

AAR Member News

Annual Meetings after the Election: A Note to Our Members

The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion and the Council of the Society of Biblical Literature are aware that the results of the recent elections in the United States and the actions some have taken in light of them have unsettled a number of our members. SBL and AAR continue to affirm our commitment to the full inclusion and diversity of our members and the expectation that attendees regard and treat one another with dignity and respect . . . Please read the [full statement](#).

Guides to the Annual Meeting

Check out the [Guide to the 2016 AAR Annual Meeting](#). For the veteran and first-time attendee, this guide has everything you need to know about preparing for the Annual Meeting. There are also two additional guides for [New Members or First-Time Attendees](#) and [International Members](#).

Plenary Addresses at the Annual Meeting

The AAR is excited to host a series of exciting plenary sessions on the 2016 Annual Meeting theme of Revolutionary Love, including:

Plenary Panel: Love and Hate in American Religion (A19-144)

Saturday - 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary

Presidential Address: Revolutionary Love (A19-400)

Saturday - 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

**Please note that page 200 of the print Program Book mistakenly says the Presidential Address is 8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The correct time is 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.*

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Michelle Alexander (A20-150)

Sunday - 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Julián Castro (A21-146)

Monday - 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

William Barber: A Revolution of Love (A21-403)

Monday - 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

For more details see <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/aar-plenary-sessions-at-the-2016-annual-meetings-san-antonio>

Annual Meeting Program Changes and Additions

New: *The Age of Trump in the Shadow of Pulse and Pussy: Domestic and Global Projections for the Futures of Religion and Sexuality (A19-329)*

Sponsored by the Religion and Sexuality Group

Saturday - 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-008A (River Level)

New: *Bulletproof Love: Luke Cage, Y'all! (A20-287)*

Cosponsored by the Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group and the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Sunday - 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-007B (River Level)

New: *Post-Trump Election Forum (A21-151/S21-156a)*



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Monday - 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-205 (2nd Level - West)

Cancelled: *Islam in Multimedia and Multicultural Contexts (A20-277)*

Religion, Media, and Culture Group

Sunday - 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

NEH at the Annual Meeting



**NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES**

The [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) offers grants to scholars and others engaged in humanistic research and teaching.

Twenty-six grant programs support individuals, teams, and institutions doing work for other scholars, students, or the general public. Fundable projects include research for monographs, scholarly editions, creating or revising a class, preserving or digitizing archival collections, professional development for teachers, museum exhibits and documentaries. The NEH has a long record of supporting important scholarship in religious studies, including a variety of disciplinary approaches and religious traditions.

A program officer will be available at this year's Annual Meetings to talk one-on-one about grant programs and possible applications. Visit the NEH booth (#825) in the Exhibit Hall or write Daniel Sack at dsack@neh.gov for an appointment. More information on the NEH and grant programs is at neh.gov.

Publications News

Religious Studies News

[Spotlight on Teaching – Let's Get Physical: Using Sports, Yoga, and Dance to Teach about Religion](#)



Published just as this year's World Series was underway, this issue of *Spotlight on Teaching* considers how focusing on sports can help undergraduates understand the intricacies of religious practice. With contributions from Arthur Remillard, Philip P. Arnold, Annie



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[An Interview with Joanne Maguire Robinson, 2016 AAR Excellence in Teaching Award Winner](#)

This year's award winner talks about her approach to pedagogy and her growth in teaching. Robinson will present a Special Topics Forum at the Annual Meeting, "On the Natural History of the Syllabus" (A20-306) on Sunday afternoon, 5:00–6:30 p.m. in the Grand Hyatt-Bonham A.

[Yes, Your E-mails to Congress Matter](#) by Robert Bowen, National Humanities Alliance

Protecting the humanities starts with contacting your legislators and getting organized. The NHA can help.

In the Public Interest

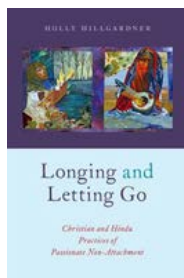
[Rev. J. Bryan Hehir Wins Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion](#)

The AAR Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion honors Father Hehir for his important scholarship on the ethics of statecraft, war, and peace, and for his influential work as a public theologian who for more than forty years has constructively engaged scholars, church leaders, diplomats, elected officials, military leaders, policymakers and social workers on a range of issues at the intersection of religion and public life. The Annual Meeting Marty Forum (A20-252) is on Sunday, November 20, 3:00–4:30 p.m. in CC-214B.

