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Dates are subject to change. Check www.aarweb.org for the latest information.

January

Religious Studies News—AAR Edition, January issue including the Annual Meeting Call for Papers & 2001 Annual Report

January 1. Annual term of membership begins for the AAR's 9,000 members, the largest and most inclusive association of religion scholars in the world.

January 15. Excellence in Teaching award nominations due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/awards/teaching.asp

January 25-26. Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion meeting, Atlanta.

February

February 9-10. Committee on Status of Women in the Profession meeting, Atlanta.

February 9-10. Committee on Teaching and Learning meeting, Atlanta.

February 16-17. Religion in the Schools Task Force meeting, Atlanta.

(More information on the committees of the AAR can be found at www.aarweb.org/meetings/meetings.asp)

March

Religious Studies News—AAR Edition March 2002 issue

Journal of the American Academy of Religion, March 2002 issue. For more information on AAR publications, see www.aarweb.org/publications or go directly to the JAAR home page hosted by Oxford University Press, www3.oup.co.uk/jaarell

March 1. 2002 Annual Meeting proposals due to Program Unit Chairs.

March 1. Book award nominations due from publishers. For more information see www.aarweb.org/awards/bookrules.asp

March 2-3. Committee on International Connections meeting, Atlanta.

March 8-10. Southeast regional meeting, Atlanta.

March 9-10. Southwest regional meeting, Irving, Texas.

March 14-15. Mid-Atlantic regional meeting, Baltimore.

March 15. Submissions for the May 2002 issue of *Religious Studies News* due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn/default.asp

March 22-23. Jefferson Day. Jefferson Day is an advocacy event organized by the National Humanities Alliance and co-sponsored by the AAR and more than twenty organizations to promote support for the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, see www.nhalliance.org/jd

March 23 Committee on Publications meeting, New York.

March 24-26. West regional meeting, Moraga, California.

(For more information on regional meetings, see www.aarweb.org/regions/meetings.asp)

April

April 1. Notification of acceptance of Annual Meeting paper proposals by Program Unit Chairs.

April 5-6. Committee on the Status of

Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession meeting, Atlanta.

April 5-6. Upper Midwest regional meeting, St. Paul.

April 5-7. Midwest regional meeting, Chicago.

April 12. New England-Maritimes regional meeting, Waltham, Massachusetts.

April 13-14. Annual Spring Board of Directors meeting, Toronto.

April 27-28, Eastern International regional meeting, Ottawa.

April 19-20, Rocky Mountain-Great Plains regional meeting, Omaha.

(For more information on regional meetings, see www.aarweb.org/regions/meetings.asp)

May

Religious Studies News—AAR Edition May 2002 issue

Spotlight on Teaching Spring 2002 issue

Registration materials mailed with *RSN*.

May 1. Nominations (including self-nominations) for committee appointments requested. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/membership/volunteering.asp

May 3-5. Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, Eugene, Oregon.

May 15. Annual Meeting registration opens for 2002 Annual Meeting.

May 15. Registration for the Employment Information Services Center opens.

Housing and Additional Meeting requests due for priority consideration in late May.

For more Annual Meeting information, see www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002/default.asp

June

Journal of the American Academy of Religion, June 2002 issue.

June 15. Membership renewal deadline for 2002 Annual Meeting participants.

July

Membership deadline for Annual Meeting program participants. Check www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002/default.asp for more detailed information.

July 1. New fiscal year begins.

July 15. Submissions for the October 2002 issue of *Religious Studies News—AAR Edition* due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn/default.asp

August

August 1. Research Grant Applications due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/grants/default.asp

August 1. Regional development grant applications due to regional secretaries.

August 1. Change of address due for priority receipt of the 2002 Annual Meeting program.

August 15. Membership renewal period for 2003 begins.

September

Journal of the American Academy of Religion, September 2002 issue. For more

information on AAR publications, see www.aarweb.org/publications/default.asp or go directly to the JAAR home page hosted by Oxford University Press, www3.oup.co.uk/jaarell

Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to members.

Annual Fund appeal begins.

October

Religious Studies News—AAR Edition, October 2002 issue

Spotlight on Teaching, Fall 2002 issue

October 1-31: AAR officer election period. Candidate profiles will be published in *RSN*.

November

November 1. Research grant awards announced.

November 22. Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, Toronto.

November 22. Chairs Workshop at the Annual Meeting, Toronto. Free for departments enrolled in the Academic Relations Program. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/department/acadrel.asp

November 23-26. Annual Meeting, Toronto. Held concurrently with the Society of Biblical Literature each November, comprising some 8,000 registrants, 200 publishers, and 100 hiring departments.

November 24. Annual Business Meeting and breakfast. See the Annual Meeting program for exact time and place.

December

Journal of the American Academy of Religion, December 2002 issue.

December 5. New program unit proposals due.

December 13-14. Program Committee meeting, Atlanta.

December 15. Submissions for the March 2003 issue of *Religious Studies News* due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn/default.asp

December 31. Membership renewal for 2003 due. Renew online at www.aarweb.org/renewal/page01.asp

And keep in mind throughout the year...

Regional organizations have various deadlines throughout the fall for their Calls for Papers. See www.aarweb.org/regions/default.asp

In the Field. News of events and opportunities for scholars of religion. *In the Field* is a members-only online publication produced ten times a year on the first of the month. In the Field accepts calls for papers, grant news, conference announcements, and other opportunities appropriate for scholars of religion of no more than 100 words. Submit text electronically by the 20th of the month for the following issue to inthefield@aarweb.org.

Openings: Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion

Openings editions are viewable from the first through the last day of each month. *Openings* ads are to be submitted by the 20th of the previous month. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/openings/submitad1.asp

Call For Papers

General Information

Meeting Location

The 2002 AAR Annual Meeting and Book Exhibit will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, ON, CANADA from November 23-26. Other facilities hosting sessions include: the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Sheraton Toronto Centre, and Westin Harbour Castle.

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Registration and Housing

You must be registered for the meeting in order to secure a room in the Annual Meeting hotel at our specially negotiated hotel rates (which are often half the published room-rate for the property). When you receive your preregistration information in the May issue of *Religious Studies News-AAR Edition* (or online), carefully review and follow the instructions in order to secure your housing. Although registration may be completed without submitting your housing request, you are encouraged to submit both together.

Questions about the Call

The work of the program unit is coordinated by the chair(s) and a steering committee who design the sessions and make the decisions about which proposals will eventually be on the program. Each proposal is carefully refereed, usually in a "blind" procedure (i.e., without the name of the proposer being provided to the referees). All proposals, abstracts, and completed participant information (as well as any questions you may have) should be sent to the individual(s) named in this Call.

Please inquire with the appropriate unit chair about the amount of time granted for your presentation, and by what date the respondent (if any) must receive your completed paper.

Questions about the Annual Meeting

Concerns of a general nature may be sent to the AAR executive office to the attention of the Annual Meeting Program Director, 825 Houston Mill Road NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329; W: +1-404-727-3049, F: +1-404-727-7959, annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

Additional Meetings

Organizations, persons, or program units wishing to plan receptions and other meetings before, during, or after the Annual Meeting should go online to www.aarweb.org after March 15, 2002. This website will have information regarding guidelines, necessary forms, and costs to request Additional Meeting space at the Annual Meeting and/ or how to announce your event in the Annual Meeting Program Book.

Questions should be directed to Conferon, Inc. at +1-314-997-1500 after April 1, 2002. Written requests can be sent to Conferon, Inc., 701 Emerson RD, STE 410, St. Louis, MO 63141. or aarsbl@conferon.com

The deadline for priority scheduling of Additional Meeting requests is May 30, 2002. Requests after that date will be accommodated as space allows. No additional meeting of a programmatic nature (i.e., with names of presenters or titles) will be scheduled during the nine regular program unit time slots of the Annual Meeting.

2002 Calendar of Deadlines

March 1, 2002

Deadline for proposals, participant forms, and abstracts to be received by Program Unit Chairs.

April 1, 2002

Notification of acceptance (or not) of proposals by Program Unit Chairs. All program participants must renew/establish 2002 AAR memberships in order to participate on the program.

April 7, 2002

Program Unit Chairs submit session request information (Program Book copy, abstracts, participant forms) to AAR executive office online.

May 15, 2002

Annual Meeting and hotel registration forms available online and in the May *Religious Studies News-AAR Edition*.

May 30, 2002

Deadline for submission of Additional Meeting request forms. Forms are available online at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 starting in March.

June 15, 2002

Deadline for participants to renew their AAR membership and be pre-registered for the meeting. Names of participants who are not current members or registered will be removed from the Program Book.

September 2002

Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to members.

November 23-26, 2002

AAR Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

Guidelines For Submitting Proposals

Step 1: Note acceptable method(s) of submission, and the persons to whom it should be sent.

Step 2: Submit all materials by one method only (if you submit your proposal via email, you must not fax your participant form, the participant form must be sent via email as well).

Step 3: Follow all instructions for submission requirements as outlined below, both general guidelines and those specific to your method of submission.

Step 4: Note the difference between paper and panel proposals.

Step 5: Be prepared to fulfill your AAR membership requirement if accepted onto the program. This must be done no later than June 15, 2002 or your may jeopardize your participation on the program in November.

General Guidelines

Participation at the Annual Meeting

All participants on the AAR program must be current (2002) members of AAR. Membership in SBL does not fulfill this requirement. All participants must also be pre-registered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2002. Any participant who is not a current 2002 AAR member or pre-registered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2002, will have his/her name removed from the printed Program Book and will jeopardize his/her participation on the program in November.

N.B. All 2001 and 2002 members receive this Call. To inquire about your 2002 membership status, please see www.aarweb.org/membership.

Participation Limits

Each member may appear on the Annual Meeting program (AAR and/or SBL side) a total of two times in any capacity (e.g., present a paper, be a panelist, be a respondent, or preside over a session). The only exception is for business meeting presiders.

Further, it is not appropriate to present the same material in two separate sessions, no matter the convention for describing them. If you are proposing the same idea to two different program units, you must be prepared to choose in which you will present if you are accepted onto both.

Multiple Submissions

To foster broad participation and to facilitate the work of unit chairs, the Program Committee allows but does not encourage multiple submissions of proposals. The total limit on such submissions is two. These may consist of the same proposal submitted to two different program units, or two different proposals to two different units.

A Program Participant Form must accompany each proposal, and the other program units to which you submitted proposals must be indicated. While failure to disclose multiple submissions may well result in the rejection of all submissions, disclosure of multiple submissions will not jeopardize full consideration of each. **The deadline for receipt of all submissions is March 1, 2002.**

Proposal Requirements

You are required to submit *both* a proposal (not more than 1000 words) and an abstract (not more than 150 words) of your presentation. This holds regardless of your method of submission or the type of proposal you are making. Only proposals will be evaluated in the selection process, but if your proposal is accepted for the Annual Meeting, the abstract will be included in the Book of Abstracts.

Proposals

The proposal should state, as fully as you can, the proposals purpose and how the argument will proceed. Provide enough context to show that you are aware of the basic literature in the field and summarize the argument of your presentation. Be specific about what sort of contribution your proposal will make. Bear in mind the nature of the program unit to which you are applying, particularly as reflected in the Call for Papers.

Failure to submit a proposal, an abstract, and/ or participant form(s) may disqualify a submission from consideration. Further, submitting a proposal in a method other than those noted after each program unit's call will result in disqualification.

Paper vs. Panel

The Annual Meeting program has two types of sessions: paper sessions and panel sessions.

A "panel" is a session with one announced theme and a list of participants who address that theme but do not present separate formal papers. Session proposals are generally submitted as pre-arranged session proposals.

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Walter Lowe, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethics and Recognition: Hegel, Levinas, and the Problem of Symmetry*

Panelists:

Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto
Robert R. Williams, University of Illinois, Chicago

A session with separately announced paper titles is considered a "paper" session. Paper proposals are more often submitted individually and arranged into sessions by the chair(s) and steering committee.

Ritual Studies Group

Mario I. Aguilar, University of St. Andrews, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Theory, Ritual Practice, and Native American Revitalization*

David A. Shorter, University of California, Santa Cruz
Ritual as Writing: Reflecting on Yoeme Indian Religious Action

Jean Molesky-Poz, Graduate Theological Union
Maya Rituals: "To Connect to the Center in Which We Trust"

Michael Zogry, Duke University
No Time Outs: Charting a Ritual History of the Cherokee Ball Game

Pre-Arranged Session Proposals

Members may wish to submit a prearranged session in its entirety, complete with a presider, respondent, and participants. You will note in the call that some program units use this procedure more than others (Philosophy and Religious Reflection Section and Japanese Religions Group, for instance). Special considerations go into the submission of such a session. The coordinator of a prearranged session must submit a proposal that lists all the participants (presider, participants, and respondent [if desired]). Pre-arranged sessions can either be for paper or panel sessions.

Submissions for a **panel** session should include a single proposal detailing the focus of the session, one abstract, and (new this year) a single "Pre-Arranged Session" participant form for all involved. Submissions for a **paper** session must include each presenter's original paper proposal and abstract in addition to the necessary forms (one participant form for each participant). Failure to send in a complete prearranged proposal may disqualify an entry. **Units reserve the right to accept prearranged session proposals in full or in part.**

Abstracts

Along with your proposal and completed participant form, you must submit an abstract of your proposed presentation in electronic format. Even if you are submitting your proposal via surface mail or fax you must also send one copy of your abstract electronically in addition to the print copies. If possible send the abstract in the body of an email with the subject heading: "Abstract for [supply your name]". Barring the body of the email you may also send it virus-free on disk, or via email as an attachment. *Please note some program units will not accept attachments.*

Use the following guidelines for format:

- WordPerfect, MSWord, RTF, PDF, or ASCII text format.
- For transliterated characters, please describe them to the best of your ability after the text of your abstract, under "Diacritical Marks". The "Diacritical Marks" portion will not be included in your word count. These can include italics, macrons, under or over-dots, etc... (i.e. add macrons over the first and second "a" in Yogacara; put a slash through the "o" in Soren). For non-western characters, please use universal embedded fonts.

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- The abstract should have the exact same title as your paper, followed by your name and then the name of your institution (please include city name if more than one school or campus bears the name) or city, state or province, or write "Independent Scholar".
- The body of the abstract may be no more than 150 words in length. Successful proposals with abstracts longer than 150 words will be shortened.
- Do not use footnotes, any present will be deleted.
- Please scan your abstract for viruses before sending.

Participant Forms

The Program Participant Form (see page 7, or www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002) is designed to provide the information necessary to respond to your proposal and to organize the Annual Meeting. It is important that this form be filled out clearly and completely by the participant. Please use the participant form appropriate for your method of submission (see below). Ensure that the title of your proposal exactly matches the title you use on the participant form in order for the two to be positively matched.

Taping

Audio taping of Annual Meeting sessions is a service provided to members when possible. The modest royalties received on the sale of the tapes are applied to defray the costs of housing provided by the AAR for the technicians and technical fees paid to the hotel. The AAR does not make money on this service. Some other information: 1) The audio taping company will assert no copyright. The copyright belongs to the presenter. 2) Tapes are available immediately at the Annual Meeting. 3) Order forms are available onsite at the Annual Meeting, in issues of *Religious Studies News—AAR Edition*, and online after the Annual Meeting at www.aarweb.org. 4.) Sessions are taped only when all participants (with the exception of the presider) in a given session agree to it.

