



GUIDE TO THE 2014 AAR ANNUAL MEETING

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Other Helpful Guides:

- **New Member or First-Time Attendee?** Get the Info You Need – The AAR Annual Meeting can be overwhelming. This guide provides some good, basic information about the Annual Meeting to assist you in navigating the meeting.
- **International Member?** Helpful Tips and Info – The International Members Guide will help orient attendees traveling from outside the United States—and is worth a look for domestic travelers, too.



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ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

The Annual Meetings are cohosted by the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), making it the largest yearly convention of scholars in the fields of religious studies and theology. Combined, there are over 1,000 academic sessions offered by the AAR, SBL, and other related scholarly organizations.

The sessions, breakfasts, and receptions at this year’s Annual Meetings are held in the San Diego Convention Center and four hotels nearby: Hilton Bayfront, Marriott Marquis & Marina, Grand Hyatt, and the Omni Hotel. All locations are within walking distance of each other.

Facility Addresses

San Diego Convention Center - 111 West Harbor Drive
 Embassy Suites Downtown - 601 Pacific Highway
 Grand Hyatt - One Market Place
 Hard Rock Hotel - 207 Fifth Ave.
 Hilton Bayfront - One Park Blvd.
 Hilton Gaslamp Quarter - 401 K Street

Indigo Hotel - 509 9th Ave.
 Marriott Gaslamp Quarter - 660 K Street
 Marriott Marquis & Marina - 333 West Harbor Drive
 Omni Hotel - 675 L Street
 Residence Inn Gaslamp Quarter - 356 6th Ave.
 Solamar Hotel - 435 6th Ave.
 Westin Gaslamp Quarter - 910 Broadway Circle



● Program Session Locations and Lodging

● Annual Meeting Lodging

- 1 Embassy Suites Downtown
- 2 Grand Hyatt
- 3 Hard Rock Hotel
- 4 Hilton Bayfront
- 5 Hilton Gaslamp Quarter
- 6 Indigo Hotel
- 7 Marriott Gaslamp Quarter

- 8 Marriott Marquis & Marina
- 9 Omni Hotel
- 10 Residence Inn Gaslamp Quarter
- 11 Solamar Hotel
- 12 Westin Gaslamp Quarter
- 13 Andaz Hotel
- 14 Courtyard Downtown
- 15 Horton Grand Hotel

New and Noteworthy in 2014

Free Wi-Fi!

A free wireless Internet network will be available throughout the entire San Diego Convention Center. The network name is **SBL/AAR**, and it requires no password.

Mobile App

AAR and SBL have switched Mobile App vendors and are working to finalize all of the features of the new app to give you the best experience. More information to come soon!

Once the Mobile App is available, you will be able to create and customize your schedule, make notes about sessions, search for participants, share your schedule with friends and colleagues, and get interactive information about exhibitors.

The app will also allow users to search for sessions by keyword, by participant, and by program unit. Schedule changes are downloaded in the background when Internet access is available.

Hotel Update

Housing for the Annual Meeting is now closed. **October 21** was the deadline for the special conference rates. Unfortunately, we are no longer accepting reservations for housing, and you'll need to make your own arrangements. Should you want to stay at one of our conference hotels, they are not obligated to honor the special conference rates that were in effect prior to October 21. As of November 6, two of our hotels has been kind enough to extend the offer to book at our conference rate. Please know that this will not be offered indefinitely, and it's up to the hotel's discretion when to stop taking bookings. Contact reg@aarweb.org for up-to-date information.



Information on Jimmy Carter Plenary Address (A24-340)

Monday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m., Convention Center-20

In this session, President Carter will answer questions about his efforts to address climate change both during and after his administration, and his latest book, ***A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power*** (Simon and Schuster, 2014). Questions will be posed by Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, but additional questions may be submitted online before **November 15**.

This session will be followed by a book signing in Convention Center-23A. Warwick's Books will be selling ***A Call to Action Monday, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. in Booth 1109 in the Exhibit Hall. This will be the only chance to purchase the book***, and books cannot be purchased during the signing.

AAR Full Paper Submission Program

The full text of papers for several sessions is being made available to AAR members in advance of the 2014 Annual Meeting. During these sessions, presenters will briefly summarize their arguments, with the bulk of the time given over to discussion. These papers are available only

for the few weeks leading up to the Annual Meeting. After **November 24**, they will be removed from the website. These pages and documents are inaccessible to search engines such as Google, so please do not share these files elsewhere.



Gender-Neutral Restroom

ALL PERSON, ALL ACCESS restrooms are available on the Mezzanine level of the San Diego Convention Center across the hall from 14B and on the third (Aqua) level of the Hilton Bayfront, adjacent to Aqua A. AAR recognizes that there are members of our community who may feel more comfortable in an all-gender restroom. The all-gender restrooms are marked with special

signage during the Annual Meetings.

Save 80%+ on a New Headshot!

Everyone needs a headshot, and you can get one for only \$37! You can quickly get your photo taken by a professional photographer while you are at the Annual



Meeting on **November 23rd or 24th**, anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The photographer will be located at Booth #1105 in the SBL and AAR Exhibit Hall in the San Diego Convention Center. To see examples, learn more about what you will receive, and to preregister, please [click here](#).

Fun Giveaways

In addition to the raffle drawings in the AAR booth, you can keep an eye out for some escaped (stuffed) animals in Annual Meeting locations. Check out the **Fun, Games, and Helping Others** section for more information.

BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING

Remember to Pack:

- **YOUR NAME BADGE!** If you registered by **September 18**, you should have received your name badge in the mail. Once you arrive in San Diego, pick up a name badge holder and then feel free to attend any Annual Meeting event; you do not need to come by registration. Those who registered September 19 and after will have to pick their badge up onsite. If you registered by September 18 and did not receive your badge in the mail, you can pick one up onsite.
- **YOUR PROGRAM BOOK!** Program books were mailed to everyone who registered before August 14 and did not check the "Do not send me a *Program Book*" box. There is a very limited supply available onsite, so don't leave your copy at home!
- Check out other helpful tips on what to pack for your trip [here](#).

Plan your Travel to the Annual Meeting

Most attendees are coming into San Diego by airplane and we have discounted flight information and airport transfer options. See the getting-around-the-city information below .

Preparing Your Annual Meeting Presentation

AAR has several [helpful tips](#) on preparing your presentation.

Audiovisual Requests

Audiovisual equipment rental costs have increased dramatically at the Annual Meeting. Recognizing that the majority of Annual Meeting audiovisual presentations involve PowerPoint or computer presentations, the AAR chose to support this trend by providing a limited number of meeting rooms with LCD projectors that can be connected to a participant's personal laptop. AAR does not provide computers, but encourages participants to bring their personal or departmental laptops or communicate with members of the same session in order to share computer use. A podium microphone will be placed in all rooms set for 75 people or more. If your session is scheduled in the San Diego Convention Center, free wireless Internet access will be available. However, in order to ensure quality, video presentations should be downloaded to your laptop and not streamed over the Wi-Fi, as it may not be capable (depending on the number of users) of reliably supporting high-bandwidth applications. We do not provide laser pointers.

If you requested audiovisual equipment, you should have received an e-mail confirmation on **October 29** with details.

Late AV Requests

After **July 31**, each presenter who requests AV will be charged a \$100 fee per request.

After **September 30**, AV costs are the responsibility of the participant, and they will be directed to the AV provider to pay the actual cost of the equipment requested.

AV Requests Before the Meeting

To check your audiovisual request at this year's Annual Meeting, log into your PAPERS account and view your session information.

AV Requests During the Meeting

If your room does not have the requested equipment or it is malfunctioning, contact PRG Audiovisual.

The PRG Audiovisual offices are located at:

- Convention Center-15A on the Mezzanine level
- Hilton Bayfront-Green Room on the 4th level
- Marriott Marquis-Atlanta room in the Marriott Hall building on the Lobby level
- Grand Hyatt-Show Office 1 on the Lobby level

If you plan to use a Macintosh computer, please bring any cables or adapters you own, as these are not standard across all types of Macintoshes, and we have a limited supply. If you plan on using a Mac and do not own adapters or cables, stop by the PRG Audiovisual office in the appropriate facility well before your session to let them know of your need. They will then make sure that their audiovisual techs have the correct adapter ready for your session.

If there is a need to add equipment not originally requested, participants may do so at their own expense by contacting the audiovisual company. Costs for onsite equipment can be prohibitive.

Contact the [Annual Meeting Team](#) if you have additional questions.

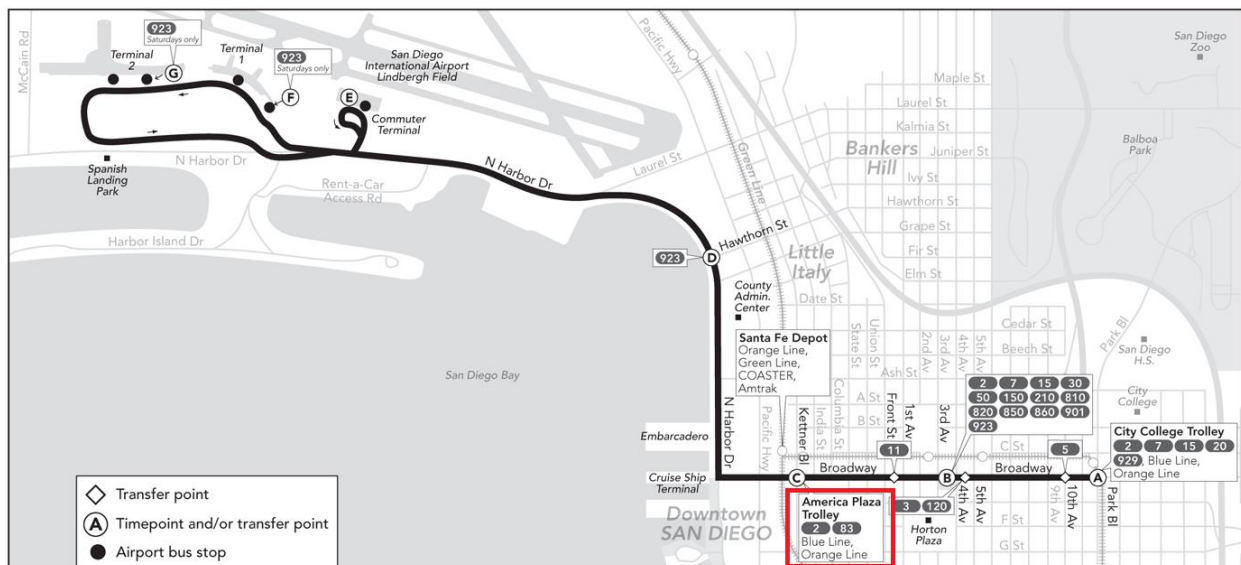
Getting Around San Diego

There are several transportation options to travel between the airport and your hotel, as well as around downtown San Diego.

Metro Bus

Metro bus service is available to go downtown, but your hotel might not be along the direct route. Some passengers will have to walk up to 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) after riding the bus, though you can also transfer onto the San Diego Trolley from the American Plaza transfer point (see below). Use the [Online Trip Planner](#) to plan your route.

