Annual Meetings 2015

November 21–24

Georgia

Registration and Housing

Hosted by the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature
Getting to the Meeting...

REGISTRATION
Why preregister for the meeting? Only after you register for the AAR Annual Meeting can you book your housing at the specially negotiated rates at one of our official hotels.

Admission to sessions and the exhibit hall is by name badge only!

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BOOK
A printed version of the Annual Meeting Program Book will be mailed in early September to everyone who was successfully registered as of August 13 for the Annual Meeting. Please allow 3–4 weeks for delivery. The Program Book will include program highlights, complete session listings of AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with room locations, session and participant indices, hotel maps, and ads from the publishers in our exhibit hall.

ONLINE PROGRAM BOOK
A complete listing of all AAR and Additional Meetings session information, including participant names, paper titles, and abstracts will be available in the Online Program Book on the AAR website at papers.aarweb.org/program_book by August 1. The keyword search feature will allow you to find the sessions you’re most interested in attending!

ANNUAL MEETING ONSITE AT-A-GLANCE
The printed Onsite At-a-Glance will be distributed to all attendees onsite in Atlanta. This will include complete session listings for the AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with updated room locations, an exhibitor index, and hotel maps.

INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES
It is necessary for those entering the United States to clear customs and immigration. Visitors from Canada and Mexico must present a passport in order to enter the United States. Please be prepared. Non–U.S. citizens should inquire about possible visa requirements from their own country. Official letters of invitation to the Annual Meeting to support visa applications are available. E-mail reg@aarweb.org with your name, address, and the full contact information of the consulate of your country.

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS
Delta and United Airlines are the official carriers of the AAR and SBL Annual Meeting and Avis is the preferred rental car supplier. For the benefit of our conference attendees, a discount is available and is valid a few days before and after the Annual Meeting ends, depending on carrier. To take advantage of these special discounted fares, you can call or make reservations directly through their respective websites listed below. Discounts do not apply to certain restricted fares and exclude sale fare inventories.

CALL TOLL-FREE... 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Carrier</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Website</th>
<th>File Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Delta Airlines</td>
<td>1-800-328-1111</td>
<td>delta.com</td>
<td>NML6C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Airlines</td>
<td>1-800-521-4041</td>
<td>wal.com</td>
<td>ZUME390393</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Avis Car Rental</td>
<td>1-800-331-1551</td>
<td>avis.com</td>
<td>Z245795 (AWD#)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration and Housing is now open!

Online, fax, and mail registrations are accepted! Super Saver registration rates are in effect until May 21. You must be registered to secure housing.

2015 Annual Meetings Employment Center registration is now open for candidates! Within the online registration process, you will find the link to register for the Employment Center. You must be registered as an Annual Meetings attendee to sign up for the Employment Center option.

- May 21 Super-Saver Registration Rate Ends
- June 18 Early Bird Registration Rate Ends
- June 18 Program Participants Deadline to Register
- July 6 VIP Housing Ends
- August 13 Advance Registration Rate Ends
- August 13 Attendee Registration Deadline to Receive Printed Program Book
- September 17 Registration Deadline to Obtain Name Badge in Mail
- October 19 Registration Packets and Program Books Mailed
- October 19 Special Housing Rate End
- November 1 Mobile App of AAR & SBL Available
- November 1 Registration Refund Request Deadline
- November 19 Regular Registration Rate Ends
- November 21–24 Annual Meetings in Atlanta, GA

Remember: You must be registered to secure housing!

If you book through your own travel agency, be sure to give them the appropriate discount code above.
ENVIRONMENTAL OPTION

As part of its efforts to produce a “greener meeting,” the AAR is offering the option to offset the carbon emissions from your travel to Atlanta. By checking the box on the registration form, the AAR will collect $15 from your registration to purchase carbon offsets from NativeEnergy. The AAR’s Sustainability Task Force selected NativeEnergy because of its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases while supporting its sustainability projects. NativeEnergy is one of the top carbon offset companies in the United States and the world. We encourage you to make this inexpensive commitment to helping make our meetings more environmentally friendly.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ATL)

Rapid Transit Train—MARTA

Arriving air travelers should follow the Ground Transportation signs to MARTA (Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority). The fare gates are just a few feet from the baggage claim areas. Take the MARTA train to the Peachtree Center Station. You may either take the Doraville Gold Line or the North Springs Red Line. At Peachtree Center, exit to the Food Court and follow signs to the Hyatt Regency or Marriott Marquis Hotel. People who are staying in other properties may get more specific directions from their hotels. For more information, visit itsmarta.com/rail-schedules-or-route.aspx. MARTA fare is $5 for a round trip ticket, and $1 more if you don’t already have a Breeze Card.

