



AAR Member News

Public Scholars Project



The Religious Freedom Center, a dynamic and growing department within the Newseum Institute, is pleased to announce a new opportunity for scholars of religion and public life to serve as Public Scholars Project fellows for Fall 2017, Spring 2018, or Summer 2018.

The Public Scholars Project is a joint initiative of the Public Understanding of Religion Committee of the American Academy of Religion and of the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute. Through seminars and other resources, the Public Scholars Project equips scholars of religion to effectively communicate in the public sphere and to foster religious literacy.

In support of this initiative, unpaid PSP Fellowships are available to graduate students or faculty members who will conduct academic research at the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute in Washington, DC, and who are either eligible to receive academic credit for their fellowship experience or enrolled as a doctoral student in good standing. **Deadline for application for Fall 2017 semester is May 15.**

For more information, visit <http://www.newseum.org/about/jobs-internships/jobdetails/241/>

AAR Volunteer Leadership

Call for Committee Nominations

Each year, members of the American Academy of Religion are invited to nominate persons to fill [open positions on AAR Standing Committees, Task Forces, and Juries](#). Members are welcome to nominate themselves. All nominees must be members in good standing of the AAR.

There are open positions on the following groups for service beginning *January 1, 2018*:



Member Constituencies

- Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, & Queer Persons in the Profession
- Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee
- Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
- Status of Women in the Profession
- Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
- International Connections Committee

Religion and the Public

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**2018
GURU NANAK
INTERFAITH
PRIZE**

**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

**DEADLINE:
JULY 17, 2017**

**SUBMIT A
NOMINATION**



- American Lectures in the History of Religions
- Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Education and Pedagogy

- Teaching and Learning Committee
- Theological Education Committee

Grants and Awards

- Religion and the Arts Award Jury
- Research Grants Jury
- Annual Meeting Travel Grants Jury
- Book Awards Juries

Professional Development and Departmental Issues

- Academic Relations Committee

Committee nominations must be submitted electronically through the [AAR's Online Nomination Submission System](#). Nominations must be received by **June 1, 2017**.

Additional information on the nominations process, including the application, is available on the [AAR website](#). Please contact Elizabeth Hardcastle at ehardcastle@aarweb.org with any questions.

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 to be mentored through the program by completing [this online form](#).

The deadline for mentoring applications is **May 15, 2017**.

Regional Development Grants



[Regional Development Grants](#) provide funds for special projects within the regions to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. 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 ongoing regional initiatives, or one-time funds for special projects. Visit the [AAR website](#) for information and to see grant winning proposals from prior years.

Grants up to \$4,000 will be awarded.

All grant applications must be submitted electronically through the [AAR's Regional Development Grant Online Submission System](#)

Deadlines:

June 1: Deadline to submit grant proposals to the [Online Submission System](#).

September 1: Regional Development Grant Awards announced.

Please contact the [Regional Coordinator](#) for [your region](#) with any questions.

Apply Now for Research Grants

The 2017-2018 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. Applications will be reviewed by the AAR's Research Grants Jury.

[Learn more](#) about the individual and collaborative research grants.

All applications must be submitted through the [online submission system](#). The deadline to apply is **August 1, 2017**.

Theological Education between the Times

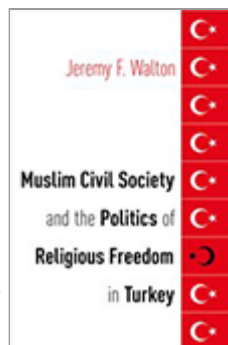
2017 *Spotlight on Theological Education*



Seminaries and divinity schools face budget cuts, declining enrollments, and the challenge of student debt, and the contributors to the spring 2017 issue of [Spotlight on Theological Education](#) reexamine the *telos* of theological education in order as an approach to facing those obstacles.

New Release in AAR Religion, Culture, and History Series

Jeremy F. Walton's [Muslim Civil Society and the Politics of Religious Freedom in Turkey](#), ISBN: 9780190658977, published by Oxford University Press. AAR members receive a 30% discount on all AAR/OUP series titles. Sign in to [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website and click the link to OUP.



Reading Religion: Volunteer to Review

What's new at [Reading Religion](#)? Read the latest reviews from your colleagues; see which reviews are coming soon; find out what's [available for review](#)—and volunteer to be a reviewer!

2017 Regional Meetings

[Pacific Northwest](#) - Registration deadline: May 5

Member Notes

Books and Major Publications

Denis Fortin, Andrews University
Historical introduction and annotations to *Steps to Christ* (125th anniversary edition), Andrews University Press, 2017.

[Paula McGee](#), Memphis Theological Seminary
Brand® New Theology, Orbis Books, 2017.

[Cristina Rocha](#), Western Sydney University
John of God: The Globalization of Brazilian Faith Healing,
Oxford University Press, 2017.

Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Muenster
*Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Theology: The Gifford
Lectures - An Extended Edition*, Orbis, 2017.

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

Dates and Deadlines

May 5	Pacific Northwest Meeting Registration
May 15	AAR Mentoring Program
May 18	Annual Meeting Super Saver Rates
June 1	Call for Committee Nominations
June 1	Regional Development Grant Submissions