

AAR Member News

AAR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED



The AAR's [Teaching and Learning Committee](#) is pleased to announce Joanne Maguire Robinson is the recipient of the 2016 [Excellence in Teaching Award](#).

Robinson, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will make remarks and engage questions and answers during the Special Topics Forum at this year's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Congratulations to Professor Robinson!

ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANTS

Annual Meeting Travel Grant - Application Deadline: April 15



The American Academy of Religion will award twenty-five travel grants worth \$500 each, plus complimentary Annual Meeting registration, on a competitive basis to members who demonstrate both financial need and a desire to participate in the Annual Meeting. The deadline for applications is **April 15**.

- To learn more about the Annual Meeting Travel Grants program, click [here](#).
- To submit an application for an Annual Meeting Travel Grant, click [here](#).
- To donate to AAR's Annual Meeting Travel Grants, complete the [donation form](#) and select **Annual Meeting Travel**

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AAR Religion and the Arts Travel Grant - Application Deadline:

April 15

This generous grant, up to \$1,500, is awarded to a graduate student studying religion and the arts who is without institutional support to attend the AAR Annual Meeting. The travel grant will offset the travel costs associated with attending the Annual Meeting: registration fees (including tours and workshops), hotel room, transportation, and meals **up to \$1,500**.

More information on the Religion and the Arts Grant, including how to apply before the **April 15** deadline, is available [here](#).

CALL FOR AAR-LUCE FELLOWSHIPS

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 PUBLICATIONS NEWS

Calls for AAR/OUP Book Editors

The AAR Publications Committee seeks two book editors: one for the Academy Series and one for the Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series. Both series are sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and published in cooperation with Oxford University Press. For information, please [see here](#). The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2016**.



Call for Personal Narrative Blog Posts - Deadline: June 1, 2016

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

More information about this call and the ongoing project can be found [here](#). You should submit your blog to Aislinn Jones at ajones@aarweb.org by **June 1, 2016**.

Latest in *Religious Studies News*

Religious Studies News is the AAR’s webmagazine, featuring articles and interviews for, by, and about AAR members. Here’s the latest:

- [Wheaton College, Larycia Hawkins, and Our Academic Life Together](#) by Dena S. Davis
- [Personal Reflections on Sabbatical](#) by Donna Yarri
- [The State of the Study of Religion and Popular Culture](#), review of *The Routledge Companion to Religion and Popular Culture* by Jeffrey H. Mahan

Interviews:

- [Anya Bernstein on Religion and Politics of Buryat Buddhist](#), interview with Kristian Petersen
- [The Transformational Presence of Gandhi](#), Leela Prasad interviewed by Kristian Petersen

Guide for the Guild – focusing on work-life balance in the Academy

- [Work-Life Balance and the Black Professor](#) by James Logan

- [Domestic Help: The Unmentionable](#) by Isobel Johnston

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JAAR Table of Contents E-Mail Alerts

The March issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* is available online. [Log in](#) with your AAR Member ID to read it today!

To sign up for free Table of Contents e-mail alerts for *JAAR*, or notice of new Advance Access content, [click here](#) to go to the Oxford University Press Journals website. It's quick and easy to register a free account* with OUP and select your alert options under *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (*Please note that even if you are signed in as an AAR member to view *JAAR* content on the OUP website, you must still set up an account with OUP to receive the free e-mail alerts. The AAR does not share your e-mail with OUP; you will provide your e-mail address during the OUP account setup.)

AAR EMPLOYMENT NEWS

AAR and SBL Jobs Report Released

The AAR and SBL recently issued the latest iteration of the [jobs report](#) tracking Employment Services listing data from July 2014 through June 2015. It continues the vital task of identifying key employment trends in religious, biblical, and theological studies as advertised on the AAR and SBL Employment Services [website](#).

Get the most up-to-date job posting notifications!

You may now subscribe to receive new job postings via email, as soon as they are posted, from the AAR/SBL Employment Listings. Visit [the Employment Center website](#) to subscribe.

"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, kmcmahan@aarweb.org, or Andrew Smith, professor.andy.smith@gmail.com.

2016 REGIONAL MEETINGS

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

Open Registrations:

[Eastern International](#)

Early Bird Deadline: April 15

[Midwest](#)

Deadline: March 16

[New England-Maritimes](#)

Deadline: April 2

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Deadline: May 21

[Rocky Mountain-Great Plains](#)

Deadline: April 1

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: April 2

[Western](#)

Deadline: March 21

IN THE FIELD

NEH: Protecting Our Cultural Heritage

Through [“Protecting Our Cultural Heritage”](#) NEH invites applications for projects that undertake virtual and 3D

reconstructions of works of art, monuments, sites, or landscapes; training for cultural heritage specialists in risk assessment and preservation approaches; or data-sharing and knowledge exchange about cultural heritage sites. Further details of the program are available on NEH's website, [here](#), and in the agency's [grant program guidelines](#).

Luce/ACLS Grants for Universities: Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs



The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) is pleased to issue a request for proposals for grants to be funded by the new [Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs](#) (RJIA). In 2016, ACLS will make three grants of up to \$60,000 to promote interdisciplinary collaboration at US-based institutions of higher education with existing strengths in the study of religion (in any humanistic or social science field) and journalism and communications. RJIA is made possible by a grant from The Henry Luce Foundation.

Questions about the program may be submitted to RJIA@acsl.org, and the application deadline is **March 29, 2016**.

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!