

AAR Member News

Academy News

Joining Religion to Public Policy Conversations: The AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion And International Affairs



Evan Berry, associate professor of philosophy and religion and codirector of the ethics, peace, and global affairs master's program at American University and the first recipient of the AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion and International Affairs, writes about working in John Kerry's State Department and [bridging academic expertise to practical policy](#).

Webinar - Sharing Scholarship about Religious Persecution: How to Make People Care

Wednesday, October 11
12:00-12:45 p.m. Eastern

Join us for a free webinar about how scholars of religion can engage the public and policymakers about religious persecution at home and abroad. Copresenters include Rosalind Hackett (University of Tennessee), Daniel Philpott (University of Notre Dame), and Katayoun Kishi (Pew Research Center).

This webinar is one in a [series](#) hosted by the Public Scholars Project, a joint initiative of the AAR and the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute. [RSVP](#) online.

Regional Development Grants Awarded

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2017-2018 AAR [Regional Development Grants](#), which provide funds for special projects within the regions that aim to benefit the scholarly and professional lives of AAR members:

Midwest Region

- "Issues in Teaching Law and Religion Pre-Conference Workshop"
Spencer Dew, Centenary College of Louisiana
Rachel McBride Lindsey, Saint Louis University
Kristen Tobey, John Carroll University

Southwest Region

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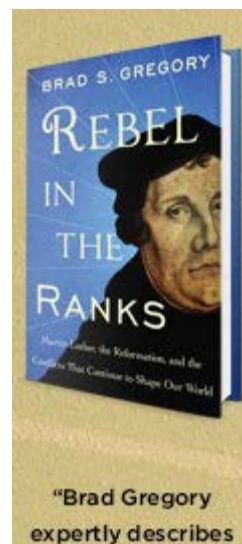
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- "Jewish Studies in the Borderlands: A Colloquium"
Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward's University
Jonathan Kaplan, University of Texas at Austin

Western Region

- "DOC-U Series"
Andrea Gacs, Independent Scholar
- "The California Undocumented Body: A Working Day Conference on Understanding and Practicing California Theological Anthropology"
Jason S. Sexton, Visiting Scholar, California State University, Fullerton

2018 Regional Meetings

Plan to attend your regional meeting, open to all AAR members, in 2018! Members may submit a proposal to any region's call for papers. The following calls for papers are now open:

- [Rocky-Mountain Great Plains](#) - Deadline: Friday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. MST
- [Southwest](#) - Deadline: October 15
- [Upper Midwest](#) - Deadline: January 6

See the list of the 2018 regional meeting [dates and locations](#) and check back often for updates.

IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement



Read the latest [e-Bulletin Supplement \(August 2017\)](#) from the International Association for the History of Religions, which includes information about the XXII Quinquennial World Congress in Dunedin, New Zealand in 2020. *The AAR and its membership are members of the IAHR.*

Nominations Sought for 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award

The Teaching and Learning Committee encourages and solicits nominations for the [2018 Excellence in Teaching Award](#). Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the AAR website.

The deadline for nominations is **October 15, 2017**. Please contact Amy Yandell at ayandell@aarweb.org with any questions.

2017 National Humanities Conference

both the significance of Martin Luther (as the first protestant) and the tremendous impact of the Reformation era on everything that has followed."
—Mark Noll, McAanney Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Notre Dame

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Register for the 2017 [National Humanities Conference](#) in Boston, MA, November 2–5. Cohosted by the National Humanities Alliance and the Federation of State Humanities Councils, the conference will bring the humanities community together to consider how we can achieve broader public impact and showcase the fundamental role the humanities play in local and global challenges. The deadline for registration is October 27, 2017.

Grants and Fellowships

Public Scholars Project Fellowships for Graduate Students



Graduate students are invited to apply to join the next cohort of Public Scholars Project Fellows. Unpaid PSP Fellowships are available to graduate students who will conduct academic research on site at the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute in Washington, D.C., and who are either eligible to receive academic credit for their fellowship experience or enrolled as a doctoral student in good standing.

Applications for spring 2018 fellowships are due October 1. Learn more or apply online at <http://www.newseum.org/about/jobs-internships/jobdetails/241/>.

AAR International Dissertation Research Grants and Selva J. Raj Fellowship

The International Dissertation Research Grants program is designed to support AAR student members whose dissertation research requires them to travel outside of the country in which their school or university is located. Grants are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses.

