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April 2018

Now Open! Annual Meeting Registration & Housing

The 2018 AAR Annual Meeting will be held November 17-20 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Super Saver rates expire after May 24, so be sure to [grab your spot](#) by then.

If you're new to the AAR or haven't been to an Annual Meeting in a while, check out the [video](#) we've made below. It captures some highlights from the 2017 event in Boston and introduces the 2018 presidential theme.



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Call for Applications! Regional Development Grants

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	
	NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2018	

Member Notes Books & Major Publications

Esther Acolatse, Knox College, University of Toronto, *Powers, Principalities, and the Spirit*, Eerdman's, 2018

[Mike Ashcraft](#), Truman State University, *A Historical Introduction to the Study of New Religious Movements*, Routledge, 2018



Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 [Regional Development Grants](#). These grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that promise to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. Generally, grants funded fall into two categories: seed funding to begin ongoing regional initiatives or one-time funding for special projects.

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2018**

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Call for Applications! Public Engagement Funding



Stephen S. Bush, Brown University, [William James on Democratic Individuality](#), Cambridge University Press, 2017

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, [Chinese Public Theology: Generational Shifts and Confucian Imagination in Chinese Christianity](#), Oxford University Press, 2018

[Vincent Lloyd](#), Villanova University, [In Defense of Charisma](#), Columbia University Press, 2018

[Devaka Premawardhana](#), Colorado College, [Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique](#), University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018

Ashley Purpura, Purdue University, [God, Hierarchy, and Power](#), Fordham University Press, 2017

Angela Rudert, Ithaca College, [Shakti's New Voice: Guru Devotion in a Woman-Led Spiritual Movement](#), Rowman & Littlefield, 2017

May 14, 2018

Current members of the American Academy of Religion may apply to the AAR to be nominated for Whiting Foundation funding for a Publication Engagement Seed Grant (\$10,000) or a Public Engagement Fellowship (\$50,000).

To be considered for AAR nomination, **candidates must complete the application by May 14**, including uploading a project overview and concise resume. (Both documents have a two-page maximum.) [Read the full eligibility and application requirements.](#)

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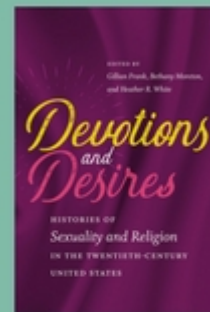
Call for Applications! Islamophobia Workshop



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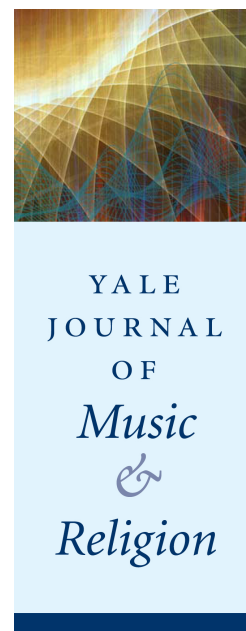
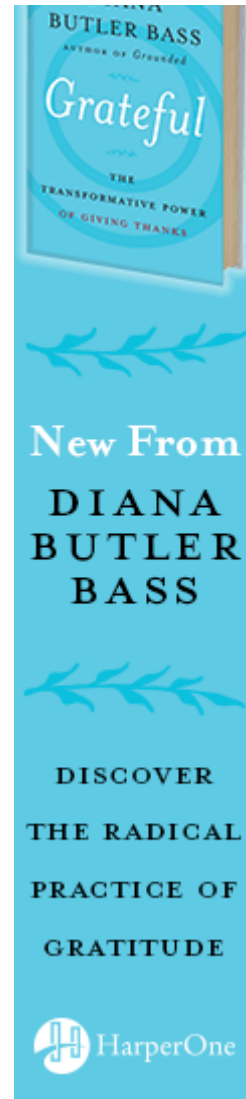
The Wabash Center and the AAR recognize the importance of equipping a broad array of religion scholars with the pedagogical knowledge, tools, and strategies to teach about, and against, anti-Muslim prejudice. For this reason, the two organizations are co-sponsoring a [workshop series](#) on teaching against Islamophobia.