Bus service is available to and from the airport and downtown San Diego by way of Route 922, which stops at the airport Terminals 1 and 2 and the Commuter Terminal. To locate the bus stop, walk outside of your terminal by the baggage claim area and look for the bus sign.



Metro Bus Route 922. [Click for larger map.](#)

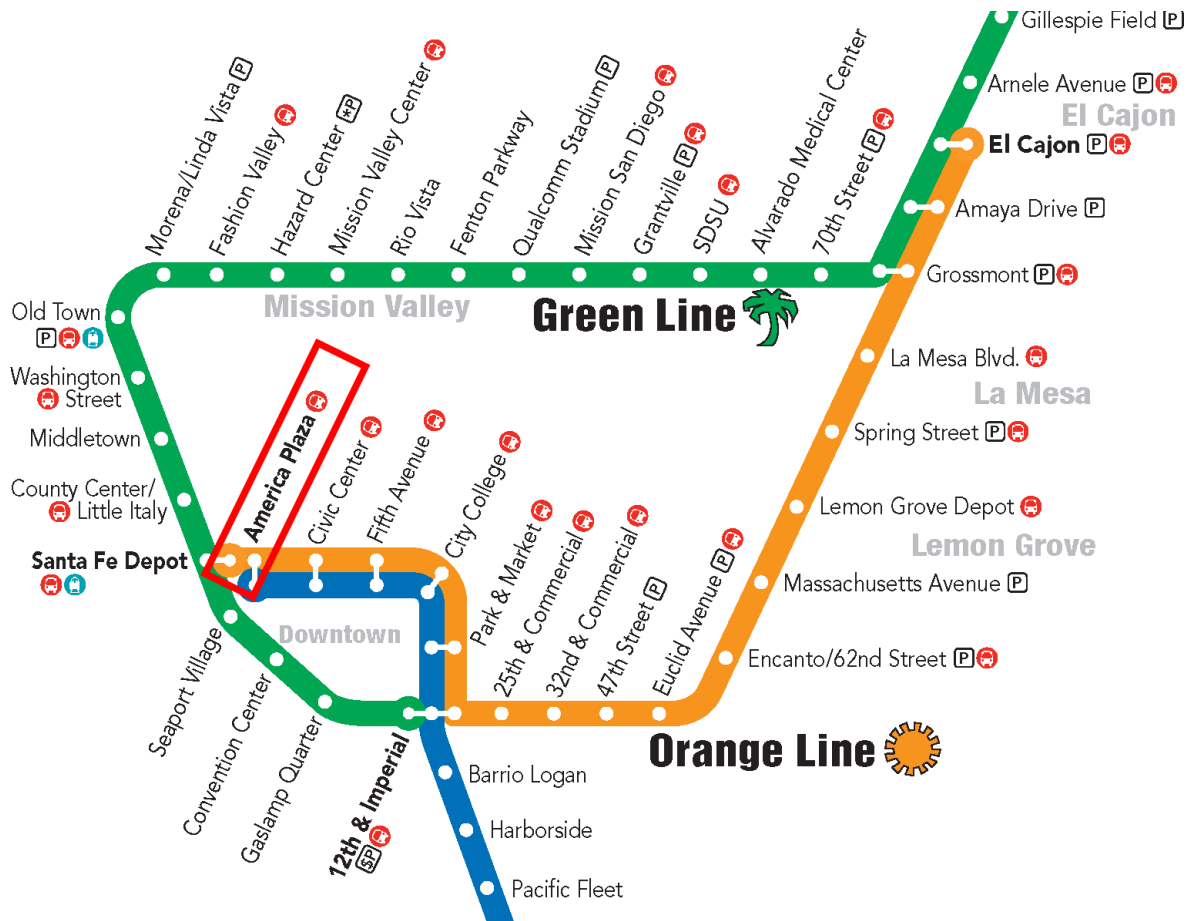
The bus runs on a 15-minute cycle on weekdays and 30-minute cycle on weekends and holidays. Its hours of operation are from 05:00 and 23:30 (5:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.).

A one-way fare is \$2.25 (USD). Bus service is wheelchair accessible.

San Diego Trolley

The San Diego Trolley (<http://www.sdmts.com/Trolley/Trolley.asp>) is San Diego’s light rail transit network. Its three lines serve many popular areas and attractions, such as downtown, the Convention Center, San Diego State University, Old Town, and the Mexican border.

Note that the Trolley does not stop at the airport. However, the Trolley’s Blue and Orange Lines make convenient transfers with Metro Bus Route 992 at America Plaza station.



Portions of the San Diego Trolley Routes. [Click for full map.](#)

Taxis

To take a taxi from the airport to your hotel, follow the signs in the airport leading to the Transportation Plaza. A Transportation Coordinator will place you with the first available taxi. An approximate fare to the Convention Center is \$22. You can find the addresses for all Annual Meetings properties under the [facility addresses](#) at the top of this page.

