

AAR Member News

CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE IS TODAY, MARCH 1 AT 5 PM EST!



The 2016 AAR Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](#) is open! Proposals are submitted through [PAPERS](#), the AAR's Program Administration Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission System. The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time**. For help using PAPERS, instructions are available [here](#).

AAR-LUCE FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Copulsky Named AAR-Luce Fellow

Congratulations to Dr. Jerome Copulsky on [being awarded](#) an AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion and International Affairs. His work focuses on modern Judaism, political theology, and religion/state issues.



Call for Applications for AAR-Luce Fellowships in Religion and International Affairs



The AAR invites applications for AAR-Luce Fellowships in Religion and International Affairs. The program places scholars with PhDs or ThDs, grounded in the humanities or related social sciences, at the US Department of State, under the Department's Franklin Fellows Program. Fellows will participate in substantive work of the Department involving religion and international affairs. Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$6,500 per month plus up to \$1,500 as a relocation subsidy.

Funded by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Fellowship program seeks to bring scholarly knowledge and critical perspectives to the analysis of contemporary issues and the shaping of policy; and to offer scholars opportunities to contribute their expertise while learning about the functioning of a US government agency.

Please see the AAR's website for [more information and to apply](#). Deadline: **March 31, 2016**

AAR STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Revisions to the 2006 Statement on Academic Freedom were approved by the AAR Board of Directors at the February 20–21 Board meeting. Read the amended statement [here](#).

"RECOVERY" 12-STEP SUPPORT MEETINGS

AAR is currently seeking active members to help coordinate a new gathering at the Annual Meeting geared specifically toward recovering alcoholics, addicts, codependents, and other members of like-minded communities. Responsibilities will include helping to set up and schedule the meetings, as well as helping to provide a welcoming space for open discussion on various topics related to recovery. These meetings will not be officially affiliated with AA or NA but will simply seek to create space for those who desire a clean and sober conference, and for any others who would benefit from such a gathering. If you are interested in being a part of this important initiative, please contact Kathleen McMahan, kcmcmahan@aarweb.org, or Andrew Smith, professor.andy.smith@gmail.com.

2016 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Support your region and plan to attend your [regional meeting](#). Register today!

[Eastern International](#)

Early Bird Deadline: **April 15**

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

Deadline: **March 1**

[Midwest](#)

Early Bird Deadline: **March 4**

[New England-Maritimes](#)

Deadline: **April 2**

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Deadline: **May 21**

[Rocky Mountain-Great Plains](#)

Deadline: **TBA**

[Southwest](#)

Deadline: **March 13**

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **April 2**

[Western](#)

Deadline: **March 21**

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

In Memoriam



Eugene B. Borowitz (1924–2016), Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

A longtime AAR member, Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz passed away on January 22, 2016, at the age of 91. He was the Sigmund L. Falk Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Education and Jewish Religious Thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York. Dr. Borowitz earned the Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree in 1952 at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, and the EdD at Columbia University Teachers College. He was a leading theologian in Reform and contemporary Judaism. His seminal work on covenant theology, *Renewing the Covenant: A Theology for the Postmodern Jew*, was published in 1991. For more information on the life and scholarship of Dr. Borowitz, please see the [HUC-JIR website](#) and his [obituary in the New York Times](#).

Books and Major Publications

Jean Beedoe, Oakwood University

Pastoral Care and Counseling in Large/Mega Congregations: Black Caribbeans' Perception of

Care in Cultural Diversity, University Press of America, May 2016.

Jonathan Kaplan, University of Texas, Austin

My Perfect One: Typology and Early Rabbinic Interpretation of Song of Songs, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion

"Chris Rock Should Know that Racism Isn't Black and White" TIME Magazine on TIME.com, March 1, 2016.

[Andrew Torrance](#), University of St Andrews

The Freedom to Become a Christian: A Kierkegaardian Account of Human Transformation in Relationship with God, London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2016.

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