

AAR Member News

MEMBER NEWS

Vote Today! AAR Elections Are Open

Cast your ballot to elect the future leaders of the AAR! Voting closes **November 4, 2015 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time**. All members should have received an email with a link to the 2015 AAR elections ballot. If you have not yet received a link to the ballot, please notify us via e-mail at nominations@aarweb.org. Be sure to include your full name and the e-mail address to which you would like the link to the ballot sent.



The following positions are on the ballot: Vice President; Treasurer; Student Director; Regions Director; and At-Large Director. Please [click here](#) for information and to view the candidate statements.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

The AAR Board of Directors has proposed [several changes](#) to our Bylaws. These will be discussed and voted on at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting in Atlanta, which is open to all members. Please join us on **Sunday, November 22 at 7:30 am** in Marriott L503 to discuss and vote on these changes.

"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?"

Results and Analysis of the AAR-Teagle Survey of Religious Studies Majors

The AAR, with support from the Teagle Foundation, conducted a national survey of religious studies majors in 2014 and the spring of 2015, asking graduates what fields they currently work in, what graduate programs they attended, and how the religious studies

Your membership will end

December 31.

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major impacted their values and career choices. The Survey Report aggregates the results of 1,675 respondents from 35 participating colleges and universities. The survey is designed to answer via empirical evidence a central question that is asked—often with growing suspicion—by various stakeholders: “What can I do with a major in religious studies?”

Read the [Survey Report](#) and analysis from [Melissa M. Wilcox](#) and [Charles Mathewes](#) in *Religious Studies News*.

Learn more about the survey and how your institution can participate by visiting [AAR’s website](#).

HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE ON THE AAR MENTORING PROGRAM



[Registration is now open!](#) Meet with a mentor to have an hour-long chat at the Annual Meeting -- [coffee is on the AAR](#). This is your chance to meet with AAR leaders from the Board of Directors, Committees, and Program Units, among other groups.

Appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out how an hour with an experienced mentor can make the difference. Deadline for registration is **November 9**.

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 **November 1** to be entered into a drawing to **win one of 3 free AAR memberships**.



EMPLOYMENT CENTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

[Employers](#): register for the AAR and SBL Employment Center before October 30 for



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the best rate! Rates will increase after October 30; registration will remain open until the Annual Meeting. Preregister today to guarantee your interview space and to avoid long wait times onsite.

[Candidates](#) can continue to register with the Employment Center, free of charge.

For further details, visit the [AAR/SBL Employment Services website](#).

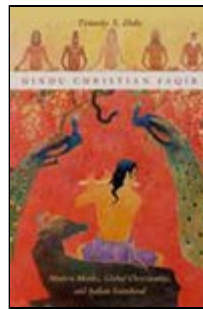
AAR PUBLICATION NEWS

New Release in the AAR Religion, Culture, and History Series

Timothy S. Dobe's [Hindu Christian Faqir: Modern Monks, Global Christianity, and Indian Sainthood](#),

ISBN: 9780199987696, published by Oxford University Press. AAR members receive a 30% discount on all AAR/OUP series titles. Sign in

to [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website and click the link to OUP.



Spotlight on Teaching: Teaching the Moral Traditions of Others in the Religious Studies Classroom



The [Fall 2015 issue of Spotlight on Teaching](#) focuses on the teaching of comparative ethics in an undergraduate setting. Contributors reflect on both the *what* and the *how* of teaching unfamiliar (and, at times, uncomfortable) moral traditions. Read articles by Elizabeth Barre, Steven Benko, Rosemary B. Kellison, Mark Larrimore, Irene Oh, and Nahed Artoul Zehr, with an introduction by *Spotlight's* editor, Fred Glennon.

AAR GRANTS NEWS

2015–2016 International Dissertation Research Grants Application Process Is Open!

These [two annual grants](#), designed to support AAR student members whose dissertation



research requires them to travel outside of the country in which their school or university is located, are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses.

The deadline to apply is **December 1, 2015**. For information about the program, please visit the [web page](#).

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**

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

Deadline: **December 18, 2015**

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Deadline: **January 15, 2016**

[Rocky Mountain-Great Plains](#)

Deadline: **November 2, 2015**

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **December 20, 2015**

MEMBER NOTES

The next edition of Member Notes will be published in the November 15 e-Bulletin. Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones! [Submit your Member Note online.](#)