



Annual Meeting Housing Ending!

October 18 is the deadline to obtain our special conference rates for sleeping rooms at the Annual Meeting! [This is also the deadline to change your housing reservations if you already booked a room.](#) Don't miss out on potentially saving hundreds of dollars. If you haven't [registered](#) for the Annual Meeting, you may obtain housing during the process. If you have already registered, you may add or edit your housing by using the edit link in your registration confirmation e-mail. If you don't have that e-mail, you may have it sent to you by e-mailing reg@aarweb.org.

Tour Information

Several tours are available at the Annual Meeting. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the tours, [click here](#).

- Yoga Class
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- Briscoe Western Museum of Art
- 1950s and 60s LGBTIQ Pre-Stonewall Sites
- Historical Houses of Worship Tour

Workshops

Several workshops are available at the Annual Meeting. Registration is limited, so sign-up soon. For more information about the workshops, [click here](#).

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- Leadership: Strategies for Successful Program Assessment
- Religion and Media: (Im)migration and Religion
- Teaching Religion and Disability Studies

Print *Program Book* in the Mail / Mobile App Coming Soon

If you opted in to receive the *Annual Meeting Program Book* by mail on your registration before August 28, they are in the mail! If you do not receive one and a paper copy is desired, you can pick up one onsite. Otherwise, you can check out the [online Annual Meeting Program Book](#).

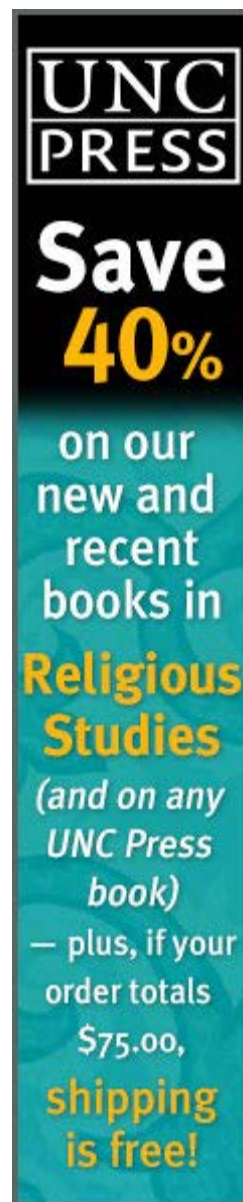
The Annual Meeting Mobile App will be available soon in the App Store and on Google Play. Look for the announcement coming within two weeks!

Annual Meeting Badges to be Sent Via E-mail

In an effort to ensure all attendees receive their Annual Meeting name badge without having to wait in long lines, name badges will no longer be sent via postal mail. Instead, check your e-mail in early November for a special link that will allow you to print your name badge and tote bag ticket to bring with you to San Antonio. If you bring these items to the Annual Meeting, you will not need to stand in line for registration.

Women's Mentoring Luncheon – Registration Open

Each year, the Status of Women in the Profession Committee 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 Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Women's Caucus. Registration is required and the lunch costs \$13.



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Click [here](#) for more information on the Mentoring Lunch, including registration information.

Contingent Faculty and Ally Breakfast

Adjunct, contingent, and contractual faculty members as well as their allies are invited to a continental breakfast hosted by the AAR's Contingent Faculty Task Force. Join in conversations about life in non-tenure-track positions, unionization efforts, para-academic work, and more with colleagues and friends, and speak with members of the task force about how the AAR can help meet the needs of this ever-growing segment of teachers and researchers in higher education.

Monday, November 21

7:30 – 8:45am

Convention Center-225A (2nd Level - East)

All are welcome. Please [RSVP online](#).

Employment Services

All members registered for the Annual Meeting may register as a candidate for the Employment Center to enable uploading of a CV to the website. Please login at www.aarsbl.org, then go to <https://www.aarsbl.org/content/candidate-services> for instructions to register.

Employers: If you have posted a job position with AAR/SBL Employment Services, you are eligible to register to conduct interviews at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to register your position to reserve interview space, you may do so at www.aarsbl.org or by contacting Amy Yandell at 404-727-2286. Rates increase after October 28.

Instagram Photo Contest

AAR and SBL will be hosting an Instagram photo contest during the 2016 Annual Meetings in San Antonio! Start looking for the items listed below, snap a photo with your phone, iPad or other device, and upload it to Instagram using the following hashtag #SBLAAR16. Winners will be chosen daily.



Valuable prizes such as gift cards and a 2017 Annual Meeting registration will be available to the winners!

How to play:

1. Make sure your Instagram profile is public so we can see your picture.
2. Snap a photo at the locations listed below to enter. Add the hashtag #SBLAAR16 to the description or in your comments.
3. Winners will be contacted via Instagram daily so be sure to check your account!

Snap a photo:

- At the Annual Meetings Welcome Banner, of your Tote Bag or *Program Book*
- With your favorite session author, presenter, or panelist
- Your favorite spot on the Riverwalk
- Buying a book in the Exhibit Hall
- Best snack or meal you've had all day
- Get a selfie with a new friend
- With props at our Instagram photo area in the back of the Exhibit Hall
- San Antonio landmarks
- Selfie at a sponsor's booth (for a list, look in the Program Book)
- Shoefie! Take a photo of your shoes with your favorite convention center carpet

Not sure what Instagram is or how to upload it? Check it out at [Instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com) or upload it to your mobile device through Google Play or iTunes App Store.

New Annual Meeting Seminar on Promoting Religious Literacy College-Wide

To position colleges to be better at graduating religiously literate students, the AAR will develop guidelines for colleges to draw upon in identifying the religion-related knowledge and skills that all associate's and bachelor's degree students ought to gain prior to graduation. Attend the [Annual Meeting session](#) to learn more.

Chaplaincy Programming at the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will feature [four sessions related to chaplaincy](#), including two film discussions and panels: a one-hour version of the PBS award-winning film *Chaplains*, on chaplains in military, prison, police, hospital, and corporate settings; and the national premier of *After Fire*, on women military veterans who struggle with moral injury. Both sessions include their films' directors.

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings

The American Academy of Religion has created a new service for those attending the Annual Meeting. Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM) will provide daily open discussion meetings for those seeking some serenity and support amid the craziness of the conference. Members of any 12-step fellowship or with any identification (alcoholic, addict, food or sex or gambling issues, Al-anon, co-dependent, etc.) are all welcome. AARM is not affiliated with AA, NA, or any of the other 12-step fellowships. Specific location and times are provided in the program book. For any questions, please contact Kathleen McMahan at kmcmahanaarweb.org.

What Other Mentoring Programs Occur at the Annual Meeting?

Do you know of other mentoring activities that occur at the Annual Meeting? Let us know! Our goal is to get the word out about all of the mentoring opportunities occurring at the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Deborah Minor at dminor@aarweb.org with information (name of organization; target discipline, if applicable; session number, etc) about the activity.

If you have any thought or questions about any of these efforts, please feel free to contact me at dminor@aarweb.org or 404-727-7954. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

Program Unit Nomenclature Change

Beginning with the 2017 Call for Papers, all Program Units (aside from Seminars) will simply be called Units, and we will no longer use

the nomenclature of Section and Group. All Units will retain their current program allotments—no change to the number of sessions assigned to any unit will result from this change.

The Program Committee voted unanimously to support this change, an action that was then supported by a unanimous concurrence of the AAR Board of Directors. The Program Committee continues to engage in discussions about vitalizing our Annual Meeting offerings. Please consider this an open invitation to send ideas you have along these lines to annualmeeting@aarweb.org.