

AAR Member News

2016 Call for Papers Is Open!



The 2016 AAR Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](#) is open! Proposals are submitted through [PAPERS](#), the AAR's Program Administration Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission System. The

deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time**. For help using PAPERS, instructions are available [here](#).

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**.



JAAR: New Editor, New Look!

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

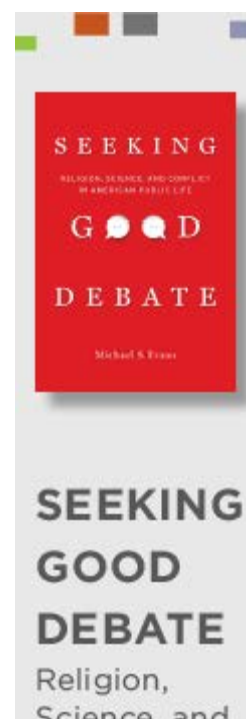
AAR-LUCE FELLOWSHIPS

AAR-Luce Fellowship Awarded

Dr. Evan Berry, whose research focuses on religion and the environment, [has been awarded](#) the first

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AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion and International Affairs.



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 AWARDS

2015-2016 Collaborative and Individual Research Grant Winners

Congratulations to these AAR members who won collaborative and individual research grants!

Collaborative Research Grants

Islamic Religious Practice in the United States

Collaborators:

Edward Curtis IV, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University

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Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Michael Muhammad Knight, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
Jackleen M. Salem, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Individual Research Grants

Kate Bowler, Duke Divinity School
Copastor: Women and Power in American Megaministry

Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University
The Buddhist Monumentality and Its Paradox: A Study on the Stone Lanterns in Medieval China

Heon Kim, East Stroudsburg University
Sufism in Modern Turkey from the Tanzimat to the Republic: A Documentary Study

Sara McClintock, Emory University
Transactional Reality, Transactional Truth

Brenna Moore, Fordham University
'Among Winged Beings': On the Poetics and Politics of Catholic Orientalism in Europe (1917–1960)

Murray Rae, University of Otago, NZ
Testimonies in Stone: Theology and the Spatial Arts

Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto
Somatic Shi'ism: The Body in Deccani Material and Ritual Practice

Darla Schumm, Hollins University
Religion and Disability in America

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

*Mediating Eco-Piety: Television, Environmental Moral Engagement,
and Popular Culture*

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

*Salon Jewesses: Religion, Gender, and the Creation of the Public
Square*

**2015-2016 Collaborative International Research Winners
Announced**

The AAR's [International Connections Committee](#) is pleased to
announce the winners of the [Collaborative International Research
Grants \(CIRG\)](#) program. Congratulations to the winners!

Andrea Acri, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

Verena H. Meyer, Columbia University, USA

*Sex and Transgression as Ways to God in 19th Century Java: The
Suluk Lonhang between Islam, Tantrism, and Javanism*

Jenny Berglund, Sodertorn University, Sweden

Vincent Biondo, California State University, Fresno, USA

Adam Dinham, University of London, United Kingdom

Satoko Fujiwara, University of Tokyo, Japan

Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Transnational Religious Literacy

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College, USA

Renny Thomas, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India

Ayudha Puja in Academia and Industry

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, USA

Padma 'tsho, Southwest University for Nationalities, China

The Formation of Female Religious Exemplars in Tibet

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, USA

Marianne Moyaert, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands

*On Inter-rituality: Comparing Local Theologies of Shared Religious
Practice at Christian-Muslim Pilgrimage Sites—an Exploration*

Gaël Hily, Université Rennes 2, France

Geneviève Pigeon, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada
Colloque Migrations et Territoires Celtiques: Religions, Croyances, Traditions

AAR Journalism Awards

Annually the AAR honors the best in-depth reporting on religion. The contest is open to all print and Web-based journalists at media outlets of any size. The deadline for submission is **February 29, 2016**. For more information, see [here](#).

"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**

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

Deadline: **March 1**

[Midwest](#)

Early Bird Deadline: **March 4**

[New England-Maritimes](#)

Deadline: **April 2**

[Southeast](#)

Deadline: **February 21**

[Southwest](#)

Deadline: **March 13**

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **April 2**

[Western](#)

Deadline: **March 28**

IN THE FIELD

**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**.

**2016 NHA Annual Meeting & Humanities Advocacy Day
Monday, March 14, 2016 – Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

This National Humanities Alliance yearly event provides opportunities for participants to connect with a growing network of humanities leaders from around the country; communicate the value of humanities research, education, programming, and preservation to Members of Congress; explore national humanities policy; and become year-round advocates for the humanities. Sessions and events will be held at George Washington



University and on Capitol Hill.

The AAR is a member of the National Humanities Alliance and a proud sponsor of Humanities Advocacy Day.

To register, click [here](#).

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!