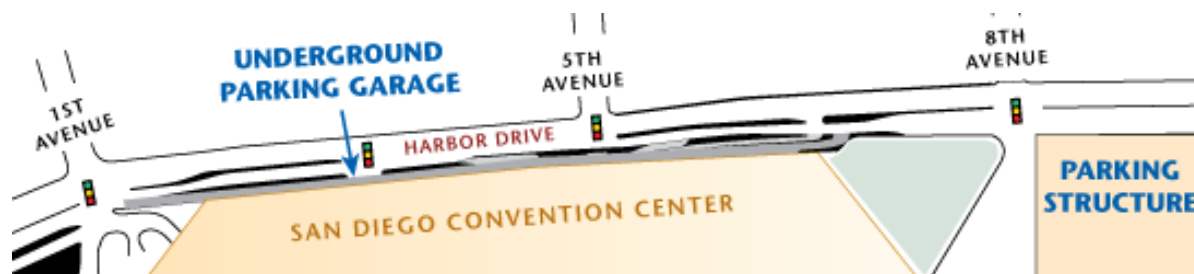
Shared-Ride Vans

The AAR and SBL are partnering with Prime Time Shuttle to provide service to hotels and the airport. The shuttle will run 07:00 and 23:00 (7:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.) for arriving flights. Shuttle service for departing flights is available 24 hours a day. A one-way trip is \$6. You can book a shared-ride shuttle two ways:

- Call 1-800-733-8267, dial 1 for reservations, and give the discount code 592216.
- Go to <http://primetimeshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=SBLAAR&LOGON=GO>. You will most likely select "Arrivals." On the next page, select the correct airport and input your flight information. Note that only AAR & SBL hotels are listed on this link.

Parking at the San Diego Convention Center

The Convention Center is located at 111 West Harbor Drive. On-site parking is available at the underground parking garage located below the building. Enter the parking garage on Harbor Drive between First Ave. and Fifth Ave. The daily rate is typically \$15. If there is another special event in the downtown San Diego area, you will need to tell the parking attendant you are attending the AAR/SBL Annual Meetings to receive the \$15 rate. No overnight parking is permitted.



AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Shuttles

We will not have a shuttle this year, so please bring your walking shoes and plan your day accordingly!

Name Badges & Registration

Registration is located in the **San Diego Convention Center, outside of Halls FG.**

Name badges are in the mail for those who registered by September 18. Bring your name badge to Registration and pick up a badge holder, lanyard, and your tote bag. With those in hand, you can head directly to sessions and exhibits.

Lost name badge? Did the post office not come through with the mail? Replacements are available at the Name Badge Reprint booth at Registration. While the first badge reprint will be complimentary, all additional reprints will be \$5 each.

Program Book

The **Program Book** is your primary guide to all academic sessions, breakfasts, and receptions officially sponsored at the Annual Meetings. **Program Books** were mailed to everyone who registered before August 14 and did not check the "Do not send me a **Program Book**" box.

Thank you to the **20%** of AAR registrants who opted out of receiving a **Program Book** and the additional 16% of registrants who opted not to have a **Program Book** printed for them at all. This is a tremendous help in our quest to make the Annual Meeting greener!

Last minute changes to the program will be highlighted in the **At-A-Glance** supplement, which will be inside the tote bag that you pick up in the registration area.

You can search for sessions of interest in other ways, as well. The AAR has posted a searchable program book online where you are able to search for sessions by keyword and session type. Visit http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PROGRAM BOOK TO SAN DIEGO WITH YOU, AS WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY.

The Annual Meetings [Mobile App](#) is the most functional and up to date way to search for specific topics, speakers, and program unit sessions.

Getting Around the Annual Meeting

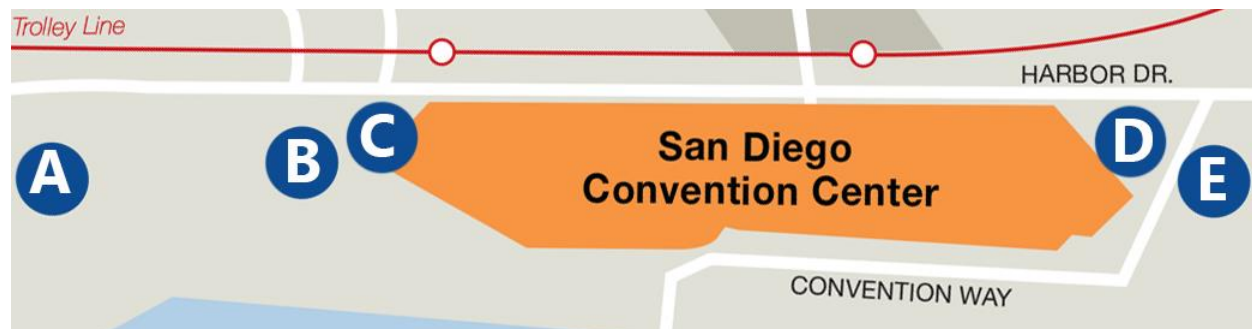
Primary Meeting Locations

Most AAR and SBL sessions will be held in two locations: the San Diego Convention Center and the Hilton Bayfront. The Employment Center will be located in the Grand Hyatt. Additional meetings and receptions will be held in the Marriott Marquis & Marina and the Omni Hotel.

Distances within and between Buildings

The primary meeting hotels occupy just over a 1 mile-long stretch (1.6 km) along the San Diego Bay. The distances correspond with the map below, along East Harbor Drive.

- Grand Hyatt (**A**) to Marriott Marquis & Marina (**B**) – 0.3 m/ 0.5 km
- Marriott Marquis & Marina (**B**) to the first door of the Convention Center (**C**) – 0.2 m/ 0.32 km
- The Convention Center is 0.36 m/ 0.58 km long and 304 ft/ 93 meters wide. (**C**) to (**D**)
- The last door of the Convention Center (**D**) to the Hilton (**E**) – 0.2 m/ 0.32 km



There are two ways to move to and from point (**A**) and point (**E**)—on the boardwalk by the San Diego Bay or the sidewalk along West Harbor Drive. Both routes are wheelchair accessible, over flat terrain on a smooth concrete surface. The boardwalk is a slightly longer distance, but offers a wider passage than the city sidewalk.