Methods of Submission (Specific Guidelines)

Surface Mail

Unless otherwise instructed in the Call itself, submit six (6) copies of the proposal, including abstract (one (1) copy with your name and institution listed; and five (5) copies which are "blind," i.e., your name and institution is not listed anywhere on the proposal). You need only submit one (1) copy of the participant form. Be certain you include a current email address on your participant form. Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out via email.

1. Use plain white paper 8.5" x 11" (or A4) with one inch margins.
2. Do not use institutional or other letterhead.
3. Use a computer and printer, preferably a laser printer. (Handwritten proposals cannot be accepted.)
4. Use the following format:
 - a. Type title of proposal.
 - b. On one copy of the proposal, below the title, type name of presenter, a comma, and a complete name of institution (please include city name if more than one school or campus bears the name). Or if you are not affiliated with any school list city, state or province, or write "Independent Scholar". Do not list this information on the other five copies of the proposal.
 - c. Type body of proposal double-spaced. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words.

If you are requested by the program unit to submit copies to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete packet to either one of the co-chairs. Remember to include an email address on your proposal. If you do not use email, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with appropriate postage for the country from which the Program Unit Chair will send the notification regarding your acceptance/

rejection onto the program. Send one (1) electronic copy of your abstract to the same person to whom you are sending your proposal. See above under Abstracts.

Fax

Submit one (1) copy of the proposal, including abstract (with your name and institution listed). Submit one (1) copy of the participant form. Be certain you include a current email address on your participant form. Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out via email.

1. Use plain white paper 8.5" x 11" (or A4) with one inch margins.
2. Do not use institutional or other letterhead
3. Use a computer and printer, preferably a laser printer. (Handwritten proposals cannot be accepted.)
4. Use the following format:
 - a. Type title of proposal.
 - b. Below the title, type name of presenter, a comma, and a complete name of institution. If there is no institutional affiliation, list city, state or province or write "Independent Scholar".
 - c. Type body of proposal double-spaced. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words.

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Email

Submit your 1000 word proposal and 150 word abstract within the BODY of ONE single email. Locate the online "Participant Form for Email Submission" at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form. Be sure you use the exact same title on the online "Participant Form for Email Submissions" as you do

on the emailed proposal. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be disqualified. Participant Forms received without proposals or abstracts will also be disqualified.

If you are requested by the program unit to submit a copy to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete proposal to either one of the co-chairs.

Email w/ Attachments

Submit your 1000 word proposal, 150 word abstract, and Participant Form as attachments in one single email. Please locate the "Participant Form for e-Attachment Submissions" at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form, this will require the use of MSWord. If you are unable to use MSWord or the "MSWord Form" online, please locate the online "Participant Form for Email Submission" at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form. Be sure you use the exact same title on the online "Participant Form for Email Submissions" as you do on the attached proposal you emailed. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be disqualified. Participant Forms received without proposals or abstracts will also be disqualified.

If you are requested by the program unit to submit a copy to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete proposal to either one of the co-chairs.

OP3

New this year, some program units have taken advantage of an all online paper/panel proposal and evaluation system for the Annual Meeting. If the program unit to which you are interested in proposing a paper or panel has chosen to use OP3 (and you wish to use it also, given the choice), please go online to www.aarweb.org for full submission instructions.

SECTIONS

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

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perspectives on teaching; vocational, pedagogical, and professional insights on the early years of teaching (to be presented by persons in the first few years of their careers); reflections on incorporating one's own 'life curriculum' into teaching and learning across the professional life-cycle; teaching and learning with ethnography, including issues of implementation, ethics, and assessment; specific skills, tools, analytical frameworks, contexts, and strategies for teaching and learning (e.g., writing in theology and religious studies curricula and as a dimension of faculty work, challenges and successes with new technologies, and teaching introductory courses); and teaching and 'otherness' (e.g., courses outside one's training and specialization, and issues of gender and identity construction); the nature and role of 'theological/ truth-claim' moments in religious studies courses, and 'religious studies' moments in theology courses, as a way of reflecting on the state of the profes-

Sections are the most inclusive type of program unit, aimed at reflecting the major areas of academic interest of the members of the Academy and at addressing the continuing agenda of the various sub-fields within the study of the religion. Attendance at sessions of sections (as well as any of the other program units) is open to all persons who are registered for the Annual Meeting.

sion or as a framework for pedagogical innovation and professional development). In addition, the section is co-sponsoring a session with the Theology and Religious Reflection Section on "Teaching and/ or Writing as Theological Practices" and invites proposals for this joint session.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:



Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

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Buddhism Section

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Comparative Studies in Religion Section

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reflection is given to the conceptual tools therein employed. We encourage both individual papers, and group proposals either in the form of thematic sessions (maximum 4 presenters), or as panels (maximum 6 presenters). Thematic session proposals must include both an abstract and individual paper proposals. Panel proposals must include a two-page abstract and a list of the panel members. The steering committee reserves the right to add individuals to any group proposal. The following themes have been proposed for next year, with organizers identified in parentheses: Canadian approaches to the comparative study of religion (Carol Anderson, *anderson@kzoo.edu*); dreams and social change, i.e. the ways prophetic dreams have shaped religious ideologies and consequently led to social change (Kelly Bulkeley, *kellybulkeley@earthlink.net*); sacrifice in cosmic and ritual images (John Rundin, *jrundin@lonestar.utsa.edu*); weeping in ritual imagination; ritual play and ritual levity, with a focus on popular rituals in Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim South Asian traditions (William Harman, *wharman@depauw.edu*); religious migration (Paul Johnson, *johnsonpc@missouri.edu*); theories of violence as constitutive of religion; new religious movements and the internet; tantras and Tantrism from a comparative perspective; and comparisons of categories (both analytical and practical) and the processes of cross-cultural exchange, accommodation, and/ or contestation with which religious traditions engage each other (for example, Buddhism and Jain, or Buddhism and Daoism). Other topics fitting our goals are welcome.

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Ethics Section

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History of Christianity Section

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ing marriage in Christian antiquity; Iberian Christianity (European and/ or global); changing perceptions of death in modern Europe; centenary of William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience*. Proposals for a complete session on these and other topics are welcome; please contact co-chairs for details. Individual papers on other topics are welcome. Please submit proposals either on-line or via e-mail to Anne Thayer (*athayer@LTS.org*); attachments prohibited. If electronic submissions are not possible, please contact Anne Thayer in advance.

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ing marriage in Christian antiquity; Iberian Christianity (European and/ or global); changing perceptions of death in modern Europe; centenary of William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience*. Proposals for a complete session on these and other topics are welcome; please contact co-chairs for details. Individual papers on other topics are welcome. Please submit proposals either on-line or via e-mail to Anne Thayer (*athayer@LTS.org*); attachments prohibited. If electronic submissions are not possible, please contact Anne Thayer in advance.

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North American Religions Section

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Philosophy of Religion Section

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Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University, *ebounds@emory.edu*. Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, *gstassen@fuller.edu*. Proposals are invited on the following themes: the use of social scientific data in particular public policy debates; religious diversity and contemporary pluralism; psychology and religion from Islamic perspectives (co-sponsored with the Study of Islam Section); religion in the workplace; U.S. Images of Islam after September 11th: Politics, Prejudice, and the Law; and Black Casualties of Capitalism: Black Liberation Responses to the Economics of War, Prisons, and Violence (co-sponsored with the Black Theology Group). Proposals are also

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welcome for any work at the intersection of religion and the social sciences, particularly on Canadian issues. Proposals for co-sponsored sessions should be submitted to both of the co-sponsoring units.

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art as Yoga in South Asia (Jeffrey Lidke, lidke@bard.edu); using websites in teaching, possibly with Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section (Jack Llewellyn, jel807f@smsu.edu); models of sainthood (Tim Lubin, lubin@wlu.edu); communalism and film (Philip Lutgendorf, philip-lutgendorf@uiowa.edu); historical teleologies or performance in South Asian religions (Christian Lee Novetzke, cln4@columbia.edu); utilizing plural

Since this meeting will be held in Toronto and during Ramadan, we also welcome proposals on fasting and on Canadian contributions to the study of religion.

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Study of Judaism Section

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Theology and Religious Reflection Section

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Religion, on "Teaching and/or Writing as Theological Practices." We also invite papers that address the intersections of theology and religious studies with current critical theory and cultural studies. In evaluating proposals, the committee gives preference to those that combine scholarship and originality.

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Women and Religion Section

Mary C. Churchill, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 34 Concord AVE, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA; W: +1-617-496-5206; F: +1-617-495-8136; churchil@stripe.colorado.edu. Jacqueline Z. Pastis, Department of Religion, 1900 West Olney AVE, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141, USA; W: +1-215-951-1340; F: +1-215-951-1665; pastis@lasalle.edu. Individual and group (panel/ paper) proposals are welcome on any aspect of the study of women and religion. This year the section especially seeks proposals on the following themes (in random order): Canadian scholarship on women and religion, or women and religion in Canada; the role of gender in genocide or the importance of feminist analysis to the study of genocide (for possible co-sponsorship with the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group); de/constructing the feminine divine; feminist politics and civil rights (especially the First Amendment); the religious implications of state violence against women (for instance, prisons, military); teaching women and religion; the practice of feminist theology in religious institutions; and comparative approaches to broad topics in women and religion (such as ritual, health, community, identity, etc.). In general, proposals should reflect critical awareness of the importance of gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and/ or nation to analysis on women and religion. The section especially invites proposals that facilitate dialogue across religious traditions and/ or among various groups or specialists in the study of women and religion, broadly construed. Presentations that are multi-disciplinary or innovative in format, that address emerging areas of scholarship or public interest, or that concern the intersection of scholarship and activism are particularly encouraged. Proposals should specify to which area of the call, if any, they respond and should state the importance of the proposed subjects or approaches to the study of women and religion.

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Religion in South Asia Section

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religious resources for human rights issues (with Study of Islam Section; Leslie Orr orr@vax2.concordia.ca); Religious uses of literary genres (Parimal Patil, ppatil@emory.edu); debates, verbal contests and other forms of agonistic discourse (Tamar Reich, reicht@post.tau.ac.il); fluid boundaries and tradition texts (Stuart Sarbacher, srsarbac@facstaff.wisc.edu); curses and boons in South Asian literature (Lise Vail, vaill@mail.montclair.edu); social signification of food (Liz Wilson, wilson@muohio.edu).

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Study of Islam Section

Jonathan E. Brockopp, Box 5000, Bard College, Annandale, NY 12504, USA; W: +1-845-758-7207; F: +1-845-758-7628; brockopp@bard.edu. Zayn Kassam, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Pomona College, 551 N College AVE, Claremont, CA 91711-4410, USA; W: +1-909-607-4095; F: +1-909-621-8574; zkassam@pomona.edu. Successful proposals will reflect theoretical and methodological sophistication as well as innovative examination of Islamic societies and texts. For pre-arranged panels and paper sessions, respondents are essential; innovative, interactive formats, and multimedia presentations are welcome. The section encourages paper proposals in all areas of Islamic studies, but this year we are especially interested in papers or panels on the following: Islam in African societies; sex and sexuality; Islamic philosophy and theology; teaching after 9/11; sufism; human rights and civil society; Qur'an and interpretation; interpretive traditions of South Asia; religion and psychology.

GROUPS

African Religions Group

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in indigenous African religious traditions; Islam in African societies (joint session with the Study of Islam Section). Please send proposals on these topics to both co-chairs by email.

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Groups are established to encourage the exploration of an emergent area of study or methodology, to cultivate the relation between the study of religion and a cognate discipline, or to pursue a long-range and broad research project. More focused than sections and less restricted in participation than seminars, groups are expected to experiment with the format of sessions at the Annual Meeting.

Afro-American Religious History Group

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Studies, University of Colorado, 30 Ketchum Box 339, Boulder, CO 80309-0339 USA; W: +1-303-492-6468; F: +1-303-492-7799; dodsonj@spot.colorado.edu. Papers with a historical focus are invited

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on these themes: 1) African American religiosity and issues of war and peace; 2) public influences on African American churches, e.g. faith based religious activism; 3) African American faith and our bodies, e.g. How do African American belief systems conceive of the "black body"? Have African American religious traditions rendered the "black body" a site of redemption, empowerment, oppression, and liberation?; 4) historical and contemporary treatments of migrations and interreligious faith communities of African descent in Canada (with Black Theology Group). Any questions can be directed to the co-chairs.

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Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

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Bioethics and Religion Group

Suzanne Holland, Religion Department, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416, USA; W: +1-253-879-3750; F: +1-253-879-3500; sholland@ups.edu; Michael Mendiola, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic AVE, Berkeley, CA 94709, USA; W: +1-510-849-8207; F: +1-510-845-8948; mmendiola@psr.edu. We focus this year on bioethics and religion in an international context: cross-cultural, cross-national (e.g., U.S. vs. Canadian), or distinctively Canadian perspectives on values, norms and practices that influence: public health and health care delivery/ access; end-of-life issues: hospice, physician-assisted suicide, pain management, suffering; and the place of ethics in provincial and/ or

national policy making (e.g., Royal Commissions) with respect to new reproductive technologies/ genetics, stem cells, or public health issues. Individual papers as well as panel submissions on these or other topics related to Bioethics and Religion will also be considered. For a co-sponsored session with the Ethics Section, we invite papers addressing the ethical and public health dimensions of global violence/ bioterrorism, from a variety of religious traditions/perspectives. *Submit proposals to both program units; proposals for joint session must be submitted online, only.*

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Black Theology Group

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Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group

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Chinese Religions Group

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Christian Spirituality Group

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Christian Systematic Theology Group

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Church-State Studies Group

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Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

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Consultation). Presenters need not have expertise in both Hindu and Jewish traditions.

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Confucian Traditions Group

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, Van Hise 1108, 1220 Linden DR, Madison, WI 53706, USA; W: +1-608-262-8731; F: +1-608-265-5731; macsikszentm@facstaff.wisc.edu, Edward Ted Slingerland, Dept Rel & E Asian Lan & Cult, THH 226A, Univ of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0357, USA; W: +1-213-740-8508; slingerl@usc.edu. Proposals are invited on the following topics: 1) the role of ritual in Confucian traditions; 2) Confucian sacrifice in comparative perspective; and 3) creativity, innovation, and transmission. In addition, we strongly encourage the submission of complete panel proposals on any topic relating to Confucian studies. Fax submissions are preferred.

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Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Gustavo Benavides, Dept of Theo & Rel Studies, Villanova University, Villanova, PA 19085, USA; W: +1-610-519-6916; F: +1-610-519-6697; gustavo.benavides@villanova.edu. Steven Engler, Mount Royal College, 4825 Richard RD SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3E 6K6, sengler@mtroyal.ab.ca. Papers on the following themes: material economies of religion (labor and idleness; sacrifice, gift and market); violence as constitutive of religion (Walter Burkert, Maurice Bloch); other views of the Other (translation into/ between non-Christian religions, non-academic portrayals of religion(s), symmetrical/ mutual representations, circulation/ return of religious concepts); institutional and discursive ambiguity of neurophysiological studies of religious experience (how is presentation and reception of this work affected by its institutional location in science/ psychology departments and its orientation to differing audiences in scientific vs. general interest publication?); responses to Sam Gill's Storytracking; responses to Michel Despland's *Les hiérarchies sont ébranlées: politiques et théologies au XIX^e siècle*. Consistent with the international focus of the 2002 meeting, proposals addressing Canadian issues in and approaches to the study of religion are especially welcome. Please see www.criticaltheory.org.

