



November 2017

It's been a busy month for the AAR! Thank you to everyone who joined us in Boston for the 2017 Annual Meeting. We'll provide a recap at a later date, but we hope all who attended had as great a time as we did!

If you attended, don't forget to fill out our Annual Meeting survey so that we know how to make next year's event even better.

Statement Opposing Taxation of Tuition Waivers

The AAR recently joined with more than 30 other ACLS organizations to oppose Congress's proposal to tax graduate school tuition waivers as income, a provision included in the tax reform bill recently passed by the US House of Representatives.

Read the full statement [here](#), and if you are in the United States, please contact your reps in Congress about this!

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Professional Conduct Statement

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Members of the Professional Conduct Task Force (PCTF), who recently completed a first [draft](#) of the *Professional Conduct Statement*, held an open session to solicit member feedback at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

If you were unable to attend the session and would like to provide feedback, please email your suggestions or questions to PCTF@aarweb.org by **December 8, 2017**. Comments will only be shared with members of the Task Force, but we ask that you provide your name along with your feedback.

AAR Election Results

Elections to the AAR Board of Directors closed right before our Annual Meeting. Please join us in congratulating the newest board members!



Vice President

José I. Cabezón

University of California, Santa Barbara

Cabezón will serve one year each as Vice President and President-Elect before becoming President of the AAR in 2020.

A vertical banner for UNC Press. At the top, the text 'UNC PRESS' is in white, bold, sans-serif font, with 'UNC' above 'PRESS', all enclosed in a white rectangular border. Below this, the word 'Save' is in white, and '40%' is in a large, bold, yellow font. Underneath, the text 'on our new and recent books in Religious Studies' is in white, with 'Religious Studies' in a larger, bold, yellow font. Below that, '(and on any UNC Press book)' is in white. At the bottom, '— plus, if your order totals \$75.00, shipping is free!' is in white, with 'shipping is free!' in a larger, bold, yellow font.



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2018 Annual Book Awards



The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the annual book awards:

- Best First Book in the History of Religions
- Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion (winners in four categories):
 - Analytical-Descriptive Studies

- Constructive-Reflective Studies
- Historical Studies
- Textual Studies

The submission deadline for all book awards is **February 10, 2018**. You can find submission instructions and eligibility requirements [here](#). Physical submissions should be sent to the AAR executive office:

Sarah Levine
Attn: Book Awards
American Academy of Religion
825 Houston Mill RD NE STE 300
Atlanta, GA 30329

Questions and letters of nomination may be emailed to slevine@aarweb.org.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018!



[Renew](#) today so your member benefits continue without interruption. As a member of AAR you have access to many member benefits including:

- Employment Services
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- Networking & Professional Development

- Grants
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Discounts

For questions about your membership, please contact us at membership@aarweb.org or (404) 727-3049.

Free Webinar



Learn how to engage different publics by creating podcasts or joining existing podcasts or radio shows as guest speakers. Co-presenters are Graham Griffith, career public radio producer; David Robertson, Religious Studies Project co-founder; and Lex Rofeberg, "Judaism Unbound" podcast co-host.

This Public Scholars Project webinar is a joint initiative of the AAR's Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Newseum Institute's Religious Freedom Center. [Registration](#) is free.

Upcoming Deadlines

December 1, 2017

[International Dissertation Research Grant Submissions](#)

December 15, 2017

[Mid-Atlantic Region Call for Papers](#)

January 6, 2018

[Upper Midwest Region Call for Papers](#)

January 17, 2018

[New England-Maritimes Region Call for Papers](#)

January 18, 2018

[Midwest Region Call for Papers](#)

January 19, 2018

[Pacific Northwest Region Call for Papers](#)

Member Notes

Books & Major Publications

[Almeda Wright](#), Yale University School of Divinity

The Spiritual Lives of Young African

Americans, Oxford University Press, 2017

[Vaughan Roberts](#), Collegiate Church of St. Mary,

Warwick, UK

Leading by Story: Rethinking Church Leadership,

with David Sims, SCM Press, 2017

**Let your AAR colleagues know about your
professional milestones!**

[Submit your Member Note online.](#)

AAR Member Discounts



As an AAR member, you have access to [discounts](#) from many book publishers and academic journals. Take advantage of the savings and treat yourself or someone special this holiday season!

