



Awards & Grants

2016-2017 AAR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the AAR Regional Development Grant Winners!

[Regional Development Grants](#) provide funds for special projects within the regions that aim to benefit the scholarly and professional lives of AAR members. Please visit the AAR website for more information about the [Regional Development Grant](#) program and the [AAR Regions](#).

2016-2017 Winners

Midwest Region

Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg, University of Michigan "Beyond the Book: Judaism as a Non-Biblical Religion"

New England-Maritimes Region

Stephanie N. Arel, Boston University, Megan K. DeFanza, and Kate Stockly, Boston University "Sex on the Margins: Navigating Religious, Social, and Natural Scientific Models of Sex Differences"

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region

Andrea L. Stanton, University of Denver "Islamic Studies in the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains: Scholarship and Pedagogy Conference"

Southeast Region

Brian K. Pennington, Lynn Huber, Tom Mould, Elon University "On The Edge: Launching A Regional Interdisciplinary Symposium In The Southeast"

Southwest Region

Tiffany Puett, Director, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Chad E. Seales, University of Texas at Austin, and Jennifer Graber, University of Texas at Austin "Religions Texas: Mapping Diversity"

AAR COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS

[The 2016-2017 Collaborative International Research Grants online](#)

[submission system is now open!](#) The AAR's Collaborative International Research Grants program supports 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.

Applications for awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 will be reviewed by the AAR's [International Connections Committee](#) (ICC). Please click [here](#) for information about the program.



The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2016**. Applications must be submitted via the [online Collaborative International Research Grants proposal submission portal](#). Please direct inquiries to Dr. Amy L. Allocco, ICC Chair and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Elon University, USA (aallocco@elon.edu).

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



The [Teaching and Learning Committee](#) encourages and solicits nominations for the [2017 Excellence in Teaching Award](#). Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the [AAR website](#).

The deadline for nominations is **October 15, 2016**. Please contact Kathleen McMahan at kmcghan@aarweb.org with any questions.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT AND SELVA J. RAJ FELLOWSHIP

The International Dissertation Research Grants program is 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. Grants are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses. (Grant monies may not be used for tuition, computer hardware, or meals.) This is a competitive program: applications will be reviewed by a jury of senior scholars appointed by the AAR President.

The Academy will make two grants during the 2016–2017 academic year:

- one [international dissertation research grant](#) to a student working in *any sub-discipline within religious studies*, and
- one grant for the [Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship](#).

Only one application is required for either or both grants. In awarding the [Selva J. Raj Fellowship](#), priority will be given to graduate students working in one or more of the areas specified in the fellowship description.

The deadline to apply for either grant is **December 1, 2016**. Applicants should submit their materials through the [online research grants application form](#). For further information, please send an email to IDRGrants@aarweb.org.

ACLS FELLOWSHIP COMPETITIONS



The American Council of Learned Societies announces the 2016–17 ACLS fellowship competitions. ACLS offers fellowship programs that promote the full spectrum of humanities and humanistic social sciences research and support scholars at the advanced graduate student level through all stages of the academic career.

Comprehensive information and eligibility criteria for all programs can be found at www.acls.org/programs/comps. AAR has been a member of the ACLS since 1979.

AAR DATES AND DEADLINES

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| Sept 1 | Call for 2017 Officer Nominations |
| Sep 15 | Register to Receive Annual Meeting Name Badge by Mail |
| Sept 30 | Western Region Call for Papers Deadline |
| Oct 1 | Collaborative International Research Grant Proposals Due |
| Oct 1 | Southeast Region Call for Papers Deadline |
| Oct 15 | Excellence in Teaching Award Nominations Due |