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Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Robin Darling Young, Dept of Theology, Catholic University, Washington, DC 20064, USA; W: +1-202-319-6508; F: +1-202-319-5875; youngr@cua.edu. Bradley Nassif, 88 Tierra Montanosa, Rancho St Margarita, CA 92688, USA; bnassif@yahoo.com. Papers are invited on the following themes: Eastern Christian Communities in Canada and North America; the dialogue of Eastern Christianity with Islam (ancient, medieval and modern periods); the Eastern Christian communities in the Holy Land; the comparison of Eastern Christian theology with Latino/a

theology; the veneration of the Theotokos, especially as a point of discussion with other Christian churches.

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Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University, 414 University Hall, 230 N. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1319; W: +1-614-292-2744; F: +1-614-292-7835;

johnston.2@osu.edu. The group seeks to foster a discussion of Late Antiquity (ca. 200-800 C.E.) that crosses traditional religious designations. This year we seek submissions that address histories and constructions of sexuality in the late antique Mediterranean: practice, theory, sublimation, symbolization, procreation and contraception, reversibility and inversion, restriction, eroticism, perversion and fantasy, etc. How did sexuality frame religious experience, or vice versa? To what extent did it stabilize or destabilize religious communities? In what ways could sexual and erotic imagery be exploited for religious, ritual, or polemical discourse? What constructions of the self developed to reconcile sexuality with

piety? How did religious institutions address sexuality and procreation?

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Evangelical Theology Group

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2. PROGRAM UNIT to which you are submitting this proposal:

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3. PLANNED PARTICIPANTS for this session, in order of appearance:

Presider: _____

Panelists: _____

Respondent: _____

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dkling@miami.edu. Non-violent and feminist theologies of the atonement have attempted to retrieve, reappropriate, and, in some cases, revision patristic, scholastic, and reformation christologies. We invite papers dealing with the methodological, metaphysical, and contemporary issues these raise, or that suggest a fresh evangelical attempt to reflect, supplement, complement, or challenge traditional theologies of the atonement. Women have played a prominent role in evangelical Protestant institutions, yet remain underrepresented in educational and intellectual leadership. We invite papers dealing with: gender issues in evangelical colleges and seminaries; evangelical models of female leadership; evangelical women as

lay and trained theologians, as writers, critics, and artists. International or cross-cultural comparative approaches are welcome.

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Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University, Religious Studies, Box 1092, 1 University PKWY, Romeoville, IL 60446, USA; W: +1-815-836-5884; ktalli@aol.com. Papers and panel proposals are invited that address 1) Memoir, autobiography, etc. as rhetorical strategies in theological and philosophical reli-

gious reflection; 2) critical responses to Serene Jones' *Feminist Theory and Christian Theology: Cartographies of Grace*; Jones will respond; 3) *La Toucher/Touching Her: Touch in the Gospel* (with Theology and Continental Philosophy) invites papers bringing feminist theory, biblical studies and J.L. Nancy's *La Toucher* (to which Derrida has responded) to bear on the figure of woman in NT texts. For further information relating to Derrida in Toronto, see www.religions.divinity.gla.ac.uk/derrida_and_religion.htm. Proposed papers and panels on other topics will also be considered, if related to feminist theory.

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Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group

Jay E. Johnson, 632 38th ST, Richmond, CA 94805-1702, USA; W: +1-510-223-4318; F: +1-510-234-6585; drjay1@earthlink.net. The group explores the varied intersections of the gay male experience and religion. Papers are invited on any topic relevant to this perspective. This year, we are especially interested in the following themes: the construction of homoerotic desire from a variety of religious traditions and spiritual practices; gay eschatology; polyamory; homosexuality and Wicca or earth-centered traditions; and Native North American traditions and transgendered, inter-sexed, or two-spirited persons. Proposals for panels on any of these themes are particularly welcome, as are contributions from Canadian scholars.

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1. TITLE OF YOUR PROPOSAL (If presenting a paper):

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3. YOUR ROLE in this session:

- Presiding
- Presenting (titled paper)
- Responding
- Panelist (untitled presentation)
- Presiding at a Business Meeting

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Hinduism Group

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Theology Department, 6525 N Sheridan RD, Chicago, IL 60626, USA; W: +1-773-508-2372; F: +1-773-508-2386; tpintch@luc.edu. Sarah Caldwell, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis AVE, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA; W: +1-617-495-4490 or +1-617-496-2779; scaldwell@hds.harvard.edu. We invite panels reflecting the diversity of Hinduisms as well as those focused on specific Hindu themes or methodological concerns. Topics suggested for 2002 along with email contact information include: Hindu ethics and globalization (rukmani@alcor.concordia.ca); is there a Hindu feminism? (kjordan@radford.edu); diaspora of Sri Lankan Tamil Hindus (knut.jacobsen@krr.uib.no); Ramakrishna Order and the representation of Hinduism, and Twentieth Century Sanskrit sources as resources for understanding Hinduism (clooney@bc.edu); Wilhelm Halbfass and Hindu identity, and Tantra and deity yoga (loriliai.biernacki@colorado.edu); Hindu/comparative commentary practices (papatil@emory.edu); dialectic and the divine feminine (rdsherna@aol.com); language and construction/ study of Hinduism (jwnemec@sas.upenn.edu); Hindus in Toronto/ Canada (gcarney@hsc.edu); Hindu theology II (cchapple@lmu.edu); constructive images of Hinduism in literature, art, religion (p-reddy@northwestern.edu).

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Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

Julian Kunnie, Africana Studies, University of Arizona, PO Box 210128, Tucson, AZ 85721-0128, USA; W: +1-520-621-5665; F: +1-520-621-9768; jkunnie@u.arizona.edu. Ines Talamantez, HSSB 3069, Dept. of Religion, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. W: +1-805-893-4326; talamant@religion.ucsb.edu. Creative papers are invited on the following topics: (a) Indigenous Religious Responses to Terrorism and Globalization. Much of what we have heard from academics and public pronouncements in response to terrorism has been Eurocentric, steeped in ethnic arrogance and religious ignorance, disregarding the views of Indigenous peoples, when Indigenous peoples have been the primary victims of terrorism, including globalization. How can we correct this? (b) Indigenous Language Preservation. Today, many Indigenous peoples face linguistic extermination and genocide as a result of Western colonization, with the generation of grandparents being the sole speakers. How can scholars address this problem, supporting Indigenous people struggling to learn and preserve their ancestral languages? (c) Joint session with Religion in Latin America-Caribbean Group on Land and Reparations in the Americas, contact lorentzen@ucsf.edu.

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Japanese Religions Group

Chris Ives, Department of Religious Studies, Stonehill College, 320 Washington ST, #D-33, North Easton, MA 02357-0100, USA; W: +1-508-565-1354; cives@stonehill.edu. Ruben L.F. Habito, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75205-0133, USA; W: +1-214-768-4334; rhabito@mail.smu.edu. This group explores diverse facets of the religious traditions of Japan. This year we invite proposals for individual papers or whole sessions on the following dimensions of Japanese religions: 1) shamanesses; 2) biomedical ethics; 3) the body; 4) pilgrimage; 5) Buddhism and Japanese colonialism; 6) gender in premodern religious traditions; 7) mountain (sangaku) religion; 8) Ainu and Okinawan religions; and 9) religion and violence. Submissions on other topics will also be considered. Proposers are strongly encouraged to propose whole sessions. Direct inquiries about the call to Chris Ives.

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Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group

Timothy H. Polk, 1388 Englewood AVE, St Paul, MN 55104-1903, USA; W: +1-651-523-2232; tpolk@gw.hamline.edu. Sylvia I. Walsh, 225 S Boundary AVE, Deland, FL 32720, USA; W: +1-904-822-7580; sperkings6@cfl.rr.com. Session 1: Sources of the Self: Charles Taylor and Søren Kierkegaard: Invited Panel on the relation of the Canadian scholar's analysis of the self to that of Kierkegaard. Session 2: Kierkegaard and the Media. Proposals are invited on the significance of Kierkegaard's thought vis à vis popular modes of communication, such as the press, electronic media, advertising, entertainment industry, cinema, drama,

music, literature, or other forms of artistic expression, including analysis of such concepts as leveling, the crowd, anonymity, and aesthetics in mass communication and popular culture.

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Korean Religions Group

Sungtaek Cho, Program in Korean Studies, 130 Old Chemistry Bldg, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3725, USA; W: +1-631-632-7362; F: +1-631-632-7337; stcho@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Bockja Kim, Humanities Division, HKUST, Clearwater Bay, Kowloon, HONG KONG; W: +1-852-2358-7801; F: +1-852-2358-1469; hmkim@ust.hk. We seek papers dealing with various aspects of both the Korean transformation of Christianity and the Christian transformation of Korea from social, historical, and religious perspectives. Christianity in Korea has shaped Korean society and culture in a significant way since it was introduced to Korea a little more than two centuries (Catholicism) or a century (Protestantism) ago. Christianity in Korea has experienced remarkable growth and shaped and transformed Korean society and culture in profound ways. At the same time, Christianity has also undergone a notable transformation, producing a uniquely Korean form of Christianity. Papers dealing with the dynamic interactions between Western Christianity, and Korean traditional religions including Buddhism, Confucianism, and shamanism are welcome. Topics on the global aspects of Korean Christianity and world mission will also be considered.

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Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Rüdiger V. Busto, Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94350-2165, USA; +1-650-723-0465; Fax: +1-650-725-1476; rude@stanford.edu. Paper and panel proposals are invited on the following themes: 1) Latino/a Biblical hermeneutics; 2) critical responses to and historical appraisals of Andrés Guerrero's *Chicano Theology*; 3) culture and politics in Canadian Latino/a religion and theology; 4) open call for topics on theories, methods, history and lived expressions of religion in Latino/a communities; 5) we also invite proposals for a joint session with the Religions, Medicine and Healing Consultation on traditional and innovative forms of healing in Latino communities.

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Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Jennifer Rycenga, Comparative Religious Studies Program, San José State University, One Washington Square, San José, CA 95192-0097, USA; W: +1-408-924-1367; F: +1-408-924-4372; jrycenga@earthlink.net. Peggy Schmeiser, pschmeiser@sprint.ca. To highlight the first AAR in Canada, we seek proposals that feature Canadian lesbian issues, activism and writing. We also will consider panel and paper proposals on: 1) fundamentalisms worldwide and their implications for women's lives and sexualities; 2) legal/ political issues and discourse (Canadian law, U.S. First Amendment, lesbian/ feminist

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legal theory, etc.); 3) bisexual and transgender sacred histories, communities and myths; 4) lesbian-feminist identifications and activism in Canadian artistic expression (writing, music, film, visual art, etc.); 5) representations and exploitation of female sexualities in pop culture, particularly film and television. We also welcome full panel proposals on two new books: Virginia Mollenkott's *Omnigender* and *Love the Sin* by Ann Pellegrini and Janet Jakobsen.

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Men's Studies in Religion Group

Mark J. Justad, 2307 Warfield LN, Nashville, TN 37215-2424, USA; W: +1-615-322-0882; F: +1-615-322-6060; mark.j.justad@vanderbilt.edu. David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, 501 East 38th ST, Erie, PA 16546, USA; W: +1-814-824-2502; F: +1-814-824-2438; djlivings@mercyhurst.edu. The group is interested in papers on the general topic of the intersection of religious reflection and male identity or social location. Specific themes of interest to the group: religious interpretations of the masculine images of heroes and villains especially as they are connected to each other; interpretations of fathering/ fatherhood by major theologians and philosophers of religion; cross-cultural perspectives on religion, masculinity, and war; interpretations of the importance of the body in masculine spirituality and theology. In evaluating submissions, particular attention will be given to constructive proposals which focus on nonhegemonic or marginalized masculinities (gay, poor, black, latino, etc). Email submissions preferred.

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Millennialism Studies Group

Eugene V. Gallagher, Box 5452, Dept of Religious Studies, Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320-4196, USA; W: +1-860-439-2169; F: +1-860-439-5340; evgal@conncoll.edu. Proposals are invited on millennialism in Islam; millennialist responses to the events of September 11th, and on connections between millennialism and violence. Proposals for papers, panels, or sessions on any aspect of millennialism throughout history and across cultures are also encouraged.

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Mysticism Group

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Institute for Advanced Learning, Edinburgh, Scotland, UNITED KINGDOM; W: +44 (0131)466-1506; ndk@eial.org. David B. Perrin, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON CANADA; W: +1-613-236-1393 x2277; dperrin@ustpaul.uottawa.ca. We focus on the philosophical, theological, psychological, theoretical, and the comparative nature of mysticism, religious experience, and spiritual practice. Creative, imaginative, and scholarly

proposals for 2002 are invited on: 1) How do mystics understand self-annihilation versus self-actualization? 2) Mysticism and mystics 'within' and 'without' formally recognized religions. 3) Current and New Methodologies for the Study of Mysticism. 4) Celebrating the Centennial of William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience*, co-sponsored with the Person, Culture and Religion Group we invite papers on the contribution of the *Varieties* to our current understanding of mysticism and/ or personhood.

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Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Micheline Pesantubbee, 123 Templeton PKWY, Watertown, MA 02472, USA; pesantubbee@hds.harvard.edu. Andrea Smith, 123 Felix ST #4, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, USA; W: +1-831-460-1856; F: +1-831-459-3733; andyism@cats.ucsc.edu. Individual and group proposals are welcome on any aspect of Native American religious traditions. We are especially seeking papers in the following areas: legal issues surrounding First Nation's people including such topics as boarding schools and reconciliation, issues of sovereignty, and resource development such as the second phase of James Bay (for possible co-sponsorship with Church and State Studies Group); pragmatic approaches to scholarship that are responsive to the interests of indigenous groups being studied; and use of indigenous languages in theorizing about indigenous traditions. The group also invites papers that address issues of political significance to First Nations people (Canada).

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New Religious Movements Group

William M. Ashcraft, Social Science Division, Truman State University, 100 E. Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501-4221, USA; W: +1-660-785-7531; washcraft@truman.edu. Proposals are invited on the following themes: New Religious Movements (NRMs) in Canada, responses of NRMs to September 11th, the impact of September 11th on NRM studies, Muslim NRMs, and international perspectives on NRMs and globalization. Also, proposals on all aspects of the study of NRMs are welcome.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:



Nineteenth-Century Theology Group

Garrett Green, Connecticut College, Campus Box 5525, 270 Mohegan AVE, New London, CT 06320-4196, USA; W: +1-860-439-2800; ggre@conncoll.edu. Session #1: 'The Idea of the University.'

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Papers are invited on changes in the conception and institutional structure of universities in the nineteenth century and the effect of these changes on theology and the academic study of religions. Send proposals or inquiries to Ted Vial, Virginia Wesleyan College, 1584 Wesleyan DR, Norfolk, VA 23502, +1-757-455-3225, tvial@vwc.edu. Session #2: 'Theology and Its Scientific Critics in the Late Nineteenth Century.' Papers are invited on the religious/ theological writings of a late nineteenth-century scientist and/ or their influence on nineteenth-century philosophy of religion or theology. Send proposals or inquiries to James Livingston, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23187; W: +1-757-221-2175, F: +1-757-221-2169, tacoop@wm.edu. Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg, Universitätsstr. 31, 93040 Regensburg, GERMANY; W: +0941-943-3683, F: +49-941-943-3635, hans.schwarz@theologie.uni-regensburg.de.