[Campaign 2016 & the Jewish Problem](#) by Eric Michael Mazur

The 2016 US presidential primaries and election demonstrated the complicated personal and public identities of Jewish Americans.

New Release in AAR Academy Series



Holly Hillgardner's [Longing and Letting Go: Christian and Hindu Practices of Passionate Non-Attachment](#), ISBN: 9780190455538, 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.

Hossein Nasr
C. S. Lewis
Philip Jenkins
and more!

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Visit the HarperOne booth 630 at the AAR Annual Meeting

*11/15 to 11/30 US only

JAAR: December Issue

The December issue of the [Journal of the American Academy of Religion](#) is published. [This issue includes](#) thought-provoking articles from Rebecca Bartel, Mary Dunn, Omri Elisha, Ira Helderman, Andrew Monteith, Emily Sigalow, William E. Smith III, Jason Springs, and Drew Thomases; a review essay from Terry Lindvall; and in-depth book reviews. Can't wait for the mail? As always, you can read [JAAR online](#).



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Now Accepting Applications for the International Dissertation Grant and Selva J. Raj Fellowship

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.

New! Member Profile

Take a moment and fill out the AAR's new [Member Profile](#)! You can now upload a profile picture, add a research or career bio, complete the research interests survey, and upload your CV or resume. With our member directory, search for colleagues by their research interests.

Members who complete their Member Profile by **January 1, 2017**, and on a quarterly basis through the 2017 calendar year, will be entered to win a \$250 Visa gift card drawing. On September 15, 2017, we will draw from eligible members to award (one) \$1000 VISA gift card, (one) \$500 VISA gift card, (one) iPad, and (ten) 2018 AAR memberships. To be eligible for the drawing, you must complete three of the four sections of Member Profile.

[Learn more](#) about the Member Profile on the AAR website.

AAR Employment Status Survey

The AAR knows that more now than ever before, graduates with degrees in religious studies and theology lead diverse professional lives. We also know that they are in varying positions of employment security.

We invite you to take our [Employment Status Survey](#).

The survey will help us better understand the educational and career paths of religious studies graduates. With it, we hope to not only learn more about faculty (full- and part-time; tenure, tenure-track, and non-tenure track), but also members who work in careers—by choice or by necessity—outside academia. This data will help us identify employment trends, better understand the job market for religious studies graduates, and develop programs to serve the membership with career options and during career transitions. Of

course, the survey is anonymous—no individual's responses will be made public. We do intend to share aggregate results.

At the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter into a drawing to win one of twelve \$50 Amazon giftcards, one of five AAR memberships, or an Apple iPad.

The survey will take between five and twenty minutes, depending on your career track.

Member Notes

Books and Major Publications

[Megan Bryson](#), University of Tennessee

Goddess on the Frontier: Religion, Ethnicity, and Gender in Southwest China, Stanford University Press, 2016.

Rosemary Corbett, Bard Prison Initiative

Making Moderate Islam: Sufism, Service, and the Ground Zero Mosque Controversy, Stanford University Press, 2016.

[Dyron Daugherty](#), Pepperdine University

Roots: Uncovering Why We Do What We Do in Church, Leafwood Publishers, 2016.

[Christopher Denny](#), St. John's University, NY

A Generous Symphony: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Literary Revelations, Fortress, 2016.

John Holt, Bowdoin College

Buddhist Extremists and Muslim Minorities: Religious Conflict in Contemporary Sri Lanka, Oxford University Press, 2016.

[Michael Jerryson](#), Youngstown State University

The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism, Oxford University Press, 2016, and coedited with Mark Juergensmeyer and Margo Kitts, *Violence and the World's Religious Traditions*, Oxford University Press, 2016.

[Dale M. Schlitt](#), Oblate School of Theology

German Idealism's Trinitarian Legacy, State University of New York Press, 2016.

[Steve Studebaker](#), McMaster Divinity College

A Pentecostal Political Theology for American Renewal: Spirit of the Kingdoms, Citizens of the Cities, Palgrave MacMillan, 2016.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!
[Submit your Member Note online.](#)

Dates and Deadlines

Nov 17 [Annual Meeting Regular Rates End](#)

Dec 1 [IDRG Submissions Deadline](#)

Dec 16 [Mid-Atlantic Region CFP Submissions Deadline](#)

Dec 30 [Pacific Northwest Region CFP Submissions Deadline](#)

Jan 6 [Upper Midwest Region CFP Submissions Deadline](#)

Jan 10 [Midwest Region CFP Submissions Deadline](#)

Feb 15 [Eastern International CFP Submissions Deadline](#)