



We are fast approaching the 2017 AAR/SBL Annual Meetings in Boston! Read on for important announcements and conference highlights. Want to share your most anticipated events and conversations on social media? Use this year's official hashtag: #aarsbl17

Annual Meeting Notices and Announcements

Housing to Close October 19

October 19 is the deadline to obtain our special conference rates for sleeping rooms at the Annual Meeting! This is also the deadline to change your housing reservations if you already booked a room. Don't miss out on potentially saving hundreds of dollars. If you haven't [registered](#) for the Annual Meeting, you may obtain housing during the process. If you have already registered, you may add or edit your housing by using the edit link in your registration confirmation email. If you don't have that email, you may have it sent to you by emailing reg@aarweb.org.

Print *Program Book* in the Mail

If you opted in to receive the *Annual Meeting Program Book* by mail on your registration before August 29, they are in the mail! If you do not receive one and a paper copy is desired, you can pick up one onsite. Otherwise, you can check out the online [Annual Meeting Program Book](#).

Annual Meeting Badges to be Sent via Email

In an effort to ensure all attendees receive their Annual Meeting name badge without having to

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wait in long lines, name badges will no longer be sent via postal mail. Instead, check your email in early November for a special link that will allow you to print and cut out your name badge and tote bag ticket to bring with you to Boston. If you bring these items to the Annual Meeting, you will not need to stand in line for registration.

Guides to the Annual Meeting

Check out the [Guide to the 2017 AAR Annual Meeting](#). For the veteran and first-time attendee, this guide has everything you need to know about preparing for the Annual Meeting. There is also an additional [Guide for New Members](#) that includes valuable information for international members as well.

Accessibility Information

Have difficulty getting around?
Need a little extra assistance?
Want tips for navigating a city you may have never been to? Check out our [Accessibility Guide!](#)



Employment Center Registration is Open

Employers: If you plan to interview at the Annual Meeting in November, it's time to register your position for the Employment Center. You may do so by visiting www.aarsbl.org, logging in as an employer and clicking on "Register for EC" under "My Listings." Please contact Amy Yandell (ayandell@aarweb.org) with any questions.



Candidates: Registration is open! Members attending the Annual Meeting may register as candidates for free and upload their CV by visiting <https://www.aarsbl.org/content/candidate-services>.

Mobile App

The free AARSBL17 Mobile App for Android and iOS is available for download using the links below.

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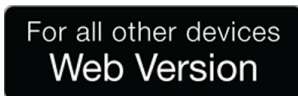
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Android



All other smart phones can used the web version:



The app is chock-full of useful information: Use it to plan your conference schedule, add meetings, flag must-attend sessions, search for speakers, view maps, and find things to do and places to eat around Boston. Visit <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/mobile-app-at-the-annual-meetings> to learn about all its available features.

Confronting Islamophobia Workshop Registration Deadline Extended to October 31

This [workshop](#) will equip scholars to understand and challenge anti-Muslim bigotry. Join workshop coleaders Todd Green and Homayra Ziad, along with a slate of speakers, to discuss the factors leading to and stoking Islamophobia, the steps scholars can take to confront the problem, and the risks associated with doing so.

The workshop is Friday, November 17, 8 AM–5:30 PM in Boston. Advance registration is required.

Plenary Updates

New! Plenary Address: Deval Patrick

Saturday, 7–8 PM

A18-409



Deval Patrick is a politician, civil rights lawyer, and businessman who served as the 71st governor of Massachusetts from 2007 to 2015. He is the only African American to have served as governor of Massachusetts. Raised by a single mother on the South Side of Chicago, Patrick grew up to practice law with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, to serve as US assistant attorney general for the civil rights division of the Department of Justice, and to become the first African American governor of Massachusetts. Patrick is now a managing director at Bain Capital and currently serves as the chairman of the board for Our Generation Speaks, a fellowship program and startup incubator whose mission is to bring together young Israeli and Palestinian leaders through entrepreneurship.

Time Change Presidential Address:
**Eddie Glaude on Religion and the
Most Vulnerable**

Saturday, 8–9 PM
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Eddie S. Glaude Jr. is the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University. He is chair of the Department of African American Studies. His books on religion and philosophy include *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, and *Exodus! Religion, Race and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*. Currently, Glaude is at work on a book about James Baldwin, tentatively titled *James Baldwin's America, 1963–1972*. Known to be a convener of conversations and debates, Glaude takes care to engage fellow citizens of all ages and backgrounds—from young activists, to fellow academics, journalists and commentators, and followers on Twitter in dialogue about the course of the nation. Glaude has written for *The New York Times* and *The Huffington Post*. He is a columnist for Time Magazine and regularly provides commentary on radio and television news programs like *Democracy Now!*, *Morning Joe*, and *The 11th Hour*.

Prior to Dr. Glaude's address, a group of former AAR Presidents will present a tribute to executive director Jack Fitzmier, who will be retiring in 2018.

Focus on Contingent and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty

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We've expanded the programming and resources available to non-tenure-track faculty during the Annual Meeting this year.

- **Union Representatives** – Faculty unions are among the primary paths to better pay, benefits, and representation. Visit Booth #2702 in the Exhibit Hall to speak to a union representative.
- **Saturday Networking Lunch** – “What Can Non-tenure-track Faculty Career Growth Look Like?": Part-time, full-time, non-tenure-track faculty and their allies are invited! To register and choose your lunch option (\$13), choose "Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Luncheon" in the “Options” section when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve your lunch.
- **Programming** – The Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee hosts and cohosts [several sessions](#) at the meeting on topics ranging from the erosion of tenure to job security and vulnerability on campus.
- **Badge Ribbons** – Visibility and support is important. Pick up a #AARSOLIDARITY ribbon at the AAR Member Desk.

Student Program: Religion Scholars as Humanitarians

The Graduate Student Committee will be hosting a special topics forum this year entitled *Religious Scholars as Humanitarians: Publications, Pedagogies, and Protecting the Most Vulnerable*. This panel debates the ethical obligations that scholars of religion owe to the most vulnerable

members of global society, particularly in the wake of the 2016 US presidential election. The forum will take place on Saturday morning from 9 to 11:30 AM at the Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (2nd level).

Also, be sure to check out the program book for all the student lounge roundtables being held throughout the Annual Meeting this year! Share, print, and distribute [a flyer](#) of all student-centered events!

NEH at the AAR



Visit the NEH at Booth #2613 in the AAR/SBL exhibit hall to talk with a program officer about grant opportunities. Twenty-six grant programs support individuals, teams, and institutions doing work for other scholars, students, or the general public, and the NEH has a long record of supporting important scholarship in religious studies. You may also write Daniel Sack at dsack@neh.gov for an appointment.