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Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Franz Aubrey Metcalf, 2001 Morgan Hill DR, Los Angeles, CA 90068, USA; W: +1-323-467-3267; F: +1-323-463-5858; franzmetcalf@earthlink.net. Kelley A. Raab, Dept. of Religious Studies, ST Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617, USA; W: +1-315-229-5131; kraab@stlawu.edu. We invite papers addressing 1) idealizations of gender, country, and God in a time of war, and 2) psychological theory and practice in Islam and Islamic cultures, including views of personhood and modes of caregiving. Additionally, celebrating the centennial of William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience* jointly with the Mysticism Group, we invite papers on the contribution of the *Varieties* to our current understanding of mysticism and/ or personhood. Papers on all these topics may include theoretical, therapeutic, theological, or other perspectives. We welcome papers on other themes dealing with person, culture, and religion, and encourage proposals from Canadian perspectives. To learn more about PCR, please visit our website at: <http://home.att.net/~pcr-aar>.

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Platonism and Neoplatonism Group

Jay Bregman, Dept of History, Univ of Maine, 5774 Stevens, Orono, ME 04469-5774, USA; W: +1-207-581-1918; F: +1-207-581-1817; bregman@maine.maine.edu. Thomas A. Carlson, 2022 Cleveland AVE, Santa Barbara, CA 93103-1913, USA; W:

+1-805-893-7142; tcarlson@religion.ucsb.edu. For 2002 we invite papers treating the question of the body in relation to Platonism and/ or Neoplatonism (ancient, medieval, Renaissance, or modern).

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Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group

Frederick J. Ruf, Theology Dept., Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057, USA; W: +1-202 687-6233, H: +1-301 891-6845; rufb@georgetown.edu; David Lamberth, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis AVE, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA; W: +1-617 495-4514, H: +1-617 493-3366; [etc. What is hell and who dwells there? What does it take to be damned? What does hell's 'existence' say about the nature of God? What is distinctive about Reformed understandings of these matters?](mailto:david_lamberth@</p>
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Religion and Ecology Group

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Religion Department, Northwestern University, 1940 Sheridan RD, Evanston, IL 60208, USA; W: +1-847-491-4361; sarah@northwestern.edu. Bron Taylor, Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI, 54901, USA; W: +1-920-424-0644; bron@religionandnature.com. Tree-free submissions only: obtain permission well before sending email proposals. Papers are

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Prearranged Paper/Panel Session Proposals

- Proposal being sent via proper method
- Current 2002 Memberships for all participants including presider
- Completed Pre-Arranged Session Participant Form listing all participants including presider
- Proposal (1000 words or fewer, double spaced)
- For paper sessions: individual abstracts for all participants
- For panel session: single abstract for the entire session
- Abstract(s) in an electronic format (150 words or fewer)

Individual Proposals

- Proposal being sent via proper method
- Current Membership for 2002
- Completed Participant Form
- Proposal (1000 words or fewer, double spaced)
- Abstract, in an electronic format (150 words or fewer)

harvard.edu. The session on Pragmatism and Natural Piety invites papers on the role of religion in neo-pragmatism (Rorty, Putnam, Gunn, etc). The session on Pragmatism and Feminism invites papers on the 100th Anniversary of *The Varieties of Religious Experience*. A possible joint session with the History, Method and Theory in the Study of Religion Consultation is accepting submissions on either pragmatism as a theoretical resource for the study of religions or Pragmatism, Race, and the Study of Religions. As always, other proposals are welcome.

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Reformed Theology and History Group

Kathryn Greene-McCreight, 198 McKinley AVE, New Haven, CT 06515, USA; H: +1-203 389 7680; kgm.diu.88@aya.yale.edu. Hell and Damnation: We are soliciting proposals for papers which consider the notion of hell and damnation within the Reformed context. These will include, but will not be limited to, historical treatments, treatments of doctrinal loci, modern proposals, and apologetics. Regarding the latter one might think in particular of a context of post-Holocaust, post-9/11 and its aftermath, post-Rwandan genocide,

invited on the following themes: 1) Religion, Ecology, & Science (joint session with the Religion and Science Group, collaborative research between scientists and religionists, special interest in work on Animals, Fertility, Toxics); 2) Ecological Anthropology (e.g., critical responses to the work of Roy Rappaport, Anna Peterson, and Evolutionary Science. Do natural environments shape religion?); 3) Religious Resistance to Globalization (Eco-Protest & Civil Rights); 4) First Nations and Canadian Bioregions; 5) Hinduism and Ecology; 6) Advocacy, Academic Activism, and Eco-Scholarship.

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Religion and Popular Culture Group

Gary M. Laderman, Department of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA; W: +1-404-727-4641; gladerm@emory.edu. The group will consider proposals focusing on Canada, globalization, sports, evil, heroes, 9/11, music, science, theory or anything else that seems promising.

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Religion and Science Group

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Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Lois Lorentzen, Dept of Theology, Univ of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton ST, Ignatius Hts, San Francisco, CA 94117, USA; W: +1-415-422-2413; F: +1-415-422-5356; lorentzen@usfca.edu. Nelson Maldonado, nmt91@duke.edu. Papers are invited on the following themes: 1) politics and religious issues related to land and reparations in the Americas. Proposals welcomed that explore land issues of indigenous groups in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, the movement for reparations among African Americans, etc. We are especially interested in Canadian scholars dealing with land reparations to native groups. Session is co-sponsored with the Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and proposals should also be sent to Julian Kunnie and Inez Talamantez, co-chairs of the Indigenous Religious Traditions Group; 2) decolonizing spiritualities, open to papers from the African diaspora, indigenous traditions, new religious movements, etc; and 3) charismatic movements in Latin America and the Caribbean, looking for papers on charismatic Catholic movements, pentecostalism, and other charismatic expressions.

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Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rubina Ramji, Religious Studies Dept, 70 Laurier East, Rm 102, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5, CANADA; W: +1-613-569-7728; F: +1-613-562-5991; ruby.tuesday@sympatico.ca. Tony S.L. Michael, 477 Shaw ST, Toronto, ON M6G 3L4, CANADA; W: +1-416-971-3137; F: +1-416-978-3305; tmichael@chass.utoronto.ca. The group seeks to explore emerging relationships between religion and visual culture, especially film. The group seeks proposals addressing the following: 1) theoretical or methodological relations to religion and the visual; 2) issues of pedagogy: approaches and methods to studying religion and visual culture; 3) what is visual art and its relationship to religion; and 4) reality versus fantasy in film and media (myth-making versus cultural reflection).

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A suggested panel session includes authors of recent books on religion and film to discuss new methodologies. Individual papers on particular films or visual texts are also welcome. Paper/ panel proposals on the movies *Harry Potter*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Earth*, *Memento*, and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* are appreciated.

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Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Oren Baruch Stier, Dept. of Religious Studies, DM301C, Florida International University, Miami, FL 33199, USA; W: +1-305-348-6729, F: +1-305-348-1879; stiero@fiu.edu. Susan L. Nelson, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland AVE, Pittsburgh, PA, 15206, USA; W: +1-412-362-5610 x2124; snelson@pts.edu. The group is committed to examining the religious dimensions of the Holocaust and/ or other episodes of genocide in all their manifestations. At the 2002 annual meeting, one session is planned on 'Genocide and the Clergy.' Proposals dealing with the role of religious individuals, institutions, and ideologies in promoting, condoning, and resisting genocidal situations are welcome. We also invite papers on the topic of 'Gender and Genocide' for a possible joint session with the Women and Religion Section. How has gender played a role in genocidal situations, and/ or how does gender analysis shed new light on these histories? Papers might address the ways innocence, victimization, culpability, agency, and their representation are linked to gender.

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Ritual Studies Group

Mario I. Aguilar, St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland KY16 9JU, UNITED KINGDOM; W: +44-1334-462835; F: +441334-462852; mia2@st-and.ac.uk. Nikki Bado-Fralick, 5399 O'Neil DR, Ames, IA 50010, USA; W: +1-515-294-2495; F: +1-515-294-0780; nikkibf@iastate.edu. We look forward to proposals addressing the following topics: rites of crisis, disaster, or nationalism; the brain, the body, and ritual; the development of a new ritual theory vocabulary or the development or expansion of ritual theory paradigms; the role that perspective plays in ritual theory (for example, insider/ outsider); ritual theory and the commodification of ritual; and rites that move from 'margin' to 'center' or from newly improvised to canonized. As always, we are open to co-sponsorship of panels that seem appropriate to our unit's mission. Online proposals preferred.

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Roman Catholic Studies Group

Jeffrey Marlett, Dept of Religious Studies, The College of St Rose, 432 Western AVE, Albany, NY 12203, USA; W: +1-518-454-2005; marlettj@mail.strose.edu. The group encourages proposals for individual papers or full sessions concerning theological, historical, and cultural studies of Roman Catholicism. Please note the distinction between paper sessions and

panels. The steering committee reserves the right to edit session proposals. Areas of special interest are: Catholic perspectives on extremes of, or resistance to, nationalism, internationalism, homogenization, and globalization; scholarly studies concerning silenced theologians; scholarship and church sponsorship of educational institutions; considerations of Charles Taylor's *A Catholic Modernity?*; Catholic (particularly Canadian) literature; and historical or contemporary studies of Catholic inculturation. We are especially interested in research concerning Canadian Catholic scholars or Catholicism in Canada, such as French Catholic missions or Catholic cultural and religious diversity in Canada (for a possible joint session with North American Religions Section).

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Schleiermacher Group

Julia A. Lamm, Theology Department, New North 120 Box 571135, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1135, USA; W: +1-202-687-6261; F: +1-202-687-8000; lammj@georgetown.edu. Schleiermacher and Religious Pluralism. Papers are invited on Schleiermacher's theology of religions: his concept of the essence of religion, his topology of religions, and his treatment of concrete historic faiths; his understanding of monotheistic and non-monotheistic religions and their relations; his understanding of ethics (as the science of the principles of history) and philosophy of religion in relation to religious pluralism; or, Schleiermacher and the possibility and problems of inter-religious dialogue. Practical Theology. Papers welcome on Schleiermacher's conception of Practical Theology (see *Brief Outline and Lectures on Practical Theology*); his views on church government, pastoral care, catechetics, religious forms of expression (e.g. preaching, liturgy, music, art); the anthropological and sociological views which underlie his practical theology; his involvement in the formation of the Church of the Union, etc.

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Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

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relating to Derrida in Toronto, see www.religions.divinity.gla.ac.uk/derrida_and_religion.htm.

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Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Matthew Kapstein, SALC, Foster Hall, 1130 E 59th ST, Chicago, IL 60637, USA; W: +1-773-702-8373; m-kapstein@uchicago.edu. Georges Dreyfus, 76 Grandview, Williamstown, MA 01267-2528, USA; W: +1-413-579-2330; georges.dreyfus@williams.edu. Papers are invited on the following topics: The Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library: Prospects and Participation (David Germano, dfg9w@virginia.edu); Religious Life in the Time of the Fifth Dalai Lama (Bryan Cuevas, bcuevas@princeton.edu, or Kurtis Schaeffer, kschaeff@bama.ua.edu); Popular Religion in Premodern Tibet (Bryan Cuevas, bcuevas@princeton.edu); The Encounter of Tibetan Buddhism with Modernity. (Abraham Zablocki, amz1@cornell.edu). Additional topics include: the interface of Tibetan medicine and Tibetan religion; Tibetan religious art and architecture. If proposing a paper on a subject listed above, contact the respective panel organizers as listed. Individual submissions will be also welcome in all areas of Tibetan and Himalayan religions. Electronic abstracts and proposals should be sent to both co-chairs. All paperwork should be sent to Matthew Kapstein.

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* New Program Unit *

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Robison B. James, 7914 Alvarado RD, Richmond, VA 23229; W: +1-804-288-2142; F: +1-804-287-6504; rjames@richmond.edu. This group invites papers on the following themes: 1) Tillich and postmodern faith formation; 2) Tillich and process thought; 3) Tillich and film; and 4) Tillich and literature. Tillich-related papers on other themes will be considered on almost an equal basis. Theme or themes for the session will be determined in part by the merit of the proposals received. Proposals no longer than two double-spaced pages should be sent both in Word attachment and pasted into an email or (less preferably) in seven copies (six without name) to the address above. A winning student paper will receive the Annual Tillich Prize (\$100) and up to \$200 worth of expenses to attend the Annual Meeting.

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Wesleyan Studies Group

Pamela Couture, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S Goodman ST, Rochester, NY 14620-2589, USA; W: +1-716-271-1320; pcouture@crds.edu. The group is open to any proposals providing historical or constructive engagement with the Wesleys or the later Wesleyan/ Methodist traditions. This year we particularly solicit papers in two areas: 1) "Wesleyan Perspectives on Living and Dying," which could involve historical analyses or engagement with current pastoral practice and ethical debates; and 2) "Wesleyan/ Methodist Ecclesiology," which could consider historical shifts and

their ramifications or offer normative proposals for the present.

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group

Marcia Riggs, PO Box 336, Stone Mountain, GA 30086, USA; W: +1-404-687-4537; riggsm@ctsnet.edu. Rosetta Ross, United Theological Seminary, 3000 5th ST NW, New Brighton, MN 55112-2598, USA; W: +1-651-633-4311; rross@unitedseminary-mn.org. The committee invites papers exploring the following topics: biomythography as a resource for womanist theology; womanism and religious education; and critical responses to Delores Williams' *Sisters in the Wilderness* or N. Lynne Westfield's *Dear Sisters*. In addition, the committee invites constructive proposals investigating globalization and eco-womanism; womanist methodologies and freedom narratives, including analyses of the power of the North Star in black migration or the phrase "home to Canada"; and womanist norms (e.g. wanting to know more, willfulness, audacity, courageous behavior, etc.) and gender deviation.

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Constructions of Ancient Space Seminar

Jon L. Berquist, 2 Broad View PL, Flemington, NJ 08822, USA; W: +1-908-788-9844; F: +1-908-788-9844; jberquist@aol.com. James W. Flanagan, Dept of Religion, Mather House, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 44106, USA; W: +1-216-368-4129; F: +1-216-368-4681; flanagan@po.cwru.edu. The seminar welcomes proposals on critical spatiality. The agenda includes 1) studies or projects on spatial theory; 2) studies applying critical spatiality to specific data sets; and 3) examinations of critical spatiality from cross-disciplinary perspectives. Proposals from individuals who are not members of the seminar will be accepted only by invitation. Full submissions are due by June 15 in time for posting online and submission for prepublication where appropriate. Participants must agree to take part in online discussions beginning not later than September 1, 2002.

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Modern Historical Consciousness and the Christian Churches Seminar

Harvey Hill, PO Box 550, Mt Berry, GA 30149-0053, USA; W: +1-706-236-1732; hhill@berry.edu. This seminar explores the growth of historical consciousness in the various Christian denominations. Our next session will feature two papers. Marcus Borg of Oregon State University will present a paper on historical consciousness and the Jesus Seminar. Bill Leonard of the Divinity School of Wake Forest University will then present a paper on historical consciousness and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Rastafari in Global Context: Religion and Culture

Richard Salter, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, 373 Castle ST, Geneva, NY 14456-1509; W: +1-315-781-3370; F: +1-315-781-3348; salter@hws.edu. In this, the concluding year of the seminar, we will gather in Toronto to review and discuss the manuscript we are preparing. We are not accepting proposals.

