

AAR Member News



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KESHAVARZ TO DELIVER 2016 ALHR SERIES

The [American Lectures in the History of Religions](#) (ALHR) welcomes [Dr. Fatemeh Keshavarz](#), University of Maryland, to speak in Chicago, Illinois from **October 24–28, 2016**. Dr. Fatemeh's lecture series is entitled *Unsilencing the Sacred: Conversations with the Divine*. The lectures will explore the works of poets such as Omar Khayyam, Hafez of Shiraz, Sa'di, Jalal al-Din Rumi, and 'Attar of Nishabur. All lectures are open to the public.



The first lectures take place October 24 and 25, 4:00 pm, at the University of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center for International Studies. More information is on the [AAR website](#) or you can read the announcement [here](#).

CALL FOR 2017 OFFICER NOMINATIONS - DEADLINE EXTENDED!



The deadline for nominations has been extended to **October 1**.

The AAR Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the Vice President, Secretary, and one At-Large Director positions are up for election in 2017. Please note that the deadline has passed for nominations for the 2016 AAR Officer election.

Nominations may be submitted online [here](#). Visit the [AAR website](#) for more information on the nomination process for these positions. The deadline for nominations is extended to **October 1, 2016**. Please send any questions to nominations@aarweb.org.

WOMEN'S MENTORING LUNCHEON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Each year, the Status of Women in the Profession and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committees 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 Women's Caucus. [Pre-registration is required](#) and the lunch costs \$13. Sorry, no refunds.

A list of the mentors and more information on the Mentoring Lunch is available on the [registration page](#).

CONTINGENT FACULTY BREAKFAST IN SAN ANTONIO

Adjunct, contingent, and contractual faculty members and 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

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

EMPLOYMENT CENTER LISTINGS NOW AVAILABLE!

Employment Center Candidates: You may now view the Annual Meetings edition of the Employment Listings at www.aarsbl.org! Once logged in, hover over Employment Listings to see the "AM Employment Listings Search." Each institution interviewing at the Annual Meetings will be listed here. Updates display instantly, so you may refer to this version for new listings up to and throughout the Annual Meetings. Please contact Employment Services with any questions (careers@aarsbl.org).



2017 REGIONAL MEETINGS CALL FOR PAPERS

Plan to attend your [regional meeting](#) next year. The following Calls are open:

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

Deadline: **December 16**

[Rocky Mountains/Great Plains](#)

Deadline: **October 26**

[Southeast \(SECSOR\)](#)

Deadline: **October 1**

[Southwest](#)

Deadline: **October 15**

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: **January 6**

[Western](#)

Deadline: **September 30**

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

Awards and Accomplishments

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

Curtis, author of the forthcoming *Muslims American in the Military*, has received a \$108,969 grant from the NEH to conduct a three-week residential seminar for K-12 teachers, "Muslim-American Identities, Past and Present." The seminar will take place next summer; teachers from across the country are expected to attend. Curtis' goal for the seminar is to strengthen teaching about Muslim-American history and contemporary life in US schools. Participants will examine dozens of Muslim-American texts and will visit two local mosques to learn more about what it means to be both Muslim and American. The seminar will demonstrate the essential role that the humanities play in nurturing the common good.



[Cristina Richie](#), UCLA Ethics Center

Cristina Richie, PhD, won the 2016 Evangelical Press Association's Higher Goals in Christian Journalism First Place Student Writer of the Year Award for her article "Diet and Cross-Religious Witness," *Africanus Journal* 7, no. 1 (2015): 25-33.

Books and Major Publications

Ellen Blue, Phillips Theological Seminary

In Case of Katrina, Cascade Books, 2016.

Aaron Hahn Tapper, University of San Francisco

Judaisms: A Twenty-First-Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identities, University of California Press, 2016.

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Muslims and the Making of America, Baylor University Press, October 2016.

William Meyer, Maryville College

Darwin in a New Key: Evolution and the Question of Value, Cascade Books, 2016.

Kwok Pui-lan, Episcopal Divinity School, coedited with Stephen Burns

Postcolonial Practice of Ministry: Leadership, Liturgy, and Interfaith Engagement, Lexington Books, 2016.

[Kenneth Rose](#), Christopher Newport University

Yoga, Meditation and Mysticism, Bloomsbury Academic, 2016.

Career Transitions

[Cristina Richie](#), UCLA Ethics Center

Richie successfully defended her PhD dissertation at Boston College in the Theology Department in February 2016, and accepted a two-year position as the Arny and Anne Porath Clinical Ethics Fellow at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Health Ethics Center, Los Angeles, California.



Amy Weiss, College of Saint Elizabeth

Weiss has been named the Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the College of Saint Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In the News

[Cristina Richie](#), UCLA Ethics Center

Cristina Richie was interviewed in the September 2016 issue of *Redbook* magazine for her research on voluntary sterilization and childfree women. She was asked to discuss the conscience clause. *Redbook* magazine is consistently ranked in the Top 25 US Consumer Magazines, with over 2.2 million magazines in circulation, according to the Alliance for Audited Media. Citation: [Lauren Oster, "The Parenting Choice My Doctor's Won't Let Me Make," *Redbook* 227, no. 3 \(2016\): 89-91, at 91.](#)

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AAR DATES AND DEADLINES

- Sept 30 [Western Region Call for Papers Deadline](#)
- Oct 1 [Call for 2017 Officer Nominations](#)
- Oct 1 [Collaborative International Research Grant Proposals Due](#)
- Oct 1 [Southeast Region Call for Papers Deadline](#)
- Oct 15 [Excellence in Teaching Award Nominations Due](#)
- Oct 15 [Southwest Region Call for Papers Deadline](#)