The Academy will make two grants for the 2017–2018 academic year:

- one [international dissertation research grant](#) to a student working in any sub-discipline within religious studies, and
- one grant for the [Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship](#).

Only one application is required for either or both grants. Applicants should submit their materials through the online application form. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2017.

AAR Collaborative International Research Grants

The AAR's [Collaborative International Research Grants](#) program supports research collaborations among scholars located in different geographical regions. Applications for awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 will be reviewed by the AAR's International Connections Committee (ICC).

The ICC encourages creative projects grounded in international research relationships that bring together scholars from disparate backgrounds and methodological approaches. Junior as well as more established scholars are encouraged to apply, as are independent scholars. Applications should be submitted through the online application form. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2017.

ACLS Fellowship Competitions

The American Council of Learned Societies invites applications for its [2017-18 ACLS fellowship competitions](#), which promote the full spectrum of humanities and humanistic social sciences research. Join the [growing roster](#) of AAR members who have been awarded ACLS fellowships!



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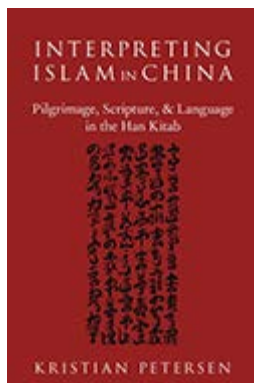
Check out [In the Field](#) for more fellowship, calls for papers, and seminar announcements.

Publications News

Editorial Changes at *JAAR* and *RR*

The AAR has [restructured](#) its editorial operations for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and *Reading Religion*. Welcome to new *JAAR* editor Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis! Lisa Haygood, Claremont Graduate University, is now the full-time managing editor at *Reading Religion*, and Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University, will serve as *JAAR* general editor and book review editor and the editor of *RR*.

New from AAR and Oxford University Press



[Interpreting Islam in China: Pilgrimage, Scripture, and Language in the Han Kitab](#)

Kristian Petersen
AAR Academy Series

The first study of Han Kitab literature to put authors in conversation on specific topics and concerns. Translates large portions of Han Kitab literature previously inaccessible in English.

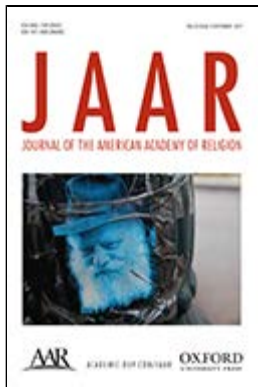
ISBN: 9780190634346

AAR members receive a [30% discount](#) on all AAR/OUP series titles.

JAAR September Issue

The [September issue \(85:3\)](#) of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* is published. This issue includes articles by Mikel Burley, Olivia Bustion, Ranana Dine, Dana Logan, Younus Mirza, Jarrad Reddekop, Michelle Sanchez, Tod Swanson, Andrew Ventimiglia, and Rebecca Wollenberg, and in-depth book reviews. To

read the issue online, click Sign In on the JAAR home page and select "[Sign in via society site.](#)"



Member Notes

Books and Major Publications

Andrew Fuyarchuk, Yorkville University
The Inner Voice in Gadamer's Hermeneutics, Lexington Books, 2017.

[Everett Hamner](#), Western Illinois University
Editing the Soul: Science and Fiction in the Genome Age, Penn State University Press, 2017.

John Hart, Boston University
The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Ecology, Wiley, 2017.

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
The Sin of White Supremacy: Christianity, Racism, and Religious Diversity in America, Orbis Books, 2017.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion
Planetary Solidarity: Global Women's Voices on Christian Doctrine and Climate Justice, Fortress Press, 2017.

Timothy T. N. Lim, London School of Theology
Ecclesial Recognition with Hegelian Philosophy, Social Psychology & Continental Political Theory, Brill, 2017.

[Thomas Jay Oord](#), Northwest Nazarene University
Theologians and Philosophers Using Social Media, SacraSage Press, 2017.

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska Omaha
Interpreting Islam in China: Pilgrimage, Scripture, and Language in the Han Kitab, Oxford University Press, 2017.

[Brent Plate](#), Hamilton College
Religion and Film: Cinema and the Re-Creation of the World, 2nd ed., Columbia University Press, 2017.

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

Dates and Deadlines

October 1	Collaborative International Research Grants
October 15	Southwest Region CFP

October 15	Teaching Award Nominations
October 19	Annual Meeting Housing Closes
October 20	Annual Meeting Additional Meetings
October 27	Rocky Mountain-Great Plains CFP