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Studies in Yogācāra Buddhism Seminar

Joe Wilson, Philosophy & Religion, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC 28403-5601, USA; W: +1-910-962-3410; F: +1-910-962-7070; wilsonj@uncw.edu. Dan Lusthaus, Religious Studies, 405 GCB, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211-4140, USA; W: +1-706-583-0309; yogacara_assoc@hotmail.com. The seminar explores Buddhist Yogācāra philosophy and its roots in India, East Asia, and Tibet, focusing on Sanskrit, Chinese, and Tibetan texts. It also welcomes interdisciplinary examination of the relation of Yogācāra Studies to other fields (for example, philosophy, psychology, hermeneutics, and the sciences). For more information, see our website: <http://www.uncwil.edu/p&rr/yogacaras/>. The 2002 Annual Meeting will be the concluding session for this seminar.

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* New Program Unit *

Zen Buddhism Seminar

Gereon Kopf, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Luther College, 700 College DR, Decorah, IA 52101; W: +1-563-387-1497; kopf@martin.luther.edu. Jin Y. Park, Department of Philosophy and Religion, American University, 4400 Massachusetts AVE NW, Washington DC 20016; W: +1-202-885-2919; jypark@american.edu. The seminar invites papers exploring a comparative study between 1) Zen and Taoism; 2) Zen and Confucianism; and 3) Zen and other Buddhist schools as well as 4) a comparison between different schools of Zen especially during the formative period of the school in order to understand the construction of Zen identity.

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CONSULTATIONS

Anthropology of Religion Consultation

Pamela Klassen, Victoria College, Northrop Frye Hall 222, 73 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, ON M5S 1K7, CANADA; W: +1-416-585-4573; F: +1-416-585-4584; p.klassen@utoronto.ca. June McDaniel, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29424, USA; W: +1-843-953-5956; F: +1-843-953-6388; mcdanielj@cofc.edu. Experiencing Experience: Fieldwork Dilemmas in the Study of Religion: A session investigating contributions and problems of fieldwork in the study of religion, especially issues raised through participant-observation of religious experience and the fear and attraction of 'going native.' Proposals should refer to direct field experience and research, focus on scholars' interactions with people in the field, and attend to relevant methodological and theoretical issues concerning anthropological study of religion. Comparative Matchmaking: Religion and Cultural Reproduction: Religious aspects of courtship and marriage selection in local and transnational contexts, including shifting definitions of endogamy/exogamy at institutional and grassroots levels; significance of gender, ethnicity, class, and other forms of identity; ritual inventions and transformations. Papers must refer significantly to Hindu and/ or Jewish practices, but need not be limited

to these traditions. Co-sponsored with Comparative Studies in Hinduism and Judaism; send proposals to both units.

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Augustine and Augustinianisms Consultation

Charles Mathewes, Department of Religious Studies, Cocke Hall, PO BOX 400126, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4126, USA; W: +1-434-924-6708; F: +1-434-924-1467; ctm9d@virginia.edu. Papers are invited especially on two themes: 1) 'Augustine Reading' and 'Reading Augustine'—Augustine as reader of texts and Augustine as read texts. 2) Augustine on the Body (to be co-sponsored with the Platonism and Neo-Platonism Group). Papers that invite both historical and constructive engagement are especially welcome. Accepted papers will be expected to be delivered (in completed form) to the chair by October 20, in order to mail the papers to panel respondents in sufficient time to allow them to compose responses.

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* New Program Unit *

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation

Robert Orsi, Harvard University; robert_orsi@harvard.edu. Leigh Eric Schmidt, Princeton University; leschmid@princeton.edu. This group is devoted to historical inquiry into the social and cultural contexts of the making of "religion" as an object of inquiry. We invite papers or proposals for whole sessions on the history of the study of religion and the history of emotions; the intersection of the history of the study of religion with the history of the study of masculinity, gender, sexuality; and on constructions of "religion" in the early history of the book, including encyclopedias, dictionaries. Proposals may address the history of the study of religion in any period (e.g. early Christianity) or tradition (e.g., construction of "Hinduism" in relation to the history of Western sexuality).

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History, Method, and Theory in the Study of Religion Consultation

Gregory D. Alles, 410 Steeplechase CT, Hanover, PA 17331-1382, USA; W: +1-410-857-2460; F: +1-410-857-2729; galles@wmdc.edu. Arthur McCalla, 1700 NE Irving ST #49, Portland, OR 97232-2252, USA; W: +1-503-771-1112x7963; arthur.mccalla@reed.edu. We solicit proposals that address the following topics: 1) expositions, congresses, universities, and publication projects in the study of religions during the nineteenth century, especially with reference to John P. Burris, *Exhibiting Religion: Colonialism and Spectacle at International Expositions, 1851-1893* (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2002); 2) either pramatism as a theoretical resource for the study of religions or pragmatism, race, and the study of religions (a joint session with the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group); and 3) excluded or neglected disciplines, such as geography, political science, and economics, and their potential contribution to the study of religions today. All proposals should be sent to Arthur McCalla (arthur.mccalla@reed.edu).

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Law, Religion, and Culture Consultation

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Religion and Disability Studies Consultation

Maureen Connolly, Womens Studies/ Physical Education, Brock University, St Catharines, ON L2S 3A1, CANADA; W: +1-905-688-5550x4358; mconnoll@arnie.pec.brocku.ca. Tom Craig, 359 Scott ST, St Catharines, ON L2M 3W2, CANADA; W: +1-905-646-6226; aporia4u@cogeco.ca. This year we invite cross-disciplinary responses to Canadian feminist philosopher, Susan Wendell's, *The Rejected Body: Feminist Philosophical Reflections on Disability* (Routledge: 1996) — particularly the thematics of the transcendence of the body and a community-based ethic of care. Our secondary emphasis, 'Living Bodies Interpreting Texts,' is designed to explore the implications of reading and interpreting the sacred from within the contested boundaries of the body as lived. Papers which combine commentary on both Wendell and embodied interpretations of the sacred are especially encouraged.

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Religion and Human Rights Consultation

Arvind Sharma, Religious Studies, McGill University, 3520 University ST, Montreal, QC H3A 2A7, CANADA; W: +1-514-398-4123; F: +1-514-398-2102; cxlj@musica.mcgill.ca. Sumner B. Twiss, FSU Department of Religion, Dodd Hall M05, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1520, USA; W: +1-850-644-1020; F: +1-850-644-7225; stwiss@admin.fsu.edu. Topic for 2002: Religion, Terrorism, and Human Rights. Papers from any disciplinary perspective, with preference given to those which explore the interaction of all three facets of the topic within a sustained case-study addressing pertinent conceptual, explanatory, and methodological issues. All submissions should be sent to both Sharma and Twiss.

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Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Consultation

J. Shawn Landres, 102 North Hope AVE, Apt 137, Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1656, USA; W: +1-805-893-3824; F: +1-805-893-2383; shawn@landres.com. Andrii Krawchuk, Faculty of Theology, St Paul University, 223 Main ST, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4, CANADA; W: +1-613-236-1393 x2415; akrawchuk@stpaul.uottawa.ca. We seek proposals focused on East-Central European (ECE) culture in North America, particularly those appropriate to the 2002 conference venue in Toronto. Topics might include the nineteenth-century frontier culture of ECE immigrants; post-World War II interactions between established religious groups and new ECE immigrants; worship styles, material culture, and architecture in ECE immigrant congregations; or the impact and influence of North America and North Americans on the development of ECE religion and theology prior to, during, and after socialism. All proposals should take a comparative approach, whether geographic (North America v. Central Europe) or religious (Jews, Muslims, Orthodox, etc.) We plan to coordinate one or more co-sponsored session(s) on immigrant religions with the North American Religions Section and/ or the Orthodox Studies Group.

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Religion, Culture, and Communication Consultation

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Election News



Jane Dammen McAuliffe was elected vice president for 2002.

McAuliffe will serve as president-elect in 2003 and then as president in 2004.



Susan E. Henking, was elected to a three-year term as secretary



Richard Amesbury was elected to a two-year term as student director.

Also in this election,

Vasudha Narayanan was confirmed as president for 2002, and Robert Orsi was confirmed as president-elect for 2002.

The AAR Public Understanding of Religion Committee invites nominations and self-nominations for the **Martin E. Marty Award for Contributions to the Public Understanding of Religion**. The award is intended to bring greater recognition to scholars whose relevance and eloquence speaks, not just to scholars, but more broadly to the public as well. Nominees for this award do not have to be AAR members. Send cover letter and c.v. by January 10 to Marty Nominations, AAR, 825 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30329, or to aar@aarweb.org.

The AAR solicits nominations for the **Ray L. Hart Service Award**. This award is given to persons whose dedication and service have made significant contributions to the AAR's mission of fostering excellence in the field of religion. Please send nominations to bdeconcini@aarweb.org.

The Board of the AAR is establishing a **Disabilities Task Force** to address issues and concerns of persons with disabilities in relation to the AAR. Please e-mail executive director, Barbara DeConcini at bdeconcini@aarweb.org if you are interested in participating.

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RSN welcomes essays by members, particularly those reflecting on professional practices and institutional locations, or on the place of the study of religion in the academy.

We also welcome suggestions for any of the regular features and letters to the editor. Please see page two for submission information.

Sexual Harassment Policy

AT ITS NOVEMBER 1996 meeting the AAR Board of Directors adopted a policy condemning sexual harassment in academic settings. Building upon the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's definition of sexual harassment, the statement is designed to elevate member's awareness of the range of behaviors that can be described as sexual harassment, and to articulate the AAR's own commitment to ensuring that its own activities and operations are free from the pernicious effects of such behavior.

The AAR's *Status of Women in the Profession Committee* drafted the statement which also draws from statements by a number of other learned societies that have established similar policies. When asked why it was important for the AAR to put forward such a statement, Emilie Townes, a former chair of the AAR's Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, said "...it is important to match the high standards the American Academy of Religion has for scholarship and research with a policy that calls forth the best of each of us professionally and interpersonally. It is important for AAR to make a clear and unambiguous statement against sexual harassment and provide all of the membership of the Academy resources for understanding and combating such dehumanizing behavior."

Sexual Harassment Policy For The American Academy of Religion

Introduction

The American Academy of Religion is committed to fostering and maintaining an environment of rigorous learning, research, and teaching in the field of religion. This environment must be free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a discriminatory practice which is unethical, unprofessional, and threatening to intellectual freedom. It usually involves persons of unequal power, authority, or influence but can occur between person of the same status.

Sexual harassment is illegal under Title VII of the 1980 Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments. Sexual harassment is a gross violation of professional ethics comparable to plagiarism or falsification of research. It should be regarded and treated as such by members of the Academy. The policy of the American Academy of Religion is to condemn sexual harassment. Members of the Academy are encouraged to file complaints about sexual harassment with the appropriate administrative office of the institution where the harasser is employed or where he or she is enrolled, or with appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Background

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) of the United States Government defines sexual harassment in the workplace or in the academic setting as:

"The use of one's authority or power, either explicitly or implicitly, to coerce another into unwanted sexual relations or to punish another for his or her refusal; or the creation of an intimidating, hostile or

offensive working environment through verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

Having friendships with students is common for teachers. It is also possible that teachers will experience attraction to students and experience students' sexual attraction to them. This cuts across gender and sexual orientation. Because of the inherent power differential between teacher and student, it is imperative that members of the Academy maintain the integrity of an environment which is not coercive, intimidating, hostile, or offensive.

The work of the Academy is best carried out in an atmosphere that fosters collegiality and mentoring. Sexual harassment can destroy or undermine this relationship. The impact of this on the life and future of the Academy cannot be belittled or ignored. When our actions are in violation of the dignity and integrity of another person, these actions are a profound violation of professional and human relationships. These are violations because they are exploitative and abusive.

Descriptions

Sexual harassment includes all behavior that prevents or impairs an individual's full enjoyment of educational or workplace rights, benefits, environments, or opportunities. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

1. sexist remarks, jokes, or behavior
2. unwelcome sexual advances, including unwanted touching
3. request for sexual favors
4. sexual assault, including attempted or completed physical sexual assault
5. the use of professional authority to inappropriately draw attention to the gender, sexuality or sexual orientation of an employee, colleague, or student
6. insults, including lewd remarks or conduct
7. visual displays of degrading sexual images or pornography
8. pressure to accept unwelcome social invitations

Sexual harassment occurs from these behaviors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when any or all of the following conditions apply:

1. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used, implicitly or explicitly, as a basis for employment decisions or academic decisions affecting such individuals; or
2. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment.

Such an atmosphere cannot and does not foster intellectual rigor or valuable, trusting human relationships. Both are necessary ingredients for good scholarship and professional excellence. The impact on the victim of sexual harassment can be profound. Studies on the effect of sexual harassment reveal disturbing consequences, such as

loss of self-confidence, decline in academic performance, and inhibited forms of professional interaction. Sexual harassment has no place in the American Academy of Religion at any organizational level — formal or informal. It is behavior that we must seek to identify and eradicate.

Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

At its November 1996 meeting the AAR Board of Directors adopted a policy condemning sexual harassment in academic settings. At its April 1998 meeting the Board approved a Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure.

The AAR's Status of Women in the Profession Committee formulated the procedure. In announcing the procedure for the membership, Emilie Townes, chair of the Committee, said "The Sexual Harassment Policy of the American Academy of Religion is designed to foster and maintain an environment of rigorous scholarship and professional excellence. Such an environment cannot be achieved when sexual harassment is present. The Policy is a clear and unambiguous statement against sexual harassment and it also provides resources for understanding and combating unprofessional and dehumanizing conduct. The Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure provides an equitable mechanism to implement the sexual harassment policy of AAR. The Procedure seeks to provide confidentiality and a fair procedure for all parties involved. It, along with the Sexual Harassment Policy, provides the membership of AAR with a clear statement concerning sexual harassment, resources that are educational in helping combat it, and a procedure for the Academy to address any cases that may arise from official activities of AAR. Together, the Policy and Grievance Procedure, help AAR create and maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and academic freedom in our mutual pursuit of excellence in scholarship."

Introduction

The Grievance Committee has primary responsibility for interpretation of the AAR Sexual Harassment Policy, for the evaluation of complaints brought under it, and for recommendations to the Board of Directors pertinent to such complaints. The Grievance Committee will review those cases arising out of formally constituted activities of the AAR and for which it is the most appropriate forum, if it considers the matter important to the profession, and if it deems the AAR's resources to be adequate to yield a fair judgment. The Grievance Committee will not accept complaints it deems capricious or principally vindictive, and, except in unusual circumstances, it will not pursue a case while the dispute is pending in another forum. Review of a complaint by the Grievance Committee should not be regarded as substitute for legal action.

Composition of the Grievance Committee

The Grievance Committee should have direct lines of accountability to the AAR Board of Directors and the membership. It should be representative of the diversity of the member of AAR and avoid unnecessary bureaucratization.

1. President

2. President Elect
3. Vice President
4. WP Chair
5. Secretary or Student Director in cases that involve a student

The Executive Director serves as the investigating officer.

No person who has been accused in the complaint will participate in the investigation or resolution of the complaint.

