

AAR Member News

2015 ANNUAL MEETING AUDIOCASTS



The *Religious Studies News* podcast is releasing audio recordings from 2015 Annual Meeting sessions on a weekly basis. Subscribe on [Soundcloud](#) or [iTunes](#) to hear panels on racial justice and activism (with Cornel West, Imami Perry, and Ruby Sales), the relationship between religious studies and theology (with Ann Taves and Graham Ward), and Tom Tweed's 2015 presidential address on valuing the study of religion, with more to come!

NEW RELEASE IN AAR TEACHING RELIGIOUS STUDIES SERIES

Forrest Clinger and Reid Locklin's [Teaching Civic Engagement](#), ISBN: 9780190250508, published by Oxford University Press. AAR members receive a 30% discount on all AAR/OUP series titles. Sign in to [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website and click the link to OUP.



AAR THANKS OUTGOING PROGRAM UNIT CHAIRS

AAR would like to thank [Program Unit Chairs](#) whose terms end in 2015. We are grateful for their dedicated service to the Academy!

AAR AWARDS

Martin E. Marty Award Deadline Is January 25

To nominate someone for the AAR's [Martin E. Marty Award](#), which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion by those whose work speaks to the public as well as to scholars, please see [here](#). Nominations and self-nominations are welcomed. The deadline for nominations is **January 25**.



Religion and the Arts Award Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Religion and the Arts award, which is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the Academy and for a broader public. Nominees need not be AAR members. Please, no self-nominations. To be considered for the 2016 award, nominations must be made by **February 1**. For submission requirements and more information, please [see here](#).

AAR Seeks Book Awards Submissions

The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the annual book awards:

1. Best First Book in the History of Religions
2. Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion (winners in four categories):
 - Analytical-Descriptive Studies
 - Constructive-Reflective Studies
 - Historical Studies
 - Textual Studies

The submission deadline for all book awards is **February 10**. Submission instructions and eligibility requirements are available [online](#). Send submissions to the AAR Executive Office:

Sarah Levine

Attn: Book Awards

American Academy of Religion

825 Houston Mill RD NE STE 300

Atlanta, GA 30329

Questions and letters of nomination may be sent to slevine@aarweb.org.

2016 AAR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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 MEETINGS

Plan to attend your [2016 regional meeting](#). The following online registration systems and calls for papers are open:

Registrations:

[Eastern International](#) Early Bird Deadline: **April 15**

[Mid-Atlantic](#) Early Bird Deadline: **February 6**

[Southeast](#) Deadline: **February 21**

[Southwest](#) Deadline: **March 13**

Calls for Papers:

[Eastern International](#) Deadline: **February 15**

[New England-Maritimes](#) Deadline: **January 19**

[Pacific Northwest](#) Deadline: **January 15**

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

Books and Major Publications

[Robert M. Baum](#), Dartmouth College

West Africa's Women of God: Alinesitoue and the Diola Prophetic Tradition, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2015.

[Joshua Broggi](#), University of Oxford

Diversity in the Structure of Christian Reasoning: Interpretation, Disagreement, and World Christianity, Leiden: Brill, 2015.

[Joshua Broggi](#), University of Oxford

Sacred Language, Sacred World: The Unity of Scriptural and Philosophical Hermeneutics,
London: Bloomsbury, 2015.

[Edward Curtis](#), Indiana University School of Liberal Arts, Indianapolis

Bloomsbury Reader on Islam in the West, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2015.

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

'Where We Dwell in Common': The Quest for Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century, Palgrave
Macmillan, 2015.

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

Pathways for Interreligious Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century, eds. Vladimir Latinovic,
Gerard Mannion, and Peter Phan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

[Brent Plate](#), Hamilton College

Key Terms in Material Religion, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015.

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