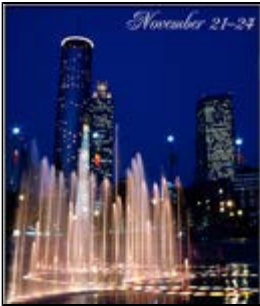


AAR Member News

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS



Want a Name Badge Mailed to You?

September 17 is the deadline to register for the 2015 Annual Meetings in order to receive your name badge in the mail. [Register today!](#)

Schedule Your Meeting Today!

September 18 is the deadline to submit Additional Meetings requests for the third round of scheduling. Secure your reservation early as space is limited. [See here](#) to submit an Additional Meeting request. Note: Any requests received after September 18 will not appear in the printed *Program Book* or the *At-A-Glance*.

Program Books Mailing Soon!

Early October is when the *Program Books* will be mailed to those who registered by August 13. Otherwise, you can check out the [online Annual Meeting Program Book](#).

More upcoming Annual Meeting deadlines can be found on the [AAR web site](#).

Employment Center Registration Opens for Employers

The AAR/SBL Employment Center is now open to [candidates](#) and [employers](#) for preregistration. The deadline for both candidates and employers to preregister is **October 30, 2015**.

Preregister to receive full benefits! For further details, visit the [AAR/SBL Employment Services website](#).



MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES!

Register for the Women's Mentoring Luncheon

Each year, the Status of Women in the Profession and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committees 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 Women's Caucus. [Pre-registration is required](#) and the lunch costs \$13. Sorry, no refunds.

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

Underrepresented Professionals: Apply for Mentoring Today!

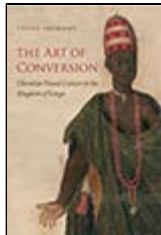


AAR continues its mentoring program serving underrepresented professionals; a new cohort will commence November 2015 at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Thirty-five doctoral students, non-tenured (i.e., pre-tenure, adjunct, contract, or hybrid administrator/faculty) faculty, and/or post-doctoral fellows will be matched with participating scholars who will serve as mentors for a period of one year.

You may apply for the mentoring program by completing [this online form](#). The deadline for mentoring applications is **October 15, 2015**. Notification of program acceptance will be sent by **November 5, 2015**.

AAR BOOK AWARDS

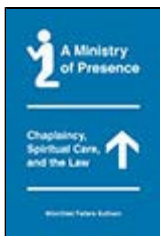
The AAR is proud to announce the winners of the 2015 book awards. Congratulations to:



Cécile Fromont

Winner of the Best First Book in the History of Religions

The Art of Conversion: Christian Visual Culture in the Kingdom of Kongo, University of North Carolina Press published for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2014



Winnifred Fallers Sullivan

Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Analytical-Descriptive Studies

A Ministry of Presence: Chaplaincy, Spiritual Care, and the Law, University of Chicago Press, 2014

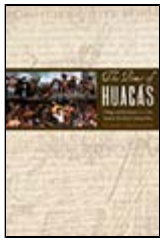


Michelle Voss Roberts

Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Constructive-Reflective Studies

Tastes of the Divine: Hindu and Christian Theologies of Emotion,

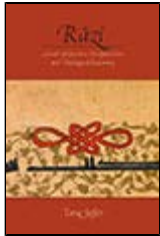
Fordham University Press, 2014



Claudia Brosseder

Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Historical Studies

The Power of Huacas: Change and Resistance in the Andean World of Colonial Peru, University of Texas Press, 2014



Tariq Jaffer

Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Textual Studies

Rāzī: Master of Quranic Interpretation and Theological Reasoning, Oxford University Press, 2014

RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS

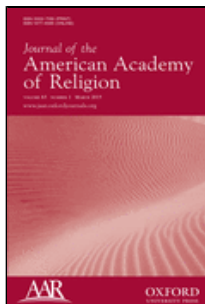
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- [Stress Tested](#) by Beth Eddy
- [“Let Loss Reveal It”: Florence + the Machine’s New Album Reflects on the Meaning and Beauty of Pain](#) by Brandy Daniels
- [A Theory and Method of Comparison—Part 1](#) by Molly Bassett

You can also [sign up](#) for the *RSN* newsletter and get it all packaged conveniently for your inbox.

Journal of the American Academy of Religion: September Issue



The September issue of *JAAR* is published and includes a review essay roundtable on Burton L. Mack’s *A Myth of Innocence: Mark and Christian Origins*, with an introduction by David A. Sánchez and contributions from Davina C. Lopez and Todd Penner, William Arnal, Maia Kotrosits, Eric C. Stewart, and Hal Taussig. To read the online edition, [log in here](#) with your AAR member ID.

AAR GRANTS NEWS

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](#).

National Endowment for the Humanities at the Annual Meeting

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers grants to scholars and others engaged in humanistic research and teaching. Twenty-six grant programs support individuals, teams, and institutions doing work for other scholars, students, or the general public. Fundable projects include research for monographs, scholarly editions, creating or revising a class, preserving or digitizing archival collections, professional development for teachers, museum exhibits and documentaries. The NEH has a long record of supporting important scholarship in religious studies, including a variety of disciplinary approaches and religious traditions. A program officer will be available at this year's annual meetings to talk one-on-one about grant programs and possible applications. Visit the NEH booth (#208) in the exhibit hall or write Daniel Sack at dsack@neh.gov for an appointment. More information on the NEH and grant programs is at neh.gov.

ACLS Fellowships Available

The American Council of Learned Societies announces the 2015–16 ACLS fellowship competitions, which promote the full spectrum of humanities and humanistic social sciences research. [See here](#) for more information. The AAR has been a member of the ACLS since 1979.



New this year, ACLS is offering fellowships in [Buddhist Studies](#). This new fellowship is in addition to 70 other fellowship opportunities!

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.

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!

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**

[Southeast \(SECSOR\)](#)

Deadline: **October 5, 2015**

[Southwest \(SWCRS\)](#)

Deadline: **October 15, 2015**

[Western](#)

Deadline: **October 1, 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

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



Academic Abby

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

Pierre Hurteau, Independent Scholar

L'Avenir de la laïcité au Québec: Pluralisme religieux et espace public, Paris: L'Harmattan, 2015.

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego

Contemplative Literature: A Comparative Sourcebook on Meditation and Contemplative Prayer, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2015.

[Kwok Pui Lan](#), Episcopal Divinity School

Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis, coedited with Cecilia González-Andrieu and Dwight Hopkins, Baylor University Press, 2015.

[John K. Roth](#), Claremont McKenna College, Emeritus

The Failures of Ethics: Confronting the Holocaust, Genocide, and Other Mass Atrocities, Oxford University Press, 2015

[Mark Scott](#), Thorneloe University

Pathways in Theodicy: An Introduction to the Problem of Evil, Fortress Press, 2015.

[Angeline M.G. Song](#), Laidlaw College, Auckland, New Zealand

A Postcolonial Woman's Encounter with Moses and Miriam, Palgrave Macmillan, Sept, 2015.

Career Transitions

[Mark Scott](#), Thorneloe University

Dr. Scott is now an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Thorneloe University at Laurentian in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

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