1. If any member of the Grievance Committee is named in the complaint, he or she is replaced by an appointment from the President. If the President is named in the complaint, the President Elect appoints a replacement for the President.
2. If someone comes forward with a complaint against the Executive Director, that complaint should be directed to the AAR President who will replace the Executive Director in her/his role as investigator and/or member of the Grievance Committee.

Complaint Procedure

1. The complainant should present the complaint as promptly as possible with the Executive Director after the alleged harassment occurs. Failure to present a complaint promptly may preclude recourse to legal procedures beyond the jurisdiction of the AAR should the complainant decide to pursue such action at a later date. The initial discussion between the complainant and the Executive Director should be kept confidential, with no written record.

The Executive Director has the authority to make a good faith effort to resolve the complaint through informal processes at this stage. There may be cases that can be resolved through efforts of mediation and for which the alleged offender apologizes for her/his actions. If the complainant, after the initial discussion with the Executive Director, decides to proceed, the complainant should submit a written statement to the Executive Director. The Executive Director then informs the alleged offender of the allegation and of the identity of the complainant in writing. A copy of this is sent to the complainant. Efforts should be made to protect the complainant from retaliatory action by the person(s) named in the complaint.

2. The Executive Director alerts the Grievance Committee that a complaint has been filed and promptly calls a meeting of the Committee. Each member of the Committee shall receive a copy of the written statement of the complaint.
3. The Grievance Committee may vote to either accept the complaint for full review or decline to consider the complaint. The Grievance Committee will base its decision on its judgment of its capacity to handle the matter in light of its resources and competence; the seriousness of the complaint; the degree to which the complaint alleges specific violations of the AAR Sexual Harassment

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Policy; the likelihood that the AAR will be able to make a positive contribution to resolving the problem; the availability of a more suitable forum, such as a university grievance procedure or the AAUP. If the Committee decides to decline consideration of the complaint, it will submit an explanation in writing to the complainant and the alleged offender.

4. The Executive Director will gather all facts pertinent to the allegations of the complaint. The investigation will be conducted promptly and objectively. The investigation will include statements by the complainant(s), person(s) accused, and others as necessary.
5. The Grievance Committee has the following options: If the Committee concludes that on the basis of the investigation insufficient evidence of harassment exists to warrant any action, may close the investigation and so notify the com-

plainant and alleged offender in writing. If the Committee concludes on the basis of the investigation that sexual harassment has occurred the following disciplinary actions may be taken:

1. Letter of reprimand to the offender.
2. Training and education regarding sexual harassment and appropriate and inappropriate behaviors with documentation to the Committee that this training has been completed. Failure to comply may result in the rescinding of membership.
3. Rescinding of membership in the AAR for a duration deemed appropriate by the committee.
4. Repeat offenders are subject only to disciplinary action 3.

Every effort will be made to maintain confidentiality throughout the process, but total confidentiality cannot be guaran-

teed. The Grievance Committee will protect the privacy of both the complainant and persons accused in every way possible during the process of the complaint and thereafter.

The AAR prohibits any form of retaliation against any member or employee of AAR filing a complaint against a member. Any retaliatory action of any kind taken against a complainant under this procedure is prohibited and will be the basis for a separate complaint subject to disciplinary action by the Grievance Committee.

If, after investigating a complaint the Grievance Committee determines that a complainant knowingly made a false complaint or knowingly provided false information regarding a complaint, the Committee may decide that disciplinary actions, as above, are warranted.

The decision of the Grievance Committee is final.

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A Message from the President, November 2001



IN THE AFTERMATH of the events that befell the US and the world on September 11, the AAR Board, under the guidance of our Executive Director, discussed whether or not we, as the Board of the largest learned society devoted to the study of religion, should issue a statement. After some rapid electronic communication among board members, the executive committee held a telephone conference. In the end we decided that we, the board, must issue a statement to our members urging them to contact the press offices in their universities and to find other ways to serve as resources for educating the public. After expressing horror at the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we stated:

We grieve with our members, their colleagues and students, who have lost loved ones in this tragedy. As the major professional association of scholars and teachers in the field of religion, we feel a special responsibility in this time of crisis. We therefore urge our members to find appropriate educational responses to these events and their aftermath in our classes, our colleges and universities, and our communities, and to serve as resources in the national conversation on a range of issues that have been foregrounded by this tragedy: suffering and evil, human rights and religious liberties, international order and justice, democracy and the common good. The AAR Board especially wishes to urge members to encourage conversation on campuses and in communities about the dangers of religious and ethnic harassment and discrimination. Such educational engagements are appropriate to the Academy's mission to foster reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values by bringing the

teaching and scholarship of our members to bear on the public understanding of religion and religions. (Quote from AAR statement)

The response of the executive committee seemed feeble to me at the time, since no response could adequately measure or express the tragedy. In retrospect, at least in my judgment, our response expresses the strength, maturity, and goodness of our organization. Allow me to extend this observation to interpret that we are an organization, with special attention to the last year of work in the AAR.

First of all, under the leadership of the Executive Director Barbara DeConcini, we have a superb staff at the American Academy of Religion. In response to the events of September 11, the staff quickly gathered information we might need to consider a response, checked with other organizations, checked with subgroups and members of our organization, and got information out to the Executive Committee quickly and efficiently. Later I will talk about the Executive Committee's decision to uphold our agreement with the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver but for now let me observe that the staff did a tremendous amount of research on various different scenarios, networked with a wide variety of organizations holding contracts with the hotel chain, and realistically faced the possibility of having to reschedule much of the annual meeting!

Several weeks ago I attended a retreat for the Chief Administrative Officers of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Reporting on a census and survey of the membership organizations, Kathy Rudder asked each CAO's to look to her right and left for the colleagues sitting there would be gone by the next retreat. In a field in which the turn over rate is extraordinarily high, we have been privileged to enjoy our executive director for many years. Barbara's gifts in management, leadership, finance and development are well known. She has led us through a period of growth in size and complexity; she has guided us through the difficulties of dissolving Scholars Press and finding new ways to relate to our neighbor in the Luce Center and our partner for our joining meetings, the Society for Biblical Literature. I also want to note that in all this good work, Barbara has John Harrison as her COO. John has helped us all a great deal with his immense knowledge of societies such as ours, his legal eye and financial sensibilities, and also his kindness and wit.

The ability of the AAR to respond to September 11 depended upon a professional staff that knew how to prepare volunteers for a quick and speedy response.

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About The AAR

This Annual Report 2001 aims to display some of the important ways in which the American Academy of Religion is serving our members and the field of religion. It gives evidence as well to the continuing robust health of the Academy.

I am struck by the extent to which two things are true about the AAR and account for a great deal of our success: (1) Everything we do is facilitated and enlivened by the work of our members, who volunteer their services in astonishing numbers and myriad ways. (2) All our major programs and activities are shaped by and grounded in a strategic vision of the Academy's mission and work, a vision articulated by our volunteer leadership group and translated into a plan that provides me and my staff with our ongoing mandate.

AAR members volunteer your expertise and time as members of the Board of Directors and some twenty-five active committees and task forces, as Annual Meeting program unit chairs and steering committee members, as regional officers and leadership teams, as editors and on editorial boards for our scholarly journal and our five monograph series, as student liaisons to graduate programs in the field, as official representatives to other bodies, as scholarly experts to the media and governmental agencies, and as consultants on a range of projects from our recently completed Census of the Undergraduate Study of Religion and Theology to one of our newest initiatives in support of teaching religion in the schools.

In all, about 10% of our members offer your services in support of the Academy's work. I know of no other scholarly society in the American Council of Learned Societies that can boast a higher proportion of members actively engaged in association leadership, service, and governance. This level of commitment and engagement is indisputably one of our greatest strengths. As new teachers and scholars enter the profession, we

are always looking to renew and augment our cadre of volunteer leadership. I invite you to offer your services in Annual Meeting program units, regional activities, and committees and task forces. And let me know of your interests and availability.

I expect that we are all familiar with the vocabulary of planning, with its emphases on mission, goals and objectives, and outcomes. Indeed, many of us probably find the language—indeed, the practice—onerous. But in my AAR experience over the past ten years, the Academy's use of a vibrant strategic thinking and planning process has been essential to our growth in programs and services and thus in membership. Two of the signature programs featured in this year's Annual Report, the Religion & the Media Project and the Academic Relations Program, grew directly out of this planning process.

Back in 1993, when the Board committed itself to the eight goals which they articulated as flowing from the AAR's core mission, these programs were no more than a glint in the eyes of our imaginations. Now, with substantial support from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Lilly Endowment, we are mounting major new initiatives (1) to contribute to the broad public understanding of religion by making our members' expertise readily available to the news media and (2) to advance and secure the academic study of religion by mapping its contours, offering leadership development opportunities to department chairs, and creating resources to promote the field.

What issues and challenges are on the horizon now that invite our imagination and engagement? Over the coming year, we will be asking this question and seeking responses from you, our members and our

Barbara DeConcini

Executive Director

Mission Statement

In a world where religion plays so central a role in social, political, and economic events, as well as in the lives of communities and individuals, there is a critical need for ongoing reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values. The American Academy of Religion's mission is to promote such reflection through excellence in scholarship and teaching in the field of religion. The Academy is dedicated to furthering knowledge of religion and religious institutions in all their forms and manifestations. This is accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, publications, programs, and services for members' professional development.

Within a context of free inquiry and critical examination, the Academy welcomes all disciplined reflection on religion—from both within and outside of communities of belief and practice—and seeks to enhance its broad public understanding.

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Secondly, the AAR is an organization that reflects continually upon itself or, in the popular jargon, of the day it is a "learning organization" continually asking itself who it is, what it had done will and what it can do better, etc. The AAR has established a structures task force to consider how we structure our organization with special attention to how the current structures serve, or do not serve, the current goals of the institution. The structures task force is led by Raymond Williams and has already made recommendations concerning board orientation, communication of committee work, review of committees and board self-review.

The AAR spent considerable time this year cultivating its relationship with the SBL. Harry Attridge, president of the SBL, and I called together a joint meeting of the AAR Executive Committee and the SBL Council. The Executive Committee and Board discussed the future of the relationship with the SBL, and affirmed our joint meetings until at least 2007. Many AAR members feel strongly about the intellectual and practical reasons of meeting with the SBL. Other AAR members wonder if the time is not right to hold joint meetings with other groups specializing in an area of religion. And some members express concern of the administrative difficulties in holding the meetings together, while others express great enjoyment at the large size the meeting.

Yet another example of the reflexivity of the AAR was a brainstorming session on strategic planning for the executive committee held in Denver in April 2001 and featuring Kathy Rudder, former CAO of the American Political Science Association and President of the National Humanities Alliance. Dr. Rudder began her presentation with an overview of difficulties facing the humanities and their related learning societies. From the reality of the growth of community colleges to the problems of faculty governance, Rudder described a continually changing landscape of higher education. The discussion was lively and stimulating concerning matters of higher education in general and the strength and weaknesses of the AAR in particular. We affirmed the openness of the AAR, its commitment to various constituencies, and its openness to differing viewpoints. We identified challenges in terms of our relationship to partner organizations, the potential of schisms within the AAR, and the need to monitor our resources. The conversation will feed into our strategic planning, but it was also a formation exercise for the board in terms of shaping our ability to discuss the nature and mission of the AAR.

A final example (final only for this report!) was a focus that will need to continue on international matters and the AAR. This conversation included how best to related to organizations that focus on the academic study of religion in other countries; how to encourage international members in the AAR and how to help fund international participants in the AAR. Throughout these conversations was an emergent narrative about how the AAR is, itself, increasingly international in its mission and nature.

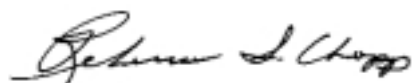
Thirdly, because of the array of some of our services developed in recent years, especially our Nonpartisan Sources on Religion Referral Program and our Academic Relations Program, the

executive committee and the staff had some avenues and channels through which to think about how best to respond to the September 11 crisis. When we discussed the possibility of issuing a press release, Steve Herrick, director of the program, knew from experience and contacts the difficulty of this approach. Meanwhile the Academic Relations Program, under the leadership of Edward Gray, had made us all aware of the tremendous network of scholars we have teaching religion in our university. Our emphasis on teaching and research in academic departments and schools combined with our recent commitment to serve as resources for public affairs and for journalism to lead us to believe this was the time to ask our members to step forward and offer their services to their schools as well as to other institutions in their communities.

My point, I hope, is made. The Executive Committee was able to respond to an extraordinary event because in ordinary times we created a strong and robust organization.

Ordinary Business: Much of the work this year, of course, focused on ordinary courses of business especially, as always, the annual meeting. But that focus this year has its own special feature as the board and executive committee struggled to respond to the boycott on the Adam's Mark Hotels called by the NAACP in late July. I have already mentioned the extraordinary response by the staff that contacted lawyers, ran budget scenarios, considered other options in the Denver area, and fiddled with changes in the program and sites. I won't go into the details of the pro and cons of the decision. The Board entered into an electronic discussion that was vigorous and heated. The Executive Committee spent most of the August 18 meeting discussing the topic. The Board considered the facts of the boycott, the mission of the AAR, the American legal system, the AAR's commitment to diversity and justice, the implications, fiscal and physical if we cancelled our contract, the legal implications of breaking our contract with the AAR, possible precedents, and the decisions of other organizations. In the end, the Executive Committee decided to move plenary sessions, the business meeting, the party and to offer plenary speakers the option of moving out of the Adam's Mark Hotel. The criteria we developed was that we would move sessions and activities that represent the whole of the AAR and are open to everyone and do not overlap with other sessions. It was not a decision that everyone on the board supports but it was a decision arrived at after a great deal of deliberation and in good faith with what we understand as the mission of the organization.

Conclusion. It has been a pleasure to serve an organization from which I have gained so much throughout my professional career. I have greatly missed the wisdom on Ninian Smart who would have served so ably in the role the AAR's Past President, a role most important to the current president. I very much appreciate the support of Vasudha Narayanan, to whom I will turn the reins over soon, and Robert Orsi, the Vice President during the last year.



Rebecca S. Chopp

Goals

To accomplish this mission, the American Academy of Religion has the following goals:

- To promote research and scholarship in the field of religion.
- To foster excellence in teaching in the field of religion.
- To support and encourage members' professional development.
- To develop programming and participation in AAR regional organizations.
- To advance publication and scholarly communication in the field of religion.
- To contribute to the public understanding of religion.
- To welcome into our conversation the various voices in the field of religion and to support and encourage diversity within the AAR.
- To help to advance and secure the future of the academic study of religion.

Governance & Service

A board of directors comprised of officers elected by the entire membership (6), regionally-elected directors (10), chairs of standing committees (currently 7), a student member, the ACLS delegate, and the JAAR editor governs the Academy. Some twenty committees and task forces of volunteers provide programmatic planning and oversight.

