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**Annual Meeting Travel Grants:  
Applications Now Open!**



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The AAR will award 25 travel grants worth \$500 each—plus complimentary Annual Meeting registration—on a competitive basis to members who demonstrate both financial need and a desire to participate in the Annual Meeting.

**Deadline to apply:**

**April 16 at 5:00 PM EDT**

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### Awards & Accomplishments

[Phillis Isabella Sheppard](#),  
Vanderbilt University  
Divinity School | Awarded a  
Louisville Institute Project  
Grant for Researchers

### Books & Major Publications

Marie W. Dallam, University  
of Oklahoma, *Cowboy  
Christians*, Oxford University  
Press, 2018

[D. Etienne De Villiers](#),  
University of Pretoria,  
*Revisiting Max Weber's Ethic*



If you've had a great time at past Annual Meetings, consider donating to the AAR's Travel Grants Fund, which awards grants to students, contingent faculty, and the unemployed and underemployed so that they may attend as well. The guild flourishes when more people can participate.

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*of Responsibility*, Mohr Siebeck, 2018

Timothy Lim, London School of Theology, *Faith in an Age of Terror*, Genesis/Armour, 2017

Sonja Luehrmann, Simon Fraser University, *Praying with the Senses: Contemporary Orthodox Christian Spirituality in Practice*, Indiana University Press, 2018

Heather White, University of Puget Sound, *Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the Twentieth Century United States*, University of North Carolina Press, 2018

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, *Religious, Feminist, Activist: Cosmologies of Interconnection*, University of Nebraska Press, 2018

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## Upcoming Webinar Public Scholars Project





Learn how religion scholars can engage different publics through television and film. Host co-presenters are [Liz Kineke](#), Producer at CBS Religion & Culture, [Daniel Tutt](#), Director of Programs and Producer at Unity Productions Foundation, and [Michael Wakelin](#), Executive Producer at TBI Media. This free webinar will include extended Q&A.

**Date:** [April 12](#)

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The Public Scholars Project is a joint initiative of the Public Understanding of Religion Committee of the American Academy of Religion and of the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute.

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**New AAR Delegate to the  
ACLS: Russell T. McCutcheon**



We are pleased to announce that [Russell T. McCutcheon](#) has been appointed to serve a four-year term as the AAR Delegate to the [American Council of Learned Societies](#). The ACLS is a federation of about seventy scholarly organizations in the humanities and social sciences.

We are grateful to Russell for his service to the Academy in this role.

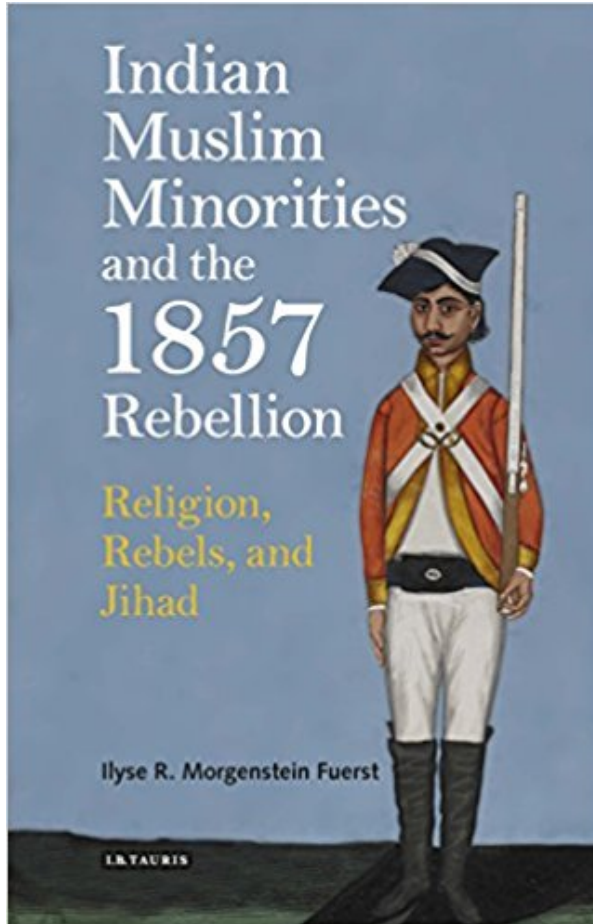
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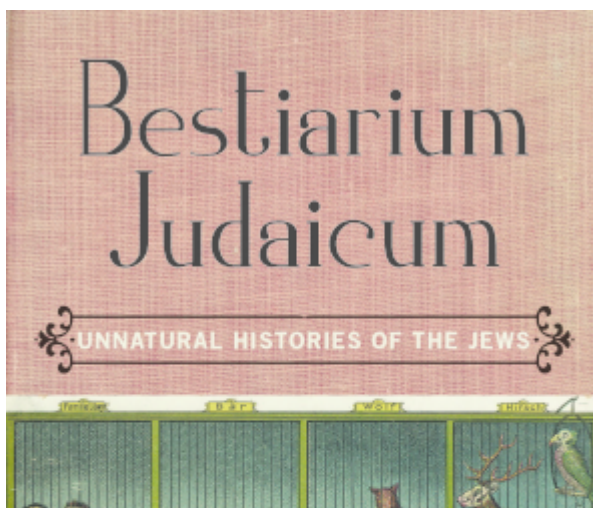
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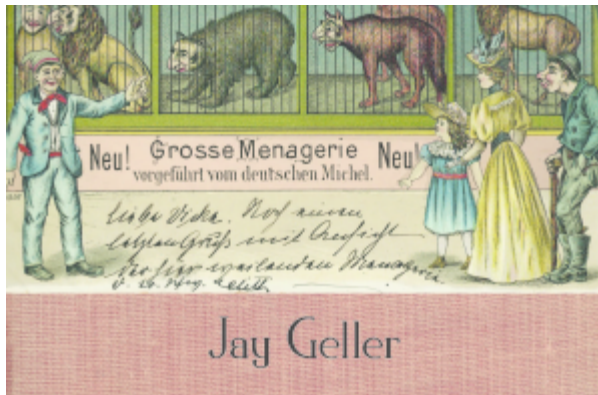
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[Ilyse R. Morgenstein Fuerst](#), Author of *Indian Muslim Minorities and the 1857 Rebellion: Religion,*



