

# AAR Member News

## ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANTS

### Annual Meeting Travel Grant - Application Deadline: April 15



The American Academy of Religion will award twenty-five travel grants worth \$500 each, plus complimentary Annual Meeting registration, on a competitive basis to members who demonstrate both financial need and a desire to participate in the Annual Meeting. The deadline for applications is **April 15**.

- To learn more about the Annual Meeting Travel Grants program, click [here](#).
- To submit an application for an Annual Meeting Travel Grant, click [here](#).
- To donate to AAR's Annual Meeting Travel Grants, complete the [donation form](#) and select **Annual Meeting Travel Grants** in the Program to Benefit dropdown menu.

### AAR Religion and the Arts Travel Grant - Application Deadline: April 15

This generous grant, up to \$1,500, is awarded to a graduate student studying religion and the arts who is without institutional support to attend the AAR Annual Meeting. The travel grant will offset the travel costs associated with attending the Annual Meeting: registration fees (including tours and workshops), hotel room, transportation, and meals **up to \$1,500**.

More information on the Religion and the Arts Grant, including how to apply before the **April 15** deadline, is available [here](#).

## MENTORING FOR UNDERREPRESENTED PERSONS IN THE PROFESSION

The American Academy of Religion announces the continuation of a program to assist in the mentoring of underrepresented groups. The program is an initiative of the four standing committees of the AAR:



- [Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, & Queer Persons in the Profession \(LGBTIQ\)](#)
- [Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession \(PWD\)](#)

- [Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession \(REM\)](#)
- [Status of Women in the Profession \(SWP\)](#)

Thirty-five applicants will be matched with participating scholars who will serve as mentors for a period of one year.

You may apply for the mentoring program by completing [this online form](#).

The deadline for mentoring applications is **May 15, 2016**. Notification of program acceptance will be sent by **June 1, 2016**.

## **FINAL CALL FOR AAR-LUCE FELLOWSHIPS**

### **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**.

### **"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, [kmcmahanaarweb.org](mailto:kmcmahanaarweb.org) or Andrew Smith, [professor.andy.smith@gmail.com](mailto: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

[New England-Maritimes](#)

Deadline: April 2

[Pacific Northwest](#)

Deadline: May 21

[Rocky Mountain-Great Plains](#)

Deadline: April 1

[Upper Midwest](#)

Deadline: April 2