

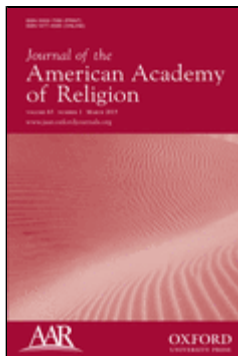
AAR Member News

RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS: Audio Interviews, Digital Scholarship, Balancing Commitments, and More in RSN



Recent articles in [Religious Studies News](#) include Chris Cantwell's suggestions for the [academic evaluation of digital scholarship](#) and Monique Moultrie's examination of how the Academy can [marginalize students and faculty who have commitments](#) to extended family, eldercare, and communities outside of higher education. Looking for additions to your podcast lineup? Load your smartphone with audio interviews with 2014 AAR Book Award winners [Willis Jenkins](#) and [Anna Sun](#)—great for listening during your commute or at the gym. And consider the style and identity history of the AAR by taking a look at the AAR's [logo development](#) over the years.

Have an idea to pitch or article you want published in RSN? Visit <http://rsn.aarweb.org/write-rsn> for more information.



March Issue: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* Now Available!

Read the [latest issue](#) of JAAR for provocative articles, book reviews, and a special review essay roundtable on Kevin Schilbrack's *Philosophy and the Study of Religions: A Manifesto*.

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Judith Bishop Wins AAR Teaching and Learning Award

The AAR's [Teaching and Learning Committee](#) is pleased to announce [Judith L. Bishop](#) is the recipient of the [2015 Excellence in Teaching Award](#). Bishop, an associate professor of women's, gender, and sexuality studies at Mills College, will make remarks and engage questions and answers during a Special Topics Forum at this year's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congratulations to Professor Bishop!

AAR Collaborative International Research Grants Winners Announced

The AAR's International Connections Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the Collaborative International Research Grants (CIRG) program. This grants program is intended to support 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. Congratulations to the winners!



Chad Bauman, Butler University, USA

Christians and Religious Violence in Sri Lanka

Collaborator:

James Ponniah, University of Madras, India

Amber L. Griffioen, University of Konstanz, Germany



Longing, Suffering, and Love in Medieval Christian and Islamic Mysticism

Collaborator:

Mohammad Sadegh Zahedi, Imam Khomeini International University, Iran



Christian Haskett, Centre College, USA

Varanasi's Tiny Temples and the Making of Hinduism

Collaborator:

Rana P.B. Singh, Banaras Hindu University, India

John J. McGraw, Aarhus University, Denmark



Divination & Decision-Making: Ritual Techniques of Distributed Cognition in the Guatemalan Highlands

Collaborators:

Ronald Fischer, Victoria University of Wellington,
New Zealand

Dimitris Xygalatas, University of Connecticut, USA

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College, USA



The Politics and Poetics of Islamic Law in Contemporary South Asia

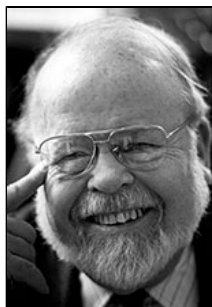
Collaborator:

Waris Mazhari, Maulana Azad National Urdu
University, India

2015 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Plan to attend your [regional meeting](#) this year! The following online registration systems are open:

- [Eastern International](#)
Deadline: **May 1, 2015**
- [Midwest](#)
Deadline: **March 30, 2015**
- [New England-Maritimes](#)
Deadline: **March 20, 2015**
- [Pacific Northwest](#)
Deadline: **March 29, 2015**
- [Upper Midwest](#)
Deadline: **April 13, 2015**
- [Western](#)
Deadline: **March 16, 2015**



In Memoriam: Robert V. Smith, 1920–2015

Robert Virgil “R. V.” Smith, the Harry Emerson Fosdick Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Emeritus, at Colgate University, passed away on February 12, 2015, at the age of 94. Dr. Smith, a lifetime member of the AAR, was chairman of the 1963 Self-Study Committee of

the National Association of Biblical Instructors (NABI), which recommended the transformation of NABI into the American

Academy of Religion, a transition that took place in 1964. In 2002, the Executive Committee of the AAR awarded Dr. Smith the prestigious Ray L. Hart Service Award in recognition of his role as one of the founders of the AAR. For more information about the life and work of R. V. Smith, please see [here](#).



In Memoriam: Karen McCarthy Brown

Karen McCarthy Brown, professor emerita of anthropology and sociology at Drew University, passed away on March 4, 2015. Dr. Brown was a longtime AAR member and a plenary speaker at the 2006 AAR Annual Meeting. She was best known for her book *Mama Lola: A Vodou Priestess in Brooklyn*, which examined Haitian diasporic religions, particularly Voodoo. Her work concentrated on anthropology of religion, sociology, and women's studies. For more information about the life and work of Karen McCarthy Brown, please see [Drew University's notice](#).

IN THE FIELD

ACLS Public Fellows Program

The American Council of Learned Societies invites applications for the [Public Fellows competition](#) for recent PhDs. Fellows will receive professional mentoring, an annual stipend of \$65,000, and individual health insurance. The deadline to apply is **March 17, 2015**.



Want to know more about this and other 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



Academic Abby

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

Thomas S. Bremer, Rhodes College
Formed From This Soil, Wiley, December 2014.

[Kimerer LaMothe](#), Independent Scholar
Why We Dance: A Philosophy of Bodily Becoming, Columbia University Press, March 2015.

[Luis León](#), University of Denver
The Political Spirituality of Cesar Chavez: Crossing Religious Borders, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015.

[Khaleel Mohammed](#), San Diego State University
David in the Muslim Tradition, Lexington Press, December 2014.

[Gregory Adam Scott](#), University of Edinburgh
Religious Publishing and Print Culture in Modern China, 1800–2012, Philip Clart and Gregory Adam Scott, eds., Boston; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015.

Stuart Young, Bucknell University
Conceiving the Indian Buddhist Patriarchs in China, Kuroda Institute Studies in East Asian Buddhism, no. 24, University of Hawai'i Press, 2015.

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