Workshop dates (attendance required at all three):

- Aug. 6–10, 2018 - Wabash Center (Crawfordsville, IN)
- Nov. 16, 2018 - AAR Annual Meeting (Denver)
- Nov. 22, 2019 - AAR Annual Meeting (San Diego)

Deadline for Applications: May 10, 2018

Participants will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 for full participation in the workshop and two AAR pre-conference sessions. For the workshop, all travel expenses, housing, and meals will be covered. For pre-conference meetings, one night's complimentary lodging is available for participants (if they have registered for the AAR Annual



Meeting).

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2017 Annual Meeting Videos Now Available on YouTube

Select sessions and roundtables from the 2017 meeting in Boston are now [available on YouTube](#). Watch Religion and the Arts Award winner Martin Scorsese's conversation with writer Paul Elie; plenaries with Linda Sarsour, Eddie Glaude Jr., and Deval Patrick; and roundtables on topics ranging from the refugee crisis to populism in the era of Trump, among others.



Prefer to Listen on the Go?

The *Religious Studies News* podcast releases session recordings from the Annual Meeting and

interviews with AAR book award winners on Thursdays, including the latest with 2017 Textual Studies award winner Lena Salaymeh, author of *The Beginnings of Islamic Law*. Subscribe through your favorite podcasting service.

Publications

From *JAAR* and the OUP Blog

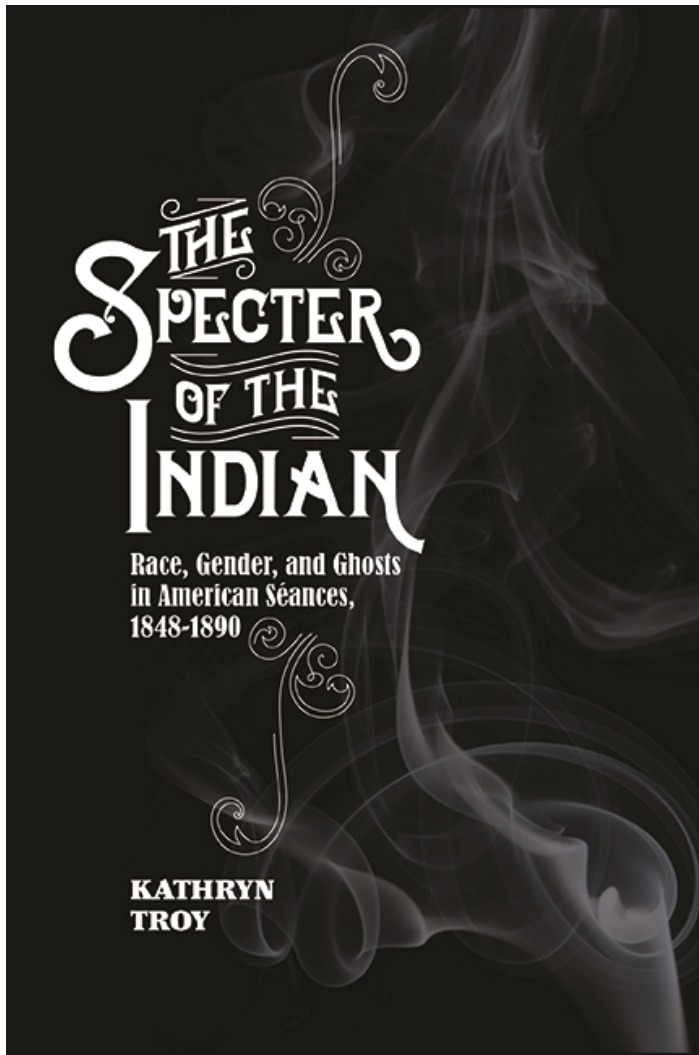


Aftering critical theory: reimagining civil “religion”

Read C. Travis Webb’s [post in the OUP Blog](#), a sort of teaser to his article in the [March issue of *JAAR*](#) in which he argues that the histories of the people and scholars who lived before us—and the competing theoretical frameworks with which they can be analyzed—make it “incumbent upon us to build a new epistemology out of the history we have inherited.”

