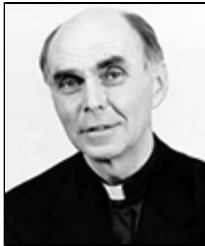




## Awards & Grants

### **BRYAN HEHIR NAMED 2016 MARTY AWARD WINNER**



The [Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion](#) is pleased to announce J. Bryan Hehir is the recipient of the 2016 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion. Hehir is the Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. His teaching and research focus on ethics and foreign policy and the role of religion in world politics and in American society. Hehir holds a doctor of theology degree from Harvard Divinity School. Please plan to join us at this year's Annual Meeting in San Antonio for the Marty Forum on **Sunday, November 20**, where he will be interviewed by Shaun Allen Casey from the US Department of State.

### **SHAHZIA SIKANDER: 2016 RELIGION AND THE ARTS AWARD WINNER**

The Religion and the Arts Award Jury is delighted to announce that [Shahzia Sikander](#) has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 award. Sikander's artwork, which is rooted in the Muslim and Hindu traditions of Indian and Persian miniature painting, is internationally renowned. From tiny layered drawings that insert the personal into traditional ritual forms, to video projections that re-interpret the miniature for the digital age, Sikander's work ranges across media, including drawing, painting, large-scale installations, and performance. She will be the featured speaker in a Special Topics Forum this year at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio.



### **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**



Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members. Workshops, special programs, training events and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Generally, grants funded fall into two categories: seed funding to begin an ongoing regional

initiative, or one-time funds for special projects. Visit the [AAR website](#) for information and to see grant winning proposals from prior years. Grants will not exceed \$4,000.

**Deadlines June 1:** Grant proposals due to [Regional Coordinators](#)

**July 1:** Regional Coordinators forward grants to Regions Committee

**August 15:** Regional grant awards announced

### **AAR RESEARCH GRANTS**

[The 2016-2017 Research Grants Online Submission System is Now Open!](#) Each year the AAR awards grants of up to \$5,000 for individual and collaborative research projects. Please click [here](#) for information about the program. All applications must be submitted through the [online submission system](#). The deadline to apply is **August 1, 2016**.

### **AAR COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS**

[The 2016-2017 Collaborative International Research Grants Online Submission System is Now Open!](#) The AAR's Collaborative International Research Grants program supports generative research collaborations between and among scholars located in different geographical regions who wish to pursue focused, joint projects in any area of the study of religion. Applications for awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 will be reviewed by the AAR's [International Connections Committee](#) (ICC). Please click [here](#) for information about the program.

The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2016**. Applications must be submitted via the [online Collaborative International Research Grants proposal submission portal](#). Please direct inquiries to Dr. Amy L. Allocco, ICC Chair and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Elon University, USA ([aallocco@elon.edu](mailto:aallocco@elon.edu)).

### **SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

The [Teaching and Learning Committee](#) encourages and solicits nominations for the [2017 Excellence in Teaching Award](#). Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the [AAR website](#).

The deadline for nominations is **October 15, 2016**. Please contact Elizabeth Hardcastle at [ehardcastle@aarweb.org](mailto:ehardcastle@aarweb.org) with any questions.

### **AAR DATES AND DEADLINES**

Jun 1 [Regional Grant Submissions](#)

Jun 1 [Work/Life Balance Posts Due](#)

Jun 1 [Calls for AAR/OUP Book Series Editors Conclude](#)

Jun 1 [Committee Nominations Due](#)

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23 [Annual Mtg Early Bird Rates](#)

Aug 1 [Research Grant Submissions](#)