

AAR Member News

2015 CALL FOR PAPERS COMING SOON!

The 2015 Call for Papers will be posted next week! The AAR Annual Meeting will be in Atlanta, Georgia, November 21–24. The [PAPERS system](#) will open on **January 26**. The deadline for the Call for Papers is **March 2**.

JOHN NEMEC: NEW AAR RELIGION IN TRANSLATION SERIES EDITOR



Congratulations to John Nemeč, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia, for his appointment as the new editor of the [AAR Religion in Translation Series](#), which is published by Oxford University Press. John will serve a five-year term as editor and also serve on the AAR Publications Committee.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS RETURNS JANUARY 28

Mark your calendars for the **January 28th** debut of the redesigned *Religious Studies News*! In addition to longtime features, including the release of a new issue of *Spotlight on Teaching* with a focus on alternative religious movements and an article appearing in the Not for Women Only column, RSN will begin to publish articles on major trends and conversations in the field, highlight noteworthy publications, introduce scholars through interviews, and provide explainers for a more general audience.

AAR GRANTS AND AWARDS NEWS

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2014 – 2015 AAR Research Grant Awards

More information about the AAR Research Grants and the 2014-2015 grant awardees is available on the [AAR website](#).

Collaborative Grants:



Whitney A. Bauman, Florida International University; Collaborator: Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion
Mapping the Field of Religious Studies

Individual Grants:



Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University
Objects of Devotion: Islam, Material Religion, and Interreligious Relations in India



Lee H. Butler, Jr., Chicago Theological Seminary
Introducing Africana Pastoral Theology: A Narrativized Historiography



Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Contemporary Catholic Missions in Rural Ecuador



Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Judaism, Jesus, and Evangelical Rabbis: A Study of Jewish Affinity Christians



Kevin O'Neill, University of Toronto
For Christ's Sake: Crack, Christianity, and Captivity

Storm Swain, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia



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C. S. Lewis
N. T. Wright



Case Studies for Teaching Disaster Spiritual Care



Heather R. White, New College of Florida
*Gay Liberation at the Church of the Holy
Apostles*

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 and 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 2015 award, nominations must be made by **February 1**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

AAR Seeks Book Awards Submissions

The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the [Best First Book in the History of Religions Award](#) as well as the four categories of the [Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion](#). The four categories for the Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion are:

- Analytical-Descriptive Studies
- Constructive-Reflective Studies
- Historical Studies
- Textual Studies

The submission deadline for all book awards is **February 10**. Submission instructions and eligibility requirements are available [online](#). Send submissions to Sarah Levine at slevine@aarweb.org.

REGIONAL NEWS

Call for Papers are open for two regional meetings:

[New England-Maritimes](#): Deadline Extended! New deadline is

C. S. Lewis
N. T. Wright
Desmond Tutu
Barbara
Brown Taylor
Marcus Borg
John Dominic
Crossan
Diana
Butler Bass
Amy-Jill Levine
and more . . .

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January 20.

[Eastern International](#): **February 16** deadline .

MORE SAVINGS FOR AAR MEMBERS!

Oxford University Press now offers AAR members a **30% discount** off academic and trade books across all disciplines. Just sign into [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website, click the link to OUP, and start saving!

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Marion Grau, Graduate Theological Union/CDSP
Refiguring Theological Hermeneutics: Hermes, Trickster, Fool,
Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Pierre Hurteau, Retired
Male Homosexualities and World Religions, Palgrave Macmillan,

2013.

[Richard McCarty](#), Mercyhurst University

Sexual Virtue: An Approach to Contemporary Christian Ethics.
SUNY Press, February 2015.

Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions,
coedited with Ashby Butnor, Columbia University Press, 2014.

Career Transitions

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

Joins the Department of Religious Studies at Case Western
Reserve University as Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Professor of
Catholic Studies, beginning in January 2015.

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