[Jay Geller](#), Author of *Bestiarium Judaicum: Unnatural Histories of the Jews*





[Brandi Denison](#), Author of *Ute Land Religion in the American West, 1879-2009*

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by Lucia Hulsether

Focusing on Harvard Divinity School between 1960 and 1975, Hulsether "reframes the history of religious studies by excavating a central context for its formal consolidation as an academic field: university containment of antiracist student movements."

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by C. Travis Webb

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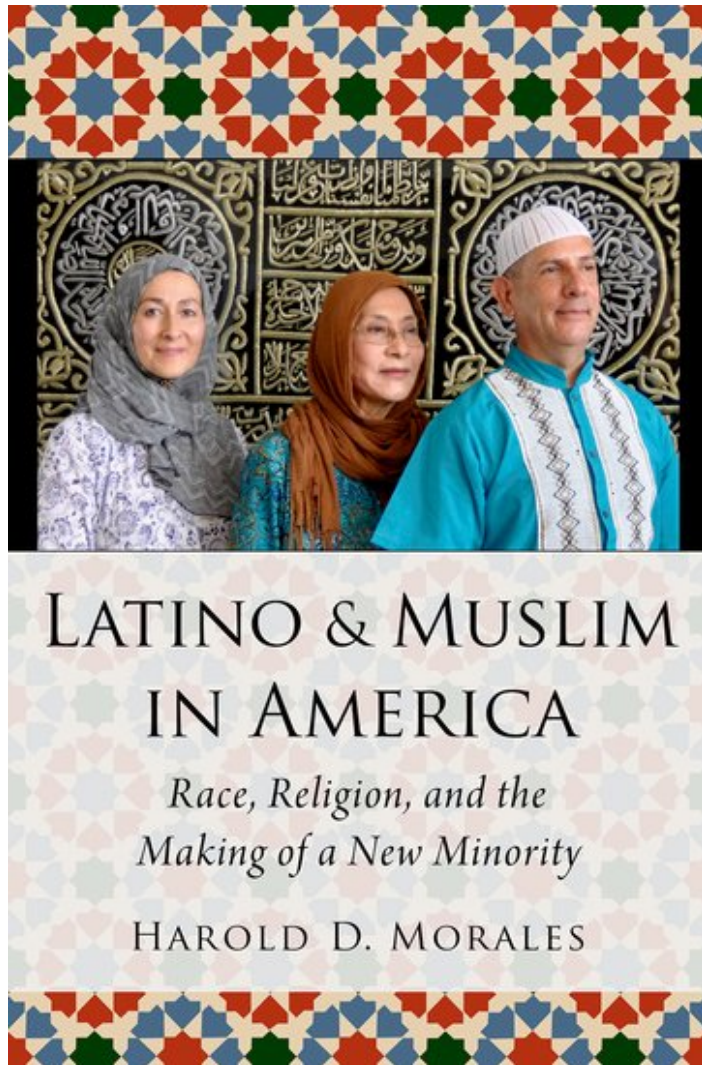
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