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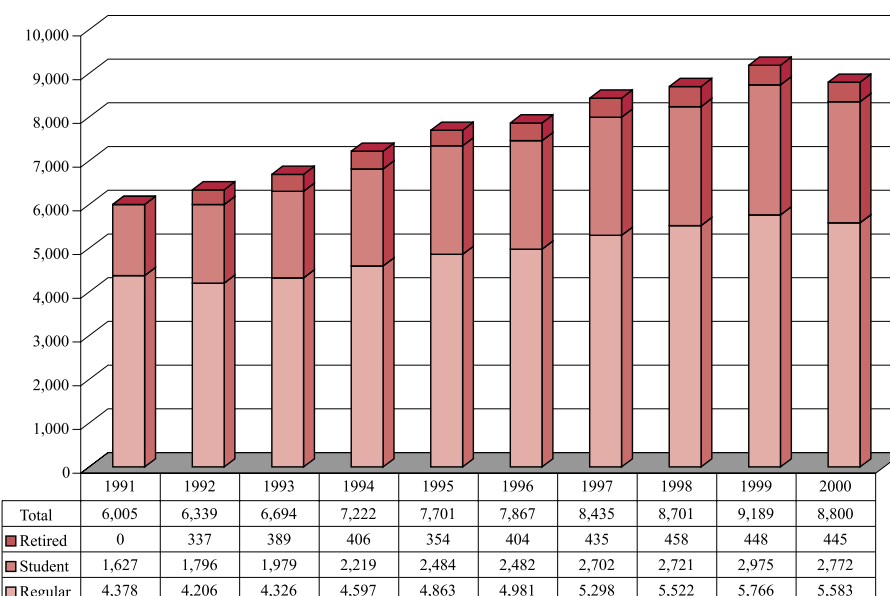
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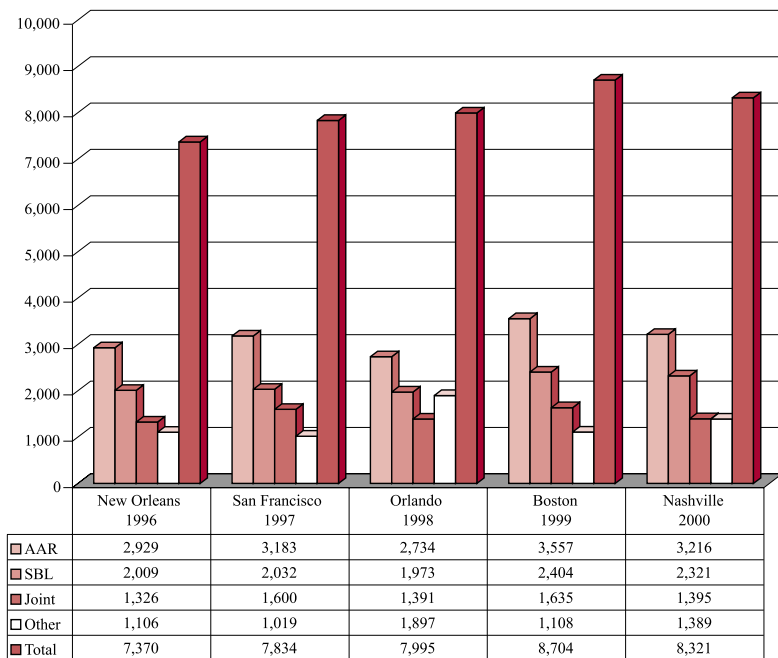
AAR membership has grown substantially since 1991, with 2000 membership figures almost 50% higher than at the beginning of this ten-year period. A small dip in membership (4%) was noted for 2000, probably related to the dissolution of Scholars Press and with it the joint AAR/SBL membership on a single form. The large share of our 4% drop was in joint and joint student memberships. Regular membership accounts for about 65% of the total over the years, and student membership has been steady at or near 32% for the same period; the remainder of the membership is in the retired category. AAR memberships run for the calendar year.



Meetings

Annual Meeting Registration 1996-2000

The AAR and SBL Annual Meetings are the world's largest scholarly conference on religion and, for the four days of the conference, the world's largest religion bookstore. The meeting continues to grow in size and complexity, from the number of registrants, sessions, and exhibitors to the number of special workshops and conferences of related scholarly organizations. Currently, the AAR program structure is comprised of fourteen sections, forty-eight groups, six seminars, and eleven consultations, for a total of 79 program units. Plenary lectures, arts events, business meetings, professional development sessions, and a whole range of social events for various constituencies enhance the program.



Future Academy-Wide Meeting Dates

- 2002**
November 23-26 in Toronto, Ontario
- 2003**
November 22-25 in Atlanta, Georgia
- 2004**
November 20-23 in San Antonio, Texas
- 2005**
November 19-22 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2006**
November 18-21 in Washington, DC

Regional Meetings 2002

Every member residing in North America is also a member of one of AAR's ten regional groups. All members are welcome to attend and participate in any regional meeting. Regional calls for papers are available at www.aarweb.org.

Southwest

Harvey Hotel
Irving, TX
March 9-10, 2002

Upper Midwest

Luther Seminary
St. Paul, MN
April 5-6, 2002

West

St. Mary's College
Moraga, CA
March 24-26, 2002

Eastern International

St. Paul University
Ottawa, ON, Canada
April 27-28, 2002

Mid-Atlantic

Radisson Hotel Cross Keys
Baltimore, MD
March 14-15, 2002

Midwest

DePaul Center
Chicago, IL
April 5-7, 2002

New England-Maritimes

Brandeis University
Waltham, MA
April 12, 2002

Pacific Northwest

University of Oregon
Eugene, OR
May 3-5, 2002

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains

Sheraton Omaha Hotel
Omaha, NE
April 19-20, 2002

Southeast

Atlanta Marriott
Century Center
Atlanta, GA
March 8-10, 2002

Publications

Publishing

AAR's publishing alliance with Oxford University Press is proving effective. We are delighted with the quality of our AAR-OUP publications and pleased that we have established fine working relationships between and among our volunteer editors, AAR staff, and Oxford editors and staff. Currently, our backlist books published through Scholars Press continue to be available from Oxford at 800-451-7556. Oxford is publishing JAAR and our five series of monographs.

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We invite and encourage members to contact our editors about your research projects and publishing plans. Since a couple of the series editors are completing their terms of service at calendar year's end, you may wish to contact the Chair of the Publications Committee, Terry Godlove. Recently, the AAR Board approved a grant program to fund translation projects for publishing in the Texts & Translations Series. For information about these grants and how to apply for support, contact Mark Csikszentmihalyi.

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Grants

In the past decade, the Academy has awarded \$350,000 to hundreds of members in support of their research and built an endowment to support the program. The 2001-2002 recipients of AAR Research Grant Awards and the titles of their projects are:

Margaret Bendroth, *The Urban Roots of American Fundamentalism*.

Anne L. Clark, *Guarding Sacred Things: Women's Communities in Rome and Soissons*.

Ronald M. Davidson, *Epigraphic Research in Indian Esoteric Buddhism*.

Jack A. Hill, *Moral Motifs in Western Polynesia*.

Laura Hobgood-Oster, *Holy Dogs and Asses: Saints and Animals in the History of the Christian Tradition*.

Frank J. Korom, *The Patuya in Transition: Modernity and Ritual Transformation*.

Gerald P. McKenny, et al, *Genre and Persuasion in Religious Studies*.

Prabha Reddy, *Brahmin Priests of*

Bhramarambha and Virasaiva Priests of Siva:

Issues of Custodianship and Power Dynamics at Srisaalam.

Vera Shevzov, *Mary in Modern Russia*.

Smriti Srinivas, *Channels of Charisma: Transnational Circuits and Cultures of Representation in the Sai Baba Movement*.

Charles D. Thompson, *You Must Not Idle Stand: The Old German Baptist Brethren and Agricultural Change in Rural Virginia*.

Theodore M. Vial, *'God Still Loves the German Nation': Nationalism and Christianity in*

Schleiermacher's Political Sermons.

Melissa Wilcox, *The Los Angeles Women and Spirituality Project*.

Duncan Williams, *Camp Dharma: Ethnic Identity and Buddhism in the Japanese-American Internment Camp Experience*.

Liz Wilson, *Sex and the Single Nun: Contemporary Buddhist Views on Gender, Sexuality, and Family Life*.

Awards

Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards

Analytical-Descriptive Studies

Susan Friend Harding, *The Book of Jerry Falwell: Fundamentalist Language and Politics*. Princeton University Press, 2000.

Constructive-Reflective

Peter S. Hawkins, *Dante's Testaments: Essays in Scriptural Imagination*. Stanford University Press, 1999.

J. J. Clarke, *The Tao of the West: Western Transformations of Taoist Thought*. Routledge, 2000.

Historical

Leigh Eric Schmidt, *Hearing Things: Religion, Illusion, and the American Enlightenment*. Harvard University Press, 2000.

Jacqueline I. Stone, *Original Enlightenment and the Transformation of Medieval Japanese Buddhism*. University of Hawai'i Press, 1999.

Best First Book in the History of Religions

Jason David Beduhn, *The Manichaean Body: In Discipline and Ritual*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000.

Jonathan Klawans, *Impurity and Sin in Ancient Judaism*. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Excellence in Teaching Award

Eugene Gallagher, Connecticut College

Ray L. Hart Service Award

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion

David Knipe, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Best In-Depth News Reporting on Religion Award

Rhonda Parks Manville, Santa Barbara News-Press.

Richard N. Ostling, Associated Press.

Bill Tammeus, Kansas City Star.

The Department

Leadership Workshops for Chairs of Departments and Programs

The Academic Relations Task Force mounted its second Annual Meeting Chairs' Workshop as part of the *Strengthening College and University Religion and Theology Programs* initiative supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. Workshops have brought more than fifty chairs from across the nation for seminars with national education experts on student outcomes assessment (Barbara Walvoord) and evaluating teaching (Peter Seldin).

Enhancements have been made to **The Department** section of the website. One change has been to create a page *Especially for Chairs*. From here, chairs can access the *Guide for Reviewing Programs in Religion & Theology*, search the online finding list of religion and theology programs, register for the Chairs Workshop, look up Annual Meeting activities focusing on the profession, and enroll in the Academic Relations Program.

Both chairs and senior faculty in the field are invited to participate in the Program Advisory Service. This new service allows departments to request the services of members with demonstrated expertise in program review and consulting. It also allows for the capture of information from experienced consultants. The service will match reviewers against the needs and desires of programs undergoing review or seeking particular expertise.

Census of Religion and Theology Programs, 2000

Among the most important developments in 2001 was the completion of the AAR Census of Religion and Theology Programs 2000. Thanks to the cooperation of nearly 900 department chairs and program unit heads across the US and Canada, we can begin to answer some key questions about the undergraduate study of religion and theology. Every department chair who completed the census received a special respondent's report showing how that program compares to similar ones, as measured by Carnegie classification, institutional affiliation, and region.

Turning field-wide data into strategic information is a hallmark of this and other AAR efforts to support departments through the Academic Relations Program. The census will be repeated every two years, so that comparative longitudinal information will facilitate and inform strategic planning for the field. A special pullout section of the Fall 2001 issue of *RSN-AAR* reported some initial findings. More reports are planned for chairs and other leaders in the field to assist them in making the case that every student deserves an education that includes the study of religion. A downloadable public data set of findings (modified to exclude identifying data) is available for researchers and other interested parties.

Census data have been used to provide basic contact information on all programs in religion and theology known to us. This information is available as an online finding list with several useful search functions.

Institutional Responses

Institution Type	Frequency	%
Public	222	24.7
Private non-sectarian	183	20.4
Catholic	153	17.1
Jewish	3	0.3
Protestant	324	36.1
Other religious affiliation	12	1.3

Programs offering courses in the following "topics," - by percentage of those responding.

American religion	42%
Arts and Literature	31%
Ethics	47%
Gender & Sexuality	29%
New religious movements	18%
Philosophy of religion	47%
Racial & Ethnic studies	21%
Ritual & performance studies	16%
Social Scientific approaches & topics	23%
Women's Studies	33%

Department/Program Resources

Department Budgets	
Less than \$50 000	24.0
\$50 000 - \$99 999	13.2
\$100 000 - \$249 999	20.8
\$250 000 - \$499 999	16.4
\$500 000 - \$999 999	1.6
\$1 million-\$2 million	3.7
\$2 million or more	1.7

Programs offering courses in the following "traditions" — by percentage of those responding.

Bible	
Old Testament	78%
New Testament	84%
Christianity	
Historical Christianity	71%
Christian Theology	65%
Christian Ethics	54%

Department Size

	Public	Private, non-sectarian	Catholic	Protestant
Average Full-time positions	6.6	5.6	8.3	5.8
Tenured positions	4.2	3.1	5.1	2.8
Tenure track positions	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.3
Long-term contract positions	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.2
Terminal contract positions	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Joint appointments	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Part-time positions	3.3	2.5	6.7	3.5

Faculty Profile, By rank

	Public	Private, non-sectarian	Catholic	Protestant
Faculty Rank (% at each rank)				
Professor	40.4	39.2	29.7	42.6
Associate professor	26.8	22.0	25.8	24.0
Assistant professor	17.9	23.4	23.0	23.1
Instructor/Other	14.8	15.3	21.5	10.4

The Profession

Religious Studies News, AAR Edition

Religious Studies News-AAR Edition (RSN-AAR) began publishing in fall 2000 as the AAR's successor to *Religious Studies News*, which was published with the Society of Biblical Literature. RSN-AAR has continued as the newspaper of record for the field and has expanded coverage of news from inside and outside the AAR. During this past year, several features have become established. Among them are the department chair interview series, *Department Meeting*; interviews with committee chairs and other volunteer leaders in *Beyond the Annual Meeting*; profiles of AAR members in *Member-at-Large*; and conversations about new research and writing in *Research Briefing*.

RSN-AAR returns to a quarterly publication schedule in 2002. It will appear in January, March, April, and October. The January issue will include the Annual Meeting *Call for Papers*, the *Annual Report*, and notices of other opportunities for members. Several changes have occurred in the publication during 2001. With the Fall 2001 issue, *RSN-AAR* adopted a new look, with a more readable four-column format and in the official AAR burgundy color. The publication is attracting advertisers interested in informing members about publications and opportunities of interest. For more information on *RSN-AAR*, including how to submit features ideas, essays, letters to the editor, or display ads, visit our website.

With the Spring 2001 issue, *In the Field*, formerly a section at the back of

the paper, became a separate online publication. As the AAR's newest web-based publication, it is available in a new issue each month during the academic year. *In the Field* posts calls for papers, grant opportunities, and conference announcements to members on a more frequent schedule than was possible in *RSN-AAR*.

Spotlight on Teaching

Spotlight on Teaching is an expression of the AAR's goal to foster excellence in teaching in the field of religion. Since its debut in 1994, *Spotlight* has become a principal venue for imaginative explorations in teaching and learning. Edited by Richard Freund, *Spotlight* appears as a special supplement to *RSN-AAR* in the spring and fall.

Issues published this year:

Spring 2001: *Teaching Religion and Music*, Tazim Kassam, Editor

Fall 2001: *Issues in Teaching about Religion and Theology in Great Britain*, Hugh S. Pyper, Editor

Employment Information Services

The AAR administers the AAR/SBL Employment Information Services, providing opportunities for communication between employing institutions and credentialed candidates in the field. This communication is achieved through online publishing of job opportunities in *Openings: Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion* and a central location and support services for employers and candidates in person at the Employment Information Services Center during the annual meeting.

The EIS Center serves hundreds of interested scholars by centralizing information about position announcements and candidate qualifications. The Center also facilitates the interview process by providing semi-private space in the Interview Hall, arranging access to private interview rooms, and mounting programs on career development such as this year's Special Topics Forum, *If I Knew Then What I Know Now: Lessons from the First Year on the Job*.

