



#AARSBL17 is just around the corner! Join us!

Registration Rate Increase after August 24



[Register today](#) for the 2017 AAR Annual Meeting! Register today at the advance rate with your AAR member discount. Rates go up after **August 24, 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time**. AAR has arranged special hotel rates with Boston hotels; book soon to get your preferred hotel.

Print program books will be mailed in early October to attendees who register for the meeting by August 24 and opted-in to receive a print Program Book by mail during the registration process. Check your mailing address on your registration confirmation e-mail to ensure prompt delivery. In the meantime, you can browse the online [Annual Meeting Program Book!](#)

Additional Meetings Upcoming Deadline

Reserve your reception, editorial meeting, or other business event at the Annual Meeting today through the online [Additional Meeting reservation system!](#) **September 8** is the deadline to submit your request for the third round of scheduling, and also the deadline to be published in the print Annual Meetings *At-a-Glance*. Secure your reservation early as space is limited.

Annual Meeting Program Highlights

Preconference Events

Workshop: Confronting Islamophobia

Friday, November 17, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Anti-Muslim bigotry and racism have risen to epidemic proportions in the United States. The AAR recognizes the importance of equipping a broader array of religion scholars, particularly but not exclusively those with little expertise in Islam, with knowledge, tools, and strategies to challenge anti-Muslim prejudice in the public square.

Among the topics addressed in this workshop: What political and cultural factors drive anti-Muslim bigotry? How does Islamophobia intersect with racism and with other forms of prejudice? What are the tropes and tactics employed by the professional Islamophobia industry, and how does knowledge of these shape strategies to counter the rhetoric? How can we use our scholarly training in religion, irrespective of specialization, to unpack Islamophobic discourse, and what knowledge of Islam, if any, is required? What are the risks involved in speaking out against Islamophobia?

The workshop's co-leaders are: Todd Green, Luther College; and Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies. Panelists and speakers for the workshop include Zareena Grewal, Sylvester Johnson, Celene Lizzio, Khalil Abdur Rashid, Josh Seftel, Simran Jeet Singh, and Najeeba Syeed. The workshop is \$40 per person and [advance registration](#) is required. Deadline for registration is September 30.

FBI and Religion Scholars: Reflecting on the Past 25 Years

Friday, November 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Harvard Divinity School

In 1993, this panel's presider, then-Deputy US Attorney Philip Heymann, authored "Lessons of Waco: Proposed Changes in Federal Law Enforcement," a report that recommended the Department of Justice consult "experts in the social sciences—from religion to sociology to psychiatry" in incidences where such expertise could assist in resolving crises. Since then, a number of religion scholars have engaged in conversations with the FBI, with the aim of helping law enforcement officials better understand less familiar religious groups in hopes of fostering nonviolent resolution. Panelists in this preconference session include religion scholars and current or former FBI officials. The session will be held on Friday, November 17, at Harvard Divinity School. [Learn more.](#)

Annual Meeting Events

Plenary! Forcibly Displaced Syrians and Iraqis - What to Know about the Crisis and What a Religion Scholar Can Do

Monday, November 20, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

The current situation involving forcibly displaced persons constitutes the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. A portion of the plenary will include livestream conversation with Syrian refugees and/or displaced Iraqis from a studio in a displaced person camp in Iraq (or another location abroad). The conversation will provide attendees the opportunity to listen directly to the thoughts and concerns of displaced persons and refugees, with the aim of helping us respond more effectively to the crisis. Panelists include Amir Hussain, Mark Juergensmeyer, Diane L. Moore, Alice Su, and Sarah Tobin. [Learn more.](#)

Contingent Faculty and Colleague Solidarity at the Annual Meeting

Join non-tenure-track faculty and their allies at several events during the Annual Meeting. The AAR membership recently approved a Bylaws change that secures the representation of non-tenure-track faculty on the AAR Board. We're proud of this step forward and eager to facilitate discussion among all AAR members about economic and labor justice in higher education. Sessions focusing on this theme include:

- **Plenary!** "Protection the Vulnerable on Campus"- Special attention will be paid to the status of, and strategies being deployed by, the LGBT+ community, graduate students, people of color, low paid workers, and non-tenured faculty. ([A18-301](#))
- "The Rapid Erosion of Tenure" with author of *The Last Professors: The Corporate University and the Fate of the Humanities* (Fordham University Press), Frank Donoghue ([A19-200](#))
- "How to Publish When I Am in a Teaching-Intensive and/or Contingent Faculty Position" ([A20-101](#))
- Luncheon: "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.

Show your solidarity by picking up a #academiclaborjustice ribbon at the AAR's Member Desk in the registration area of the Annual Meeting and live tweeting throughout the meeting!