Taxis

A set fee prevails between the airport and downtown of $30. There is a $2 charge for each additional person and a $1.50 flag drop fee. Taxis can be found in the Yellow Bus aisle.

Shared-Ride Vans

The AAR and SBL are partnering with Super Shuttle this year for dates between November 18 and 28. Shared shuttle service is available 24 hours a day with a reservation. They are offering a discount of $1 off one-way trips ($15.50), or $4 per roundtrip ($29). There are two ways to book Super Shuttle:

Call 1-800-258-3826, and give the discount code VSBT4. Attendees will be charged $2 each way if you choose to call in your reservation. Please have the address of your hotel ready.

Go to groups.supershuttle.com/americanacademyofreligion/societyofbiblicalliterature.html to book your shuttle. Note that only AAR & SBL hotels are listed on this link.

Upon arrival, follow signs to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the Super Shuttle ticket counter to speak with a uniformed Customer Service Representative. The counter is located in the Domestic Terminal’s south-side baggage claim area, in the corridor immediately to the left of the escalator from the inter-terminal train. The ticket counter is staffed from 6:00 AM to 2:00 AM daily. Most shared-ride shuttles pick up on the Green Bus Aisle, which is located outside in the Ground Transportation Center between the Domestic North and South Terminals.

Arriving International Passengers

The Atlanta airport has a relatively new (2012) International Terminal. If you are arriving directly from an international flight, you cannot access secured areas of the Airport after you pick up your luggage at the international terminal baggage claim. The airport has a complimentary 24-hour shuttle service that goes from the international terminal to the main terminal (15 minute ride). From the main terminal, you have access to the domestic terminal’s ground transportation center at the west of the building, which includes MARTA. If you are flying back directly to an international location, you must go to this terminal to check in as well.

Hanging signs will assist you with identifying loading and unloading zones for each ground transportation service:

- **Taxis**: Yellow/Zone 1
- **Local Shuttles**: Green/Zone 4
- **International Shuttle Connector (to main airport terminal)**: Red/Zone 3

PARKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Since we will have multiple locations for the AAR sessions, each hotel has different parking rules and rates. Please check at the property that is most convenient for you for accurate information. If you are planning on driving in, and would like a more economical choice, you might want to park at an outlying MARTA station and take the rail in. From itsmarta.com/rail-schedules-or-route.aspx, you can click on individual train stations to view their parking information. See above for more MARTA information.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
To receive the specially negotiated room rates, you must make your reservation with the AAR Housing Department. You may obtain housing when completing your Annual Meeting registration, or by using the link in your registration confirmation email. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Special rates may not be available after October 29, 2015. DO NOT contact the hotels prior to November 13, 2015.

HOTEL RATES
Note: All rates are subject to local taxes, which currently have an average of 16% tax per room per night. For example, a $139 rate is $161.24 with tax included.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HOTEL</th>
<th>SINGLE</th>
<th>DOUBLE</th>
<th>TRIPLE</th>
<th>QUAD</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Aloft Downtown</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$139</td>
<td>$149</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Doubletree Downtown</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$149</td>
<td>$149</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Embassy Suites Centennial Park</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$149</td>
<td>$149</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Hilton Downtown</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$129</td>
<td>$154</td>
<td>$154</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Holiday Inn Downtown</td>
<td>$139</td>
<td>$144</td>
<td>$154</td>
<td>$154</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Hyatt Regency</td>
<td>$155</td>
<td>$155</td>
<td>$165</td>
<td>$175</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Marriott Marquis</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td>$160</td>
<td>$160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Sheraton Downtown</td>
<td>$145</td>
<td>$145</td>
<td>$155</td>
<td>$155</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Westin Peachtree Plaza</td>
<td>$149</td>
<td>$149</td>
<td>$159</td>
<td>$159</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

HOUSING CONFIRMATION
You will receive an email confirmation (same as your registration confirmation) when you make your hotel reservation with the AAR Housing Department. If you do not complete registration with payment and receive a confirmation email, your housing reservation is not complete.

If you receive an email confirmation that is incorrect, you may use the link on your confirmation email to go back into the system and correct it.

