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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 <u>here</u>, and if you are in the United States, please contact your reps in Congress about this!

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Professional Conduct Statement

Members of the Professional Conduct Task Force (PCTF), who recently completed a first <u>draft</u> 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 <u>PCTF@aarweb.org</u> 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

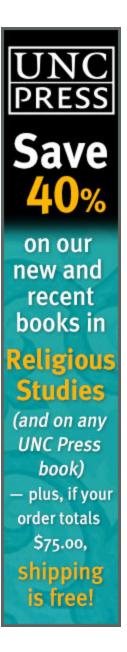
Elections to the AAR Board of Directors closed right before our Annual Meeting. Please join us in congratulating the newest board members!



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.

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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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>slevine@aarweb.org</u>.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018!



<u>Renew</u> today so your member benefits continue without interruption. As a member of AAR you have access to many member benefits including:

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For questions about your membership, please contact us at <u>membership@aarweb.org</u> 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 cofounder; 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. <u>Registration</u> 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

<u>Almeda Wright</u>, 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

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Submit your Member Note online.

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