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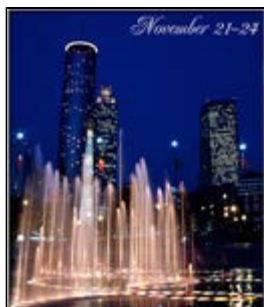
Don't miss a beat: [renew](#) your membership for 2016. Make sure your access remains uninterrupted to all your member benefits, including print and online access to *JAAR*, *Religious Studies News*, and reduced registration rates to the Annual Meeting. **AAR members save \$170 on registration costs in 2015.** [Renew your membership](#) for calendar year 2016 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 **November 1** to be entered into a drawing to **win one of 3 free AAR memberships**.



**ANNUAL MEETING NEWS**



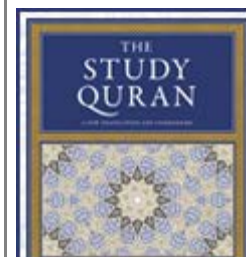
**Annual Meeting Housing**

**October 19** is the deadline to obtain our special conference rates for sleeping rooms at the Annual Meeting! There is still availability in the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. Don't miss out on potentially saving hundreds of dollars. If you

haven't [registered](#) for the Annual Meeting, you may obtain housing

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during the process. If you have already registered, you may add housing by using the link in your registration confirmation email. If you don't have that email, you may have it sent to you by emailing [reg@aarweb.org](mailto:reg@aarweb.org).

### **New Member and International Member Guides to the AAR Annual Meeting**

Is this your first time attending the AAR Annual Meeting? Check out the [New Members Guide](#) for helpful info and tips. Are you traveling to Atlanta from outside the United States? The [International Members Guide](#) is for you! Both guides contain great information for seasoned attendees, too.

### **Contingent Faculty and Applied Religious Studies Professionals Reception**

AAR members who work at colleges and universities on a contingent or contractual basis or who apply their degrees to work outside of the academy are welcome to meet and greet each other at this reception hosted by the AAR's Contingent Faculty Task Force and Applied Religious Studies Working Group. Please RSVP by **Friday, November 6**, by e-mailing Sarah Levine at [slevine@aarweb.org](mailto:slevine@aarweb.org).

### **Employment Center Registration Opens for Employers**

The AAR/SBL Employment Center is now open to [candidates](#) and [employers](#) for preregistration. For further details, visit the [AAR/SBL Employment Services website](#).



### **MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES!**

#### **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.

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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**.

### **Women's Mentoring Luncheon at the Annual Meeting**

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](#).



#### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS**

#### **A (Second) Conversation with AAR President, Thomas Tweed**

In *RSN's* [second interview](#) with the president, Tweed talks policymaking, plenaries, and values in the study of religion.

#### **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**

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[ism.yale.edu/fellowships](http://ism.yale.edu/fellowships)

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**

#### [Southeast \(SECSOR\)](#)

Deadline: **October 5, 2015**

#### [Southwest \(SWCRS\)](#)

Deadline: **October 15, 2015**

#### [Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **December 20, 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**



### **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**

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