Thanks to new administrative efficiencies, AAR was able to reduce candidate fees this year and open the center's interview hall to any annual meeting registrant with an interview invitation from a registered employer. This change recognized that many candidates use only one aspect of the service and often

do so at the request of employers. Additionally, hours have been expanded on Saturday and Sunday, and we continue to improve the physical environment in an effort to create an atmosphere reflecting the dignity—and easing the stress—of the occasion.

Teaching Resources & Initiatives

With support from the Lilly Endowment, AAR is creating an online *AAR Teaching Resources Center* to gather and assess the concrete products of the teaching workshops and other AAR teaching initiatives that the Endowment and others have supported over the past decade. This new project will consolidate the many curricular and pedagogic resources developed over the years by workshop participants and make them more widely available and usable in digitized form. The resulting online data bank will include selected projects of the 150 teaching workshop alumni; hundreds of course syllabi submitted by members; the entire series of *Spotlight on Teaching*; guides for evaluating teaching in religion and theology and for assessing departmental teaching and learning.

The AAR Syllabus Project, edited by Michel Desjardins and initiated and overseen by the Committee on Teaching and Learning, has moved from its original host institution, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada, to the AAR website. This change will make access easier for members and permit a fuller integration of the service into our other teaching and learning initiatives. AAR is grateful to Wilfrid Laurier for their generous support of this project.

From College Course Syllabus to Teaching about Religion in the Schools

This new project, supported in part by funds from the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) and directed by Bruce Grelle, aims to create new teaching and learning resources for secondary school teachers. Collaborative pairs of tertiary and secondary-level faculty will create modules for integrating the study of religion into secondary school social studies and humanities curricula. Teams are working in three areas (Religion in U.S. History, Religion & Politics, Religion in Literature & the Arts). This is one of the early initiatives of the AAR Religion in the Schools Task Force.

A look at the field, by institutional affiliation

	Public	Private, non-sectarian	Catholic	Protestant
Student Profile				
Ratio of religion majors to total enrollment	1 : 40	1 : 26	1 : 46	1 : 18
Number of declared majors (average)	30.4	22.1	23.0	51.3
Number of bachelor's degrees (average)	11.4	9.4	8.0	16.0
Women receiving bachelor's degrees (%)	56.6	49.8	53.7	39.9
Curricular Profile				
Average number of courses offered	35.1	27.4	43.4	38.6
Introductory courses as a percentage of all courses offered	*28.7	45.3	35.4	34.2
Percentage of reporting programs offering courses in				
(Traditions courses)				
Christianity	86.0	89.1	97.9	97.7
Buddhism	57.0	51.5	27.9	15.7
Confucianism/Taoism	37.1	26.7	19.7	8.8
Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	50.0	38.2	25.9	12.2
Indigenous Religions	35.5	16.4	21.1	9.5
Islam	51.1	49.7	29.3	14.9
Judaism	64.5	58.2	44.2	20.2
(Topics courses)				
Arts, Literature & Religion				
/Ritual & Performance	41.9	41.2	46.3	29.0
Ethics/Philosophy of Religion	72.6	67.9	57.1	66.0
Social Scientific Study of Religion./				
New Religious movements	46.2	34.6	32.0	24.4
Women's Studies**	60.2	52.7	52.4	29.0
Racial and Ethnic Studies in Religion	25.3	20.6	26.5	16.4
American Religion	47.9	52.1	43.5	38.6
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¹ Institution type variable derived from question A2. Carnegie classification (1994) was used to identify "Associate" institutions.

* Includes all sections of courses.

** Includes Gender and Sexuality.

² Data regarding majors and baccalaureate degrees not reported for institutions that do not grant baccalaureate degrees.

Outreach

AAR Center for Religion & the Media

To foster better news coverage of religion, the AAR responds to journalists seeking scholars who can offer insight into the specific topics the journalists are writing about. Over the past year, the AAR has responded to over 250 queries, referring reporters to some

seven hundred scholars. The queries span over a hundred topics, the more popular ones being charitable choice, cyberspace and religion, ethical issues in stem-cell research, and Islam. News outlets requesting referrals include the Associated Press, *Atlantic Monthly*,

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Dallas Morning News, Globe and Mail, Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, National Public Radio (NPR), New York Times, Public Broadcasting Corporation (PBS), Religion News Service, and Washington Post.

Reporters continue to praise the AAR for this service. A reporter from Florida recently wrote us, "The AAR is first-rate, indispensable—my first resource when seeking experts.

I have always [gotten] great sources from you guys." A reporter in North Carolina wrote, "I have benefited from the service enormously. . . . It has helped give my column more depth and range because I'm calling the best people in the field, rather than relying exclusively on the universities near me." And a reporter in Pennsylvania wrote, "The service is wonderful. You manage to find experts on all sorts of far-flung topics on short notice. And it's experts who not only are well spoken, but polite and gracious and want to talk. . . . You've saved my stories more times than I can say."

Through a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the AAR is creating a comprehensive database of scholars and their expertise that, beginning in early 2002, journalists will be able to access online. The team assembling the data is led by a university librarian with a

Ph.D. in sociology and includes doctoral students in religion and political science, several having divinity degrees. The advisory board includes journalists from the *Austin American-Statesman*, Beliefnet.com, Cable News Network (CNN), NPR, and the *Washington Post*. The website is being developed by Merrill-Hall New Media, whose clients include CNN and the Georgia Humanities Council. Lipman Hearne, the country's largest public relations firm for nonprofits, is providing marketing advice.

Steve Herrick, Director of External Relations, gives leadership to the AAR's outreach programs. Herrick, a political scientist whose graduate work focused on religion and the law, was regional director of Amnesty International for ten years before joining the AAR staff seven years ago. Kyle Cole, who has a Ph.D. in journalism, seven year's experience as a reporter at city dailies, and as many years as a university professor, is the project's new media officer. Susan Snider, who has a B.A. in religion and nine years of administrative experience, is the new administrative assistant. The database contains over 5,000 scholars, and journalists will be able to search among a thousand different specialties to identify those scholars whose expertise most closely matches their news topics. The database of religion scholars includes, but is not limited to, AAR members.

The AAR had a strong presence at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Religion Newswriters Association (RNA). AAR President-Elect Vasudha Narayanan highlighted the referral service in her plenary presentation. Herrick and Cole provided information at an exhibit table and networked at the various social events. In addressing the crowd at the awards banquet, the RNA's master of ceremonies expressed appreciation for the AAR's service to journalists.

In 2001, the AAR expanded its Award for Best In-Depth Reporting on Religion into three categories. This year's winners are Richard N. Ostling of *Associated Press*, for the category of news outlets of over 100,000 circulation; Barbara Parks Manville of the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, for news outlets under 100,000; and Bill Tammeus of the *Kansas City Star*, for opinion writing.

About thirty journalists attended the 2000 AAR Annual Meeting including representatives from Beliefnet.com, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the *Christian Century*, *Christianity Today*, the *Dallas Morning News*, *Publishers Weekly*, London Weekend Television, and PBS.

U. S. Department of Justice

At the 2000 Annual Meeting, the FBI held an Additional Meeting to which it invited scholars publishing on new religious movements, chairs of program units addressing religion and the law,

members of the AAR Public Understanding of Religion Committee, and officers of the AAR Board of Directors. Those attending witnessed the simulation of a crisis confrontation between law enforcement officials and a gun-wielding pastor holed up in a nearby house. FBI agents role-played negotiating with the pastor by phone. From time to time, an agent moderating the session paused the simulation to explain the reasons behind the negotiators' actions and to respond to questions and comments from the scholars observing the simulation.

Since the Branch Davidian encounter with law enforcement officials in Waco, Texas, the AAR has encouraged the Justice Department to avail itself of scholarly expertise on religion. If leaders in law enforcement have a better understanding of unfamiliar religious groups, crisis encounters have a better chance of getting resolved peacefully. At the 2000 Annual Meeting, several FBI agents attended four specially-organized colloquies on militia groups in the U.S, international terrorism involving religion, the incident in Uganda involving the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments, and Islam and violence. The goal of colloquies such as these is to increase law enforcement officials' knowledge and understanding of religion and religious groups and institutions, with a view toward promoting nonviolence.

Resources

Financial Highlights

The Academy's finances continue a healthy operation in the black despite investment losses from market decline. Salient on the balance sheet is the addition of the Luce Center building (in a co-ownership capacity) to the assets. By working well within its budget, the Academy managed this acquisition without detriment to the positive operating bottom line.

The following is the actual audit summary prepared by the accounting firm of Brooks, McGinnis & Company, LLC.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Finance Committee of American Academy of Religion:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2001 and 2000 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of American Academy of Religion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

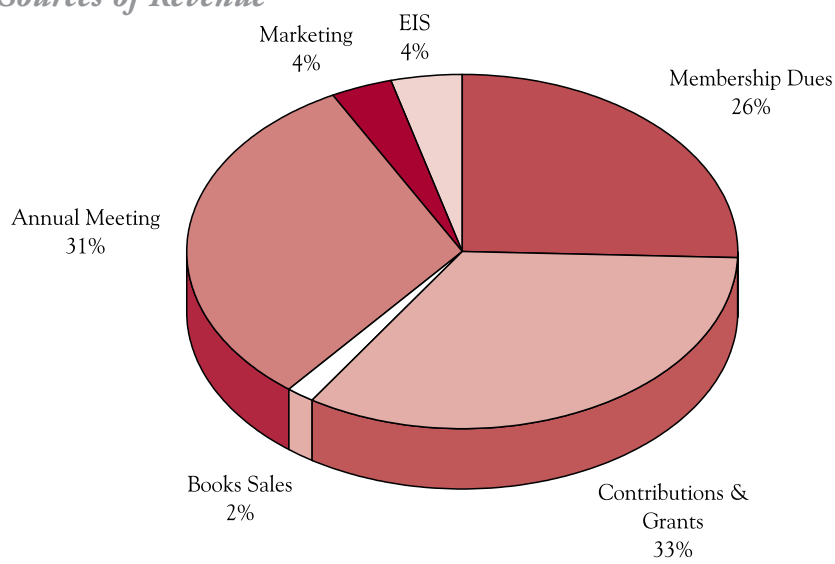
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Atlanta, Georgia
August 15, 2001*

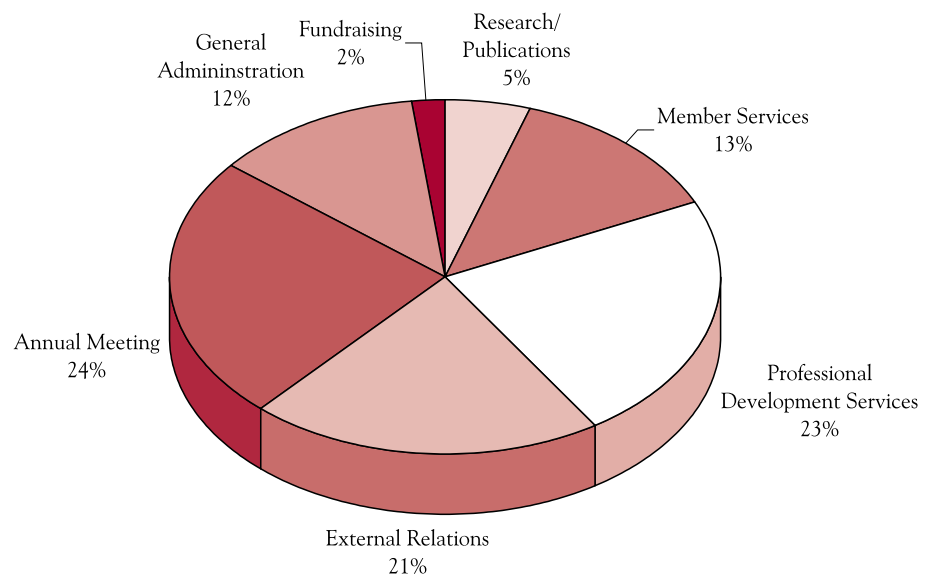
Statement of Financial Position, June 30, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$799,632	\$777,637
Marketable securities	4,920,455	5,308,104
Accounts receivable, net:		
Joint annual meeting	100	1,322
Scholars Press		103,207
Other	36,340	13,690
Pew grant receivable	816,960	
Prepaid expenses	7,363	6,090
Book inventories, net	12,450	24,855
Furniture and equipment, net	28,106	38,022
Share of Luce Center assets, net	2,310,690	
Total assets	\$8,932,096	\$6,272,927
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$101,206	\$93,821
Accrued vacation	59,181	30,082
Deferred revenue - memberships	243,782	240,000
Deferred revenue - annual meeting	439,937	384,091
Total liabilities	844,106	747,994
Commitments and contingencies		
Net assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	4,601,923	2,609,412
Temporarily restricted net assets	1,717,995	1,144,674
Permanently restricted net assets	1,768,072	1,770,847
Total net assets	8,087,990	5,524,933
Total liabilities and net assets	\$8,932,096	\$6,272,927

Sources of Revenue



Distribution of Expenses



Statements of Activities, June 30, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000
Changes in unrestricted net assets:		
Revenues and gains:		
Membership dues	\$571,031	\$589,272
Annual Meeting	705,133	705,045
Employment information services	94,716	57,850
Label sales	63,783	
Advertising and publications	15,149	42,581
Book sales	31,286	65,847
Contributions	11,530	12,599
Royalties	4,303	6,400
Investment income (loss)	(170,280)	211,971
Total unrestricted revenues and gains	1,326,651	1,691,565
Net assets released from purpose restrictions	740,728	266,198
Total unrestricted revenues, gains and support	2,067,379	1,957,763
Expenses:		
Research and publications	94,202	240,394
Member services	255,060	182,372
Professional development services	431,965	237,254
External relations	394,451	39,285
Annual Meeting	416,218	641,159
General and administration	239,918	150,347
Fundraising	36,370	16,596
Total expenses	1,868,184	1,507,407
Increase in unrestricted net assets	199,195	450,356
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:		
Contributions/grants	1,205,000	
Investment income	62,507	95,269
Net assets released from restrictions	(740,728)	(266,198)
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted		
Net assets	526,779	(170,929)
Changes in permanently restricted net assets:		
Investment income (loss)	(252,775)	46,560
Increase (decrease) in permanently restricted		
Net assets	(252,775)	46,560
Increase in net assets	473,199	325,987
Net assets, beginning of year	5,524,933	5,198,946
Transfer of share in Luce Center property and endowment funds, net of debt assumed	2,089,858	
Net assets, end of year	\$8,087,990	\$5,524,933

Cash flows from operating activities:

	2001	2000
Increase in net assets	\$2,563,057	\$325,987
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation on equipment	20,659	10,089
Loss on disposal of equipment	4,601	
Allowance on book inventories	25,000	
Realized gain on marketable securities	(26,502)	
Unrealized (gain) loss on marketable securities	548,145	(170,991)
Transfer of share of Luce Center assets, net	(2,089,858)	
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable, net	81,780	383,950
Grants receivable	(816,960)	840,868
Prepaid expenses	(1,273)	3,268
Book inventories	12,405	51,032
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	7,385	38,555
Accrued vacation	29,099	20,082
Deferred revenue	59,628	28,915
Total adjustments	(2,144,389)	1,204,266
Net cash provided by operating activities	418,668	1,530,253
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of equipment	(15,344)	(17,578)
Purchases of marketable securities	(160,496)	(967,151)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	47,807	
Net cash used in investing activities	(175,840)	(936,922)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on debt	(220,833)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(220,833)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	21,995	593,331
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	777,637	184,306
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$799,632	\$777,637

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