

AAR Member News



GREEN NAMED AAR-LUCE FELLOW

The [AAR has awarded](#) Todd Green an AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion and International Affairs. The fellowship will fund Dr. Green to work in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs as a Franklin Fellow at the US Department of State.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AAR's Contingent Faculty Task Force Needs Your Help!

Are you a contingent faculty member or ally who wants to work on AAR policies and programs that will better serve contingent faculty who work on a contractual, non-tenure-track basis? AAR's [Contingent Faculty Task Force](#) is expanding.



If you are interested in serving as a voice and advocate for contingent faculty within AAR, please use the link to [share your information](#) with the Task Force. Feel free to nominate other AAR members who might be interested in this work.

Nominations will be accepted through **August 24, 2016**.

Call for 2017 Officer Nominations

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.

Visit the [AAR website](#) for more information on the nomination process for these positions. The deadline for nominations is **September 1, 2016**. Please send any questions to nominations@aarweb.org.

AAR ENDORSES STATEMENT ABOUT ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN TURKEY

The AAR, in concert with a number of other learned societies, has [endorsed a statement](#)

regarding threats to academic freedom and freedom of expression in Turkey. The statement was crafted by the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), which invited other American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) groups to co-sign the statement. Our Executive Committee agreed to have our name added to the statement on **July 26, 2016**.

CALL FOR PERSONAL NARRATIVE BLOG POSTS

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](#). The Guide for the Guild supplies a mixture of stories about, strategies of, policies for, and critical reflections upon the different challenges that face varying individuals as they navigate their jobs, careers, diverse institutions, various “families,” different communities, and their own self-care.

Please submit your blog to Aislinn Jones at ajones@aarweb.org by **September 1, 2016**. Your blog may be edited and returned to you for authorial review in the fall, with the goal of it being posted in the [Guide for the Guild](#) by **January 1, 2017**.

2017 REGIONAL MEETINGS CALL FOR PAPERS

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

[Southeast \(SECSOR\)](#)

Deadline: **October 1**

[Western](#)

Deadline: **September 30**

IN THE FIELD

ACLS Fellowship Competitions



The American Council of Learned Societies announces the 2016–17 ACLS fellowship competitions. ACLS offers fellowship programs that promote the full spectrum of humanities and humanistic social sciences research and support scholars at the advanced graduate student level through all stages of the academic career.

Comprehensive information and eligibility criteria for all programs can be found [online](#).

2016 National Humanities Conference in Salt Lake City

This is the first in a series of conferences cohosted by the National Humanities Alliance and the Federation of State Humanities Councils that will bring the humanities community together as a whole to consider how, by leveraging our strengths, we can achieve broader public impact and showcase the fundamental role the humanities play in addressing both local and global challenges. The event is hosted in Salt Lake City, **November 10-13, 2016**. [Click here to register now!](#)



Humanities without Walls: Summer Workshop Fellowship

Humanities Without Walls (HWW) invites humanities pre-doctoral students to apply for the 2017 Alternative Academic Career Summer Workshops to learn how they can leverage their skills towards the public humanities and the private sector (“alt-ac” careers). Learn more [online](#). Interested students must submit the application materials to their universities’ humanities center director, graduate college dean, or equivalent by **September 30th, 2016**. Nominated applications should be submitted to HWW by 5:00 pm CDT on **November 1st, 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!

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

In Memoriam

Guy Hammond (1930–2016), Virginia Tech, Emeritus
Guyton Bowers Hammond, professor emeritus of religious studies at Virginia Tech, passed away on May 1, 2016. He was 85 years old. A longtime member of the AAR, he taught Virginia Tech undergraduates for 38 years, and was a founding member of the North American Paul Tillich Society. Hammond earned a master’s degree at Yale Divinity School and the PhD in



theology at Vanderbilt University. For more information about the life and work of Professor Hammond, please see [here](#). (Photo credit: Virginia Tech)

Awards and Accomplishments

Abimbola Adunni Adelokun, University of Texas, Austin



Granted an American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowship for the 2016–2017 session. A doctoral candidate in Theatre and Dance, Abimbola's research studies how the bodies of Pentecostal women in Nigeria are articulated and read, Pentecostal gender performativity, and the meaning of "power." The fellowship is of the PhD category and a generous support for her as she completes her dissertation.

Books and Major Publications

[Dyron Daugherty](#), Pepperdine University

Understanding World Christianity: India, Fortress Press, 2016.

[Ray L. Hart](#), Boston University, Emeritus

God Being Nothing: Toward a Theogony, University of Chicago Press, 2016.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion

"God is a Neoliberal Centrist" for TIME with Daniel José Camacho, 2016.

Zachary Purvis, University of Edinburgh

Theology and the University in Nineteenth-Century Germany, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

David Stowe, Michigan State University

Song of Exile: The Enduring Mystery of Psalm 137, Oxford University Press, 2016.

[Archana Venkatesan](#), University of California, Davis

In Andal's Garden: Art, Ornament and Devotion in Srivilliputtur, co-author Crispin Branfoot, Marg Publications, Mumbai, December 2015.

[Ted Vial](#), Iliff School of Theology

Modern Religion, Modern Race, Oxford University Press, 2016.

Career Transitions

Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

Wilcox has been appointed as Professor and Holstein Family and



Community Chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of California, Riverside.

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

AAR DATES AND DEADLINES

- Aug 24 [Call for Contingent Faculty Nominations](#)
- Aug 28 [Registration Deadline to Receive Annual Mtg Program Book by Mail](#)
- Sep 1 [Call for 2017 Officer Nominations](#)
- Sep 15 [Registration Deadline to Receive Annual Mtg Name Badge by Mail](#)
- Sep 30 [Western Region Call for Papers Deadline](#)
- Oct 1 [Collaborative Int'l Research Grants](#)
- Oct 1 [Southeastern Region Call for Papers Deadline](#)