Attendees can enter the Convention Center via the multiple main entrances on West Harbor Drive or from a side entrance near the Hilton Bayfront. There is **NO** entry to the Convention Center from the Boardwalk along the Bay. To get from the Marriott Marquis & Marina to the Convention Center on Side (**C**), you must use West Harbor Drive. There is an accessible ramp on this side as well.

Exhibit Hall

A priority for anyone attending the Annual Meetings is a visit to the Exhibit Hall! The Exhibit Hall is located in the San Diego Convention Center, Halls F&G. Why visit?

- Publishers feature the newest, latest, and greatest publications within the field.
- Publishers often offer deep discounts off list prices at the meeting!

Search It Out!

Looking for a specific book or publisher? Look no farther than the Search It Out kiosk in the front of the Exhibit Hall. This kiosk offers a searchable database of books, authors, and publishers. The results will appear on a map of the exhibit floor, highlighting the name and location of the publisher.

The kiosk can also display the Exhibit Hall map with a complete list of publishers for reference. You can find a list of exhibitors and an Exhibit Hall map in the *Program Book and At-A-Glance* or at http://papers.aarweb.org/Exhibitor_Index.pdf .

Employment Center

As the learned society representing the most comprehensive membership in the field of the study of religion, the American Academy of Religion sponsors a variety of services that assist individuals and institutions in the employment process. For any questions related to employment services, please contact careers@aarsbl.org. Held every year at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, the Employment Center provides services designed to facilitate communication between hiring institutions and job candidates. The Employment Center features job listings, candidate credentials for review, a message center, and an interview facility. Learn more about the Employment Center online at <http://www.aarsbl.org/>.

Fun, Games, and Helping Others At the Annual Meeting

There are chances to play a game or win a prize at the Annual Meeting! Don't miss out on the fun.

Enter to Win in the Exhibit Hall!

Plan to visit the AAR booth (#705) and drop off your business card to enter four drawings:

- Books Under Discussion at the 2014 AAR Annual Meeting
- The 2014 AAR Award Winning Books
- Free 2015 AAR membership
- Free 2015 Annual Meetings registration in Atlanta

Animal Search and Rescue

The animals have escaped from the San Diego zoo! Help us find the animals hidden in Annual Meeting locations. If you find an animal, here are your next steps:



1. Alert the zookeeper by tagging the animal! Bring the animal by AAR booth #705 or take a picture and post it to Twitter or Facebook with hashtag #SBLAAR14.
2. For every animal found and tagged, AAR will donate \$5 to Project Wildlife, a San Diego wildlife protection agency.
3. Give the animal a new home—it is yours to keep!

Contribute to the Annual Meeting Soap Drive!

At the Annual Meeting in San Diego, we are collecting **unused/unopened** hotel soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and any other products listed here that families and homeless in need might find useful. More information about this initiative can be found online.

Meeting and Networking with Colleagues

Look Who's Coming and Social Media

The AAR website allows you to search for friends and colleagues who might be attending the Annual Meetings. Go to www.aarweb.org/look-whos-coming to see who's coming to the Annual Meetings!

Take your Annual Meetings experience to the web! Use **#SBLAAR14** to continue the conversation on Twitter or the AAR's Facebook page.

AAR and SBL Member Reception (A22-411)

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Convention Center - Ballroom 20 Lobby and Center Terrace

Come join the party with your friends and colleagues for fun and conversation at the AAR and SBL Members' Reception. Light refreshments, cash bar, and a Beach Boys cover band combine to make this a great way to catch up with old friends or dance the night away with new ones. Get into the spirit by wearing your resort casual attire! Come see the new surprises, including a photo booth and decorations to take home after the party, all with fantastic views of the San Diego Bay.

Women's Mentoring Luncheon (A23-148)

Sunday, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Convention Center

Women who are graduate students and new scholars are invited to a luncheon with over thirty womanist, feminist, and LGBTIQ midcareer and senior scholars. Lunch is \$13, registration is required.

LGBTIQ Roundtable Luncheon (A22-143)

Saturday, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Convention Center - Ballroom 18

All students and junior scholars who identify outside of normative gender histories and/or sexualities are welcome to join us for an informal lunch. No fee or preregistration is required,

although an optional preregistration link is available on the LGBTIQ Committee's page on the AAR website.

Contingent Faculty Reception (A22-410)

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Grand Hyatt - AAR Suite

AAR members who work at colleges and universities on a contingent or contractual basis are welcome to meet and greet each other at this reception hosted by the AAR's new Contingent Faculty Task Force. Please RSVP by Friday, November 7, by e-mailing Sarah Levine (slevine@aarweb.org).

Students

The Graduate Student Committee has published a listing of [sessions of interest to student members](#) attending the Annual Meeting.

Drop By to Say "Hello!"

Feel free to drop by AAR booth #705 to meet your regional coordinator or an AAR ambassador. Find out how you can become more involved in the AAR throughout the year!

ANNUAL MEETING SERVICES

Child Care

Childcare registration for the Annual Meeting is closed. KiddieCorp childcare is a service subsidized by the AAR and SBL for members with families attending the Annual Meeting.

Internet Access

Need to check your e-mail or use the web? Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the San Diego Convention Center. If you need a computer, the Cyber Cafe offers computers with Internet connections in the middle of the Exhibit Hall.

