



# AAR Member News

## Registration and Housing Is Open! Super Saver Rates through May 18!



[Register today](#) to receive the best price on the Annual Meeting! The 2017 member rate is deeply discounted. Annual Meeting registration rates increase on May 19, so lock in the savings today.

## Annual Meeting Travel Grants

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 17 at 5:00 PM EDT.

To learn more about the Annual Meeting Travel Grants program, click [here](#). To submit an application for an Annual Meeting Travel Grant, click [here](#).

The AAR welcomes donations to the Travel Grant program. If you've had a great time at past Annual Meetings, consider donating to the AAR's Travel Grants Fund, which awards grants to students, contingent faculty, and the unemployed and underemployed so that they may attend as well. The guild flourishes when more people can participate. 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.



Application Deadline: **April 17 at 5:00 PM EDT**

### AAR Religion and the Arts Travel Grant

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 17 at 5:00 PM EDT** deadline, is available [here](#).

Application Deadline: **April 17 at 5:00 PM EDT**

## 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**.

## 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*:

- [Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee](#)
- [Academic Relations Committee](#)
- [American Lectures in the History of Religions](#)
- [Annual Meeting Travel Grants Jury](#)
- [Book Awards Juries](#)
- [International Connections Committee](#)
- [Public Understanding of Religion Committee](#)
- [Religion and the Arts Award Jury](#)
- [Research Grants Jury](#)
- [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](#)
- [Teaching and Learning Committee](#)
- [Theological Education 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](mailto:ehardcastle@aarweb.org) with any questions.

## 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 will not exceed \$4,000.

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.

## AAR Members Awarded NEH Grants

On March 29, the National Endowment for the Humanities announced 208 new grants to support research, teaching, preservation, and public programming around the country.

The AAR is thrilled to recognize members who have received funds from the NEH:



**NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE  
HUMANITIES**

Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne College

*Project Title: The Ancient Christian Understanding of Slavery and Contemporary Discourse on the Meaning of Being Human*

Michael McNally, Carleton College

*Project Title: Native American Religious Freedom beyond the First Amendment*

Michael McVicar, Florida State University

*Project Title: A History of Religious Activism and Intelligence Gathering in the U.S. after the Civil War*

Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon

*Project Title: A Translation of the First Christian Hymnal: The Songs of the Ancient Jerusalem Church*

This announcement comes just weeks after the Trump administration released a budget proposal calling for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Education's international education programs, the Institute for Museums and Library Services, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Please be proactive in your support for these programs by [contacting your representatives](#) in Congress to thank them for funding of these programs in the past and requesting they continue to do so in the future.

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## 2016 AAR Annual Meeting Videos and Audio

Eleven videos recorded at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio are now available on the AAR's [YouTube](#) channel. [Watch these sessions](#) with Michelle Alexander, Fatemeh Keshavarz, Jesse Jackson, Julián Castro, William Barber, Jim Wallis and more.



Prefer audio only? *Religious Studies News* is releasing podcasts of recorded 2016 Annual Meeting sessions each Thursday. Subscribe via [iTunes](#), [Google Play](#), [Stitcher](#), or [SoundCloud](#).

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## AAR Publications



### JAAR: March Issue

The [March issue](#) of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* is published. This issue includes Bradley Onishi's "Discussing the Discipline" on continental philosophy of religion and religious studies; articles from Farid Esack, Ehud Halperin, Hillary Kaell, Martin Kavka, Michael Kinsella, Nadeem Mahomed, Russell McCutcheon, Leela Prasad, Isaac Weiner, Albert Wu; and in-depth book reviews. Can't wait for the mail? As always, you can read [JAAR online](#).

The JAAR website was recently migrated to Oxford University Press's new Oxford Academic platform, which is powered by Silverchair. The platform offers a flexible, modern interface design that's optimized for mobile devices, improved search functionality, and much more. [Take a look!](#) With the transition to the new platform, we're currently having delays sending e-alerts for JAAR table of contents and advance access articles. We hope to have the e-alert issues resolved soon.

### Reading Religion Newsletter

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## 2017 Regional Meetings

Online registration is open for the following regions' conferences:

[Eastern International](#) - Early Bird Deadline: April 15

[Pacific Northwest](#) - Early Bird Deadline: April 14

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## Member Notes

### In Memoriam



John Carey (1931-2017), Agnes Scott College (Retired)

John J. Carey, the Wallace M. Alston Professor of Bible and Religion at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, passed away on March 2, 2017, at the age of 85. Dr. Carey spent 26 years, from 1960 to 1986, at Florida State University, where he helped found the department of religion and served in several administrative positions. After leaving FSU, Dr. Carey served as president of Warren Wilson College for two years. In 1989, he joined the faculty at Agnes Scott College, where he retired in 1999. Dr.

Carey was an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a founder of the North American Paul Tillich Society. For more information, please see this [article](#) and [obituary](#), both published by the *Tallahassee Democrat*.



June E. O'Connor (1941-2017), University of California, Riverside (Emerita)

June Elizabeth O'Connor, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at the UC Riverside, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2017, surrounded by her loving family at Woods Health Services in La Verne, California. Dr. O'Connor spent her career building the Department of Religious Studies at UCR. She was beloved by students and colleagues alike, and was nationally recognized in her role as chair of the Society for Christian Ethics. A memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on April 22

at St. Andrews Newman Center at UCR. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Hillcrest Retirement Community (Woods Remodel Fund), 2705 Mountain View Drive, La Verne, CA 91750, or to the charity of your choice.

### Books and Major Publications

Sayed Hassan Akhlaq (ed.), Catholic University of America

*The Sacred and The Secular: Complementary and/or Conflictual*, CRVP, 2017.

Thomas R. Blanton IV, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

*A Spiritual Economy: Gift Exchange in the Letters of Paul of Tarsus*, Yale University Press, 2017.

Steven Engler (ed.), Mount Royal University

*The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion*, Oxford University Press, 2016.

*Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil*, Brill, 2016.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim (ed.), Earlham School of Religion

*Intercultural Ministry: Hope for a Changing World*, Judson Press, 2017.

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

*Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism: Evangelii Gaudium and the Papal Agenda*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis College, Sydney, Australia

*Political Economy and Natural Theology: Smith, Malthus and their Followers*, Routledge, 2017.

S. Brent Plate (ed.), Hamilton College

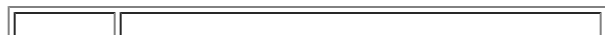
*Religion in Museums: Global and Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.

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

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## Dates and Deadlines



April 17	<a href="#">Annual Meeting Travel Grants</a>
April 17	<a href="#">Religion and the Arts Travel Grant</a>
April 29	<a href="#">Eastern Int'l Meeting Registration</a>
May 7	<a href="#">Pacific Northwest Meeting Registration</a>
May 15	<a href="#">AAR Mentoring Program</a>
May 18	<a href="#">Annual Mtg Super Saver Rates</a>