

AAR Member News

CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS



The AAR Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the Vice President, Secretary, and one At-Large Director positions are up for election in 2017. Please note that the deadline has passed for nominations for the 2016 AAR Officer election.

Visit the [AAR website](#) for more information on the nomination process for these positions. The deadline for nominations is **September 1, 2016**. Please send any questions to nominations@aarweb.org.

NEW BOOK REVIEW SITE FROM AAR

[Reading Religion](#) (*RR*), the AAR's new book review publication, is online. *RR* aims to review as many scholarly publications on the topic of religion as possible. [Visit us](#) today!



EMPLOYMENT CENTER OPENS FOR EMPLOYERS ON JULY 25!



Registration to hold interviews in the Employment Center in San Antonio will open **July 25**. While placing an ad, employers may register to conduct interviews in booths in the Convention Center all day Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Private interview rooms will also be available for reservation in 3-hour blocks.

CALL FOR PERSONAL NARRATIVE BLOG POSTS

The [AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee \(SWP\)](#) is

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particularly interested in querying the “values” associated with models of work/life balance. We are inviting blogs that discuss what women in the academy consider to be “values” for themselves.

Accepted posts will be published in the [Guide for the Guild](#) feature of [Religious Studies News](#). The Guide for the Guild supplies a mixtures of stories about, strategies of, policies for, and critical reflections upon the different challenges that face varying individuals as they navigate their jobs, careers, diverse institutions, various “families,” different communities, and their own self-care.

Please submit your blog to Aislinn Jones at ajones@aarweb.org by **September 1, 2016**. Your blog may be edited and returned to you for authorial review in the fall, with the goal of it being posted in the [Guide for the Guild](#) by **January 1, 2017**.

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS DUE!

Individual and collaborative research grant proposals must be submitted no later than **August 1, 2016**. For information about the application process, please see:

[Individual Research Grants](#)

[Collaborative Research Grants](#)

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](#).

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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

Awards and Accomplishments



Jue Liang, University of Virginia

Liang is granted a 2016 Pre-dissertation Fellowship by the Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies on the theme *Conceiving the Mother of Tibet: A Study on the Early Hagiographical Accounts of Yeshe Tsogyel*.

The fellowship is for graduate students who wish to conduct preliminary preparations in China prior to beginning basic research for the dissertation.

Sonja Luehrmann, Simon Fraser University
Luehrmann, associate professor of anthropology at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada, and the 2015–2016 EURIAS fellow at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, is the 2016 recipient of the



Waldo Gifford Leland Award given by the Society of American Archivists (SAA) for her book, *Religion in Secular Archives: Soviet Atheism and Historical Knowledge*, published by Oxford University Press. The award will be presented at a ceremony during the Joint Annual Meeting of SAA and the Council of State Archivists in Atlanta, July 31–August 6.

Books and Major Publications

[Julie Byrne](#), Hofstra University

The Other Catholics: Remaking America's Largest Religion Columbia, 2016.

[Geoffrey Claussen](#), Elon University

Sharing the Burden: Rabbi Simhah Zissel Ziv and the Path of Musar, SUNY Press, 2015.

[Steven Harmon](#), Gardner-Webb University

Baptist Identity and the Ecumenical Future: Story, Tradition, and the

Recovery of Community, Baylor University Press, 2016.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion

Making Peace with the Earth: Action and Advocacy for Climate Justice, World Council of Churches, 2016.

[Marcia Pally](#), New York University

Commonwealth and Covenant: Economics, Politics, and Theologies of Relationality, Eerdmans, 2016.

Joanna Reed Shelton, University of Montana

A Christian in the Land of the Gods: Journey of Faith in Japan, Wipf and Stock, 2016

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)

AAR Dates and Deadlines

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