Lounges

- **Prayer Room, Convention Center-13** – For people of all faiths who need a moment of prayer, quiet reflection, or meditation.
- **Women's Lounge, Convention Center-14A** – Featuring special programming sponsored by the Women's Caucus. Nursing mothers may find it a welcome private space.
- **Student Lounge, Convention Center-14B** – Special programming sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee.
- **International Members Lounge, Marriott Marquis-La Costa**

Nursing Mothers

Nursing mothers are welcome to nurse wherever you feel comfortable feeding your child. If you are looking for a more private space, you can use the AAR's Women's Lounge located in Convention Center-14A on the Mezzanine level (right behind Starbucks), or the nursing mothers' lounge located in the women's restroom located outside Hall E on the ground level.

Food at the Annual Meeting

If you are looking for something quick and easy, visit the food concessions area in the back of the Exhibit Hall in the San Diego Convention Center, Halls FG. Sandwiches, drinks, and snacks will be available during Exhibit Hall hours Saturday through Tuesday. Or if you'd like to venture out, see below or [click here](#) for a map of nearby restaurants to the Convention Center.

Need Help?

If you have questions about the program, your membership, or events at the Annual Meeting, the staff at the Member Services desk, located in the registration area of the San Diego Convention Center, will be able to assist you. You can also seek help at the AAR booth #705 in the Exhibit Hall.

You might find the answer to your question on the [Annual Meetings Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Accessibility

AAR members with disabilities or any attendees who may have difficulty getting around the meeting are encouraged to note this during registration. AAR will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate you, whether by arranging services such as sign language interpreters, assigning accessible hotel room space, or through the AAR's taxi reimbursement policy. You can visit the [Annual Meeting accessibility web page](#) to see a complete list of ways AAR will work with you to make your Annual Meeting accommodate your needs. Please contact Soraya Shahrak, Associate Director of Meetings, at SShahrak@aarweb.org if you have any questions.

Wheelchair or Electric Scooter Rental

Attendees who wish to rent a wheelchair or electric scooter for use during the Annual Meeting are welcome to contact one of the following providers to arrange for service:

[Alternative Mobility](#) is offering attendees a special rate for the Annual Meeting. Please be sure to tell them that you are with the AAR & SBL. Manual wheelchairs are \$75 for your entire visit and power chairs are \$150. Alternative Mobility will deliver the wheelchair or scooter to your hotel the night before you arrive and will pick up the scooter from the front desk at your hotel once you depart. **Please call Alternative Mobility at 619-427-2525 to make individual arrangements.** They suggest that you make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure availability.

Taxi Reimbursement

For attendees with mobility limitations, AAR will reimburse you for the cost of a private taxi to travel between official AAR meeting locations. To receive the reimbursement, please submit all taxi receipts with a letter detailing the nature of your physical disability and the Annual Meeting locations that were inaccessible. Only travel between official Annual Meeting locations (i.e., hotels and convention center) will be covered. Questions may be directed to SShahrak@aarweb.org.

Additional Information about Accessibility in San Diego

City of San Diego Accessible Travel Guide, including information on accessible tours, beach wheelchairs, accessible performing arts, and accessible shopping:

<http://www.sandiego.org/plan-your-trip/travel-guides/accessible-traveling.aspx>

San Diego International

Airport: http://www.san.org/sdia/passenger_services/accessibility.aspx

Metropolitan Transit System: <http://www.sdmts.com/MTS/accessibility.asp>

BEYOND THE ANNUAL MEETING – Things to Do in San Diego

Restaurants

San Diego has lots of great places to eat! Ask at your hotel concierge for recommendations, or [check out the list](#) provided by the San Diego Visitors Bureau.

Dietary Restrictions

There are several eateries and restaurants situated around the city that cater to specific dietary needs, and they are listed below. A map of the restaurants closest to the San Diego Convention Center (without regard to diet) is available [here](#).

Vegetarian and Vegan

The Vegetarian Resource Group has compiled a long list of vegetarian and vegan-friendly restaurants in the San Diego area, many of which can be reached by public transportation. It can be accessed at <http://www.vrg.org/restaurant/California.php#c126>. Be sure to check the eatery's hours of operation before dining.

Listed below are vegetarian and vegan eateries located within 1 miles (1.6 km) from the San Diego Convention Center.

Burger Lounge

619-955-5727

528 5th Avenue

<http://www.burgerlounge.com/>

.5 km / .3m from Convention Center

Serves meat, veg options available. Uses local and organic ingredients.

Royal Thai Cuisine

619-230-8424

467 5th Avenue

<http://www.royalthaicuisine.com/>

.5 km / .3 m from Convention Center

Offers nine vegetarian entrées, plus appetizers, soups, and salads. Vegan options available.

Open Monday – Friday for lunch. Open Saturday for dinner. Open Sunday for brunch and dinner.

Detox Lounge

619-255-2927

910 J Street

Suite 2

<http://www.detoxlounge.com/>

.8 km / .5 m from Convention Center

Pressed juices bar with a small fridge of grab and go packaged raw salads & raw food.

Mint Downtown Thai

619-546-8424

732 4th Avenue

<http://www.mintsdthai.com/>

.8 km / .5 m from Convention Center

Thai. Serves meat, veg options available, including tofu and mock duck. Soups are veggie broth based.

Monsoon

619-234-5555

729 4th Avenue

<http://www.monsoonrestaurant.com/index.html>

.8 km / .5 m from Convention Center

Indian. Extensive vegetarian menu items.

Reservations are recommended on weekends. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Vegan options available.

Gourmet India

619-702-7967

810 4th Avenue

<http://gourmet-india.us/>

.97 km / .6 m from Convention Center

Indian. Serves meat, vegetarian options available.

Chipotle

619-810-2383

101 West Broadway

<http://www.chipotle.com/>

1.2 km / .7 m from Convention Center

Mexican. Serves meat, vegetarian options available. Customize your order (tacos, burritos, bowls) and request no cheese/dairy.

