline: February 6, 2016.

[Midwest](#)

Deadline: **January 11, 2016**

[New England-Maritimes](#)

Deadline: **January 19, 2016**

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Deadline: **January 15, 2016**

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **December 20, 2015**

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

Books and Major Publications

[Phillip Cary](#), Eastern University

Does God Have a Strategy?: A Dialogue, Wipf and Stock, 2015.

David S. Cunningham, Hope College

At This Time and In This Place: Vocation and Higher Education, New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University

African American Religions, 1500–2000: Colonialism, Democracy, and Freedom, Cambridge University Press, 2015.

[Daniel Ramirez](#), University of Michigan

Migrating Faith: Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico in the Twentieth Century, University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

[Bruce M. Sullivan](#), Northern Arizona University

Sacred Objects in Secular Spaces: Exhibiting Asian Religions in Museums, London: Bloomsbury, 2015.

[Shawn Young](#), York College of Pennsylvania

Gray Sabbath: Jesus People USA, the Evangelical Left, and the Evolution of Christian Rock, Columbia University Press, 2015.

Roland Zimany, Retired

Sermons with Insight, First Edition Design Publishing, 2015 (with

Appendix, "Who Wrote the Bible?").

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)