HOUSING CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES
All hotel accommodation questions, changes, and cancellations should be directed to the AAR Housing Department throughout the meeting year. Note that cancellations must be received in writing (email) at least 72 hours prior to arrival date to ensure you are not charged your first night’s stay.

SUITE REQUESTS
Some hotels have suites available at a discounted rate. Contact the AAR Housing Department for more information: 1-855-836-0001 (U.S. & Canada); +1-404-727-7972 (outside U.S. & Canada); housing@aarweb.org. Suites are not to be used for interviewing purposes. Employers who plan to use the Annual Meeting Employment Center may request a Private Interview Room when they register for the Employment Center. For additional information about the Employment Center, please see www.aarsbl.org.

ATTENDEES WITH ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS
All meeting rooms are accessible by elevator (doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs) or wheelchair lift. A limited number of guest rooms are set aside for the physically challenged. If you need special accommodations, please indicate your specific needs in the special requests field on the online housing form page. Attendees with disabilities who need information regarding special assistance during the meeting should contact the AAR Housing Department by phone at 1-404-727-7972 or via e-mail at housing@aarweb.org. Please also visit our Accessibility Information page here: www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/accessibility-information-for-annual-meetings.
At the Meeting...

CHILDCARE
Child care will be offered for an hourly fee during this year’s Annual Meeting. Please visit the AAR Web site at www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information under Childcare for information and pricing details in the fall.

COMPUTER ACCESS
Free wifi will be available in meeting rooms and public areas of the Hyatt Regency, Marriott Marquis, Hilton Downtown, and Sheraton Downtown. Wifi will not be available at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. A free Cyber Café will be available in the Hyatt Regency. Access to computers, the Internet, and e-mail is available (possibly for a fee) at the business centers of each Annual Meeting hotel. In-room Internet connections are also available in each hotel (see in-room literature for more details and pricing).

FIND A FRIEND
Please note the box on the registration form that gives permission for your name, institution, and hotel (if any), which will be available on our mobile app, which is available to the general public. If you do not check the box, your information will not be listed.

EXHIBIT HALL
Visit over 150 publishers in the AAR & SBL Exhibit Hall located in the Hyatt Regency’s Centennial Ballroom and Grand Hall. AAR and SBL’s Exhibit Hall features books on a wide spectrum of subjects from religious studies to hermeneutics to philosophy, often at deep discounts on cover price. Don’t miss out!

MOBILE APP
We will again provide a Mobile Meeting Guide, available in the fall. The mobile app will provide members with a technically-reliable, intuitive, and functional solution. At no cost, this mobile app provides attendees with all of the data an attendee could ever need.

MORE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION AT www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information!
- Registration & Housing
- Full program schedule and descriptions
- Annual Meeting Employment Center
- Accessibility assistance
- And much more!

AAR & SBL ANNUAL MEETINGS HOURS

AAR & SBL Program Schedule
AAR, SBL, and Additional Meeting Sessions will be held in the Hyatt Regency, Marriott Marquis, Hilton Downtown, Westin Peachtree Plaza, and Sheraton Downtown Hotels.

Friday, November 20
8:00 PM–10:00 PM Welcome Reception

Saturday, November 21
9:00 AM–6:30 PM Program Unit Sessions

Sunday, November 22
9:00 AM–6:30 PM Program Unit Sessions

Monday, November 23
9:00 AM–6:30 PM Program Unit Sessions

Tuesday, November 24
9:00 AM–11:30 AM Program Unit Sessions

Full program schedule and descriptions available available by August 1 at papers.aarweb.org/program_book!

Onsite Registration and Exhibit Hours
Registration and the Exhibit Hall are located in the Hyatt Regency. Registration is in the lobby outside of the Grand Hall and the Exhibit Hall is in the Centennial Ballroom and the Grand Hall.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registration</th>
<th>Exhibit Hall</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>11:00 AM–6:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday, November 21</td>
<td>8:00 AM–5:30 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, November 22</td>
<td>8:00 AM–5:30 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday, November 23</td>
<td>8:00 AM–5:30 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, November 24</td>
<td>8:00 AM–10:00 AM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A name badge is required to enter all sessions and the Exhibit Hall. Register and arrange housing anytime online at www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing!
Annual Meetings Employment Center

The Annual Meetings Employment Center provides job candidates and employers with current job listings, candidate credentials for review, a message service, and interview facilities.

CANDIDATE SERVICES

All registered candidates receive:

- Annual Meetings edition of Employment Listings.
- Opportunity to submit a CV for employer review.
- Access to the