Pokez Restaurant

619-702-7160

947 E. Street

<http://pokezrestaurant.com/>

1.45 km / .9 m from Convention Center

Mexican. Vegan options, fresh juices, live music, and spiritual and artistic awareness.

Kosher

Most Kosher dining restaurants are located a bit farther from the Convention Center. For a variety of kosher foods, you can go to Ralph's or Albertson's supermarkets, both within walking distance of the Convention Center.

Ralph's Supermarket

619-595-1581

101 G Street between 1st Avenue & Front Street

<https://www.ralphs.com/>

.8 km / .5 m from Convention Center

Albertson's Supermarket

619-237-1247

655 14th Street

<http://www.albertsons.com/#3>

1.45 km / .9 m from Convention Center

The Grille Restaurant & Emet Kosher Market

888-418-1437

6548 El Cajon Boulevard

www.thegrillesd.com

16.6 km / 10.3 m from Convention Center (20 minutes taxi drive)

The Place

619-286-6499

6499 El Cajon Boulevard

16.7 km / 10.4 m from Convention Center (22 minutes taxi drive)

Restaurant located inside of a kosher market.

Halal

There are several halal restaurants within walking distance of the San Diego Convention Center.

Sultan Shawarma

619-231-1824

543 4th Avenue

.97 km / .6 m from Convention Center

Full halal menu.

Bandar

619-238-0101

825 4th Avenue

1.3 km / .8 m from Convention Center

Partial halal menu. Organic halal available.

Maizbaan

619-232-6020

1010 Broadway
1.3 km / .8 m from Convention Center
Full halal menu. Organic halal available.

Café Istanbul

619-544-1700
921 6th Avenue
1.6 km / 1 m from Convention Center
Full halal menu.

Show Your Badge

During the Annual Meetings, from November 22 through the 26, the San Diego Convention Center Corporation is offering discounts at local restaurants and attractions through the “Show Your Badge” program. Show you badge for a discount at the following locations:

Anthony’s Fish Grotto

619-232-5103
1360 N. Harbor Drive
2.1 km / 1.3 m from Convention Center
One free cup of Anthony’s World-Famous Clam Chowder with the purchase of an adult entrée.

Broken Yolk Cafe

619-338-9655
355 6th Avenue
.5 km / .3 m from Convention Center
Save 15% off your entire bill.

Cafe Coyote

619-291-4695
2461 San Diego Avenue
6.6 km / 4.1 m from Convention Center
Free handmade quesadilla.

Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse

619-338-0500
668 6th Avenue
.8 km / .5 m from Convention Center
A complimentary dessert with the purchase of dinner.

Hornblower Cruises & Events

619-686-8715
970 N. Harbor Drive
1.6 km / 1 m from Convention Center
Save \$5 off any adult admission on Hornblower Whale Watching Cruises or any one or two hour narrated Harbor Cruises on San Diego Bay.

K1 Speed

619-241-4740

1709 Main Street
2.25 km / 1.4 m from Convention Center
\$5 off any 14 lap arrive and drive race. Monday-Friday.

Macy's Horton Plaza

619-231-4747
160 Horton Plaza
1 km / .6 m from Convention Center
10% off Macy's Visitor Savings Pass.

Maderas Golf Club

858-451-8100
17750 Old Coach Road
48 km / 30 m from Convention Center (45 minute drive)
Complimentary transportation or rental clubs.

McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon

619-795-2500
731 5th Avenue
1.45 km / .9 m from Convention Center
One complimentary appetizer of your choice with the purchase of two entrees.

Operacaffe

619-234-6538
835 4th Avenue
1.3 km / .8 m from Convention Center
20% off.

SeaWorld San Diego

619-226-3901
500 Sea World Drive
11.6 km / 7.2 m from Convention Center (15 minute drive)
Save \$8 on Single-Day Adult & Child Admission

Spanish Village Art Center

619-233-9050
1770 Village Place
7.3 km / 4.5 m from Convention Center (11 minute drive)
Up to 20% off from participating artists.

The San Diego Museum of Art

619-232-7931
1450 El Prado
4 km / 2.6 m from Convention Center
\$2 off Adult Admission

Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery

619-814-5458

310 10th Avenue
1.8 km / 1.1 m from Convention Center
Receive a free appetizer or dessert with the purchase of an entrée.

Tours

As of November 6, the following Annual Meeting tours still have space available. For up-to-date information, e-mail reg@aarweb.org.

- San Diego City Tour (Friday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) \$40
- Vinyasa Yoga Class (Saturday 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.) \$15
- San Diego Harbor Cruise (Saturday 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) \$45
- Biblical Art in the San Diego Museum (Monday 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.) \$40
- San Diego Zoo Trip (Monday 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.) \$55
- Balboa Park Transportation (Monday 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.) \$30

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To sign up for a tour, fax in the form here: https://www.aarweb.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Annual_Meeting/2014/2014AMTourDescripti ons%26Form.pdf or e-mail reg@aarweb.org. Sorry, no refunds.

The San Diego Museum of Man in Balboa Park is offering a number of exhibits that may be of interest to AAR members (and their families):

Instruments of Torture is a gripping exhibition featuring implements cruelly engineered to inflict unbelievable pain and suffering. But these artifacts also have a deeper significance in helping us understand who we are as human beings. By exploring why torture occurs, even in today's world, this exhibition compels us to ask "Are people the real instruments of torture?" In a post-9/11 world, torture has become a divisive topic. This exhibition goes beyond that debate to explore how we, as humans, respond to events and take action. It examines how, in specific situations, even those who deny they would ever torture another person, do exactly the opposite. Ultimately, the exhibition encourages visitors to contemplate their own human frailty, the conditions that lead to torture, and how they can be upstanders – people who stand up for others – in a world that has too many bystanders. Although torture has persisted over the centuries, we hope one day the only place you hear about torture will be at a museum.