Reading Religion

Featured Reviews



***The Specter of the Indian: Race, Gender, and Ghosts
in American Séances, 1848-1890***

By Kathryn Troy

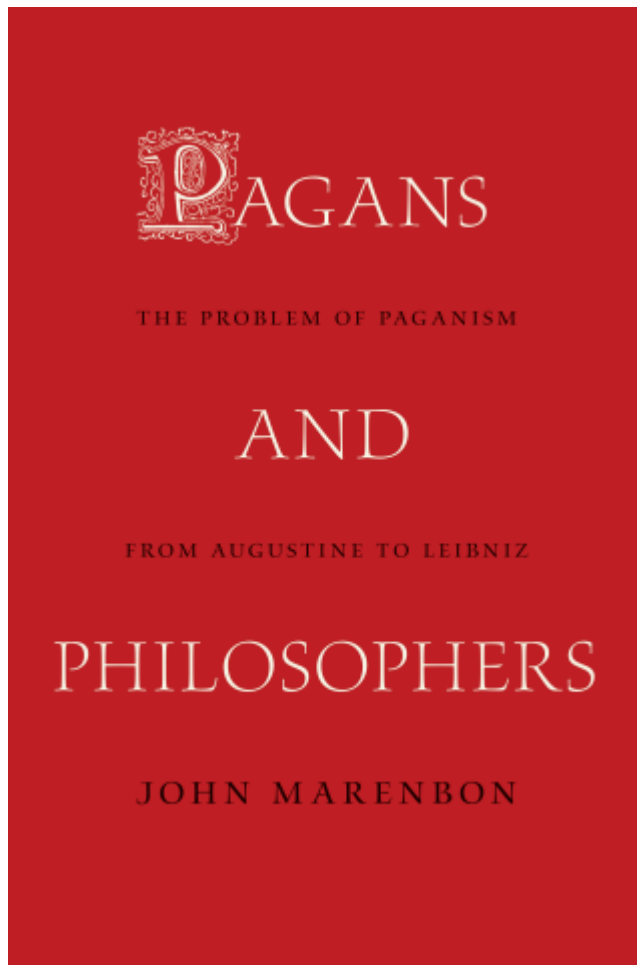
Troy's book examines the relationship between Indian hauntings and evolving American Spiritualist ideas around social reform, federal Indian policies, race, and gender.

"...fascinating, innovative...written in clear and engaging prose and should find a ready audience among scholars of American religion, social reform, Indian affairs, and popular notions of race and gender

during the second half of the nineteenth century.”

—Angela Pulley Hudson, reviewer

[Read the full review.](#)



*Pagans and Philosophers: The Problem of Paganism
from Augustine to Leibniz*

By John Marenbon

Negotiating the existence of pagans—seemingly decent ones, at that!—through the exclusive theology of Christianity is the focus of Marenbon’s 2015 book.

“Marenbon’s study very effectively trains the intellectual history of Christianity on a single clarifying dilemma...and opens up helpful vistas for understanding European Christian responses to cultural and religious otherness.”

—Evan Kuehn, reviewer

[Read the full review.](#)

Thirty-two books were reviewed in [Reading Religion](#) between March 16 and March 31! Stay on top of the newest publications in the field by subscribing to the biweekly newsletter.

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AAR Members Among Recent Grant & Fellowship Winners —Congratulations!

On April 9, 2018, the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) announced \$18.6 million in grants for 199 humanities projects across the country. Among the recipients of these grants are two AAR members, Emily Clark of Gonzaga University and Benjamin White of Clemson University. [Read more about their projects.](#)

The [American Council of Learned Societies](#) (ACLS) has announced 78 ACLS Fellows for 2018, including AAR members Jennifer A. Glancy of Le Moyne College and Caroline T. Schroeder of the University of the Pacific. Fellowships range from \$40,000 to \$70,000 and support scholars for six to twelve months of full-time research and writing. [Read more about Glancy and Schroeder's projects.](#)

We congratulate these members on their important work in the humanities!

Benefit Spotlight: Make the Most of Your Membership



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