BEERology

Modern civilization is **beer** civilization! Agriculture, cities, writing, and religion all have ties to ancient craft brewing. Ancient Egyptians, Sumerians, Chinese, and others each perfected the brewing arts in interesting, and even strange, ways. Beer-loving headhunters from the Amazon, for example, did the amazing trick of chewing poisonous cassava root so it could become a drinkable beer. Learn fascinating stories and see phenomenal artifacts that reveal the links between beer and culture, such as the solid gold beer cup of an Inca king.

Monsters!

Find out what's hiding under the bed! See beasts familiar and strange, real and imagined, kind-hearted and troublesome, from across the span of human history and culture! You'll learn where they come from, what they look like, how they behave, and how to defeat them! We've

reached into our vast collections to bring out unusual monster artifacts you can see and touch. Which real creature's skull was thought to belong to an imaginary monster? Whose giant tentacle was mistaken for something far more mythical? What were people smelling when they thought they were smelling Bigfoot? Find out! Whether they're dragons, yeti, mer-people, kraken, the bogeyman, or some other kind of beastie (and we have lots!), learn how **you** can beat them or befriend them. Paws and claws won't stop you!

Annual Meeting attendees are encouraged to check the Museum out on their own, but through the Annual Meeting registration process, you may also sign up for round-trip transportation to Balboa Park on Monday morning from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for \$30 (by comparison, taking a taxi round-trip would cost approximately \$36). If you have already registered and would like to add this, please contact the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org for assistance.

Places of Worship

There is a nondenominational prayer and reflection space located in Room 13 of the San Diego Convention Center. For local places of worship, please see below.

Information for Sabbath-Observant Jewish Attendees

For information regarding Kosher arrangements, please see visit the AAR's web page on [Shabbat Meals and Services](#) or contact Joseph Weinstein at shabbat@sbl-site.org.

AME

Bethel AME Church

619-232-0510

3085 K Street

<http://www.bethelamesd.com/>

5km / 3.2 m from Convention Center

Baha'i

San Diego Bahá'í Center

858-268-3999

6545 Alcalá Knolls Drive

<http://www.sandiegobahai.org/>

11.27 km / 7 m from Convention Center

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church of San Diego

619-233-6487

719 Cesar E. Chavez Parkway

<http://www.calvarybcSD.com/>

3.2 km / 2 m from Convention Center

Buddhist

Rigpa – San Diego

619-906-4291

710 13th Street

Suitta 314
<http://sandiego.usa.rigpa.org/>
2.1 km / 1.3 m from Convention Center

Buddhist Temple of San Diego
619-239-0896
2929 Market Street
<http://www.btsd.net/>
3.9 km / 2.4 m from Convention Center
Jodo Shinshu (Shin or Pure Land)

Kadampa Meditation Center – San Diego
619-940-5301
3344 4th Avenue
<http://www.meditateinsandiego.org/>
4 km / 2.6 m from Convention Center

Catholic
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
619-233-3838
1770 Kearney Avenue
<http://olgsd.org/>
3.4 km / 2.1 m from Convention Center

Episcopal/Anglican
The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
619-291-5947
2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard
<http://www.edsd.org/>
11.7 km / 7.3 m from Convention Center

Hindu and Jain
Hare Krishna Temple
858-483-2500
1030 Grand Avenue
<http://www.krishnasd.com/>
16 km / 10 m from Convention Center

Vedic Cultural and Spiritual Center of San Diego
858-549-3940
9252 Miramar Road
<http://www.vcscsd.org/>
26.7 km / 16.6 m from Convention Center

Jewish

Chabad of Downtown

619-702-8518

472 Third Avenue

<http://www.chabaddowntown.com/>

.5 m / .8 km from Convention Center

Ohr Shalom Synagogue

619-231-1456

2512 3rd Avenue

<http://www.ohrshalom.org/>

3.4 km / 2.1 m from Convention Center

Latter-day Saints**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

619-229-1757

5299 Trojan Avenue

www.lds.org

13 km / 8 m from Convention Center

Lutheran**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

858-483-2300

Off 4th Avenue and Broadway

<http://www.christpb.org/>

1.1 km / .7 m from Convention Center

Methodist**Saint Paul's United Methodist Church**

619-435-5691

700 D Avenue

<http://www.stpaulsmethodist.com/>

7.4 km / 4.6 m

Muslim**Masjid Al-Taqwa**

619-239-6738

2575 Imperial Avenue

3.7 km / 2.4 m from Convention Center

Sunni (Traditional), Predominantly African American congregation.

Masjid Omar

619-520-8023

3487 Ocean View Boulevard

6.9 km / 4.3 m from Convention Center

Sunni (Traditional). Multicultural.

Orthodox Christian

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

619-297-4165

3655 Park Boulevard

www.stspyridon.org

5.6 km / 3.5 m from Convention Center

St. Nicolas Orthodox Church

619-281-1093

3873 Cherokee Avenue

<http://www.st-nicholas-church.net/>

9.7 km / 6 m from Convention Center

Seventh-day Adventist

San Diego 31st Street Seventh-day Adventist Church

619-231-3652

414 S 31st Street

<http://www.31sda.org/>

5 km / 3.1 m from Convention Center

Sikh

The Sikh Foundation – San Diego

858-486-1231

12269 Oak Knoll Road

Poway, CA 92064

<http://www.sdsikhs.org/>

34.5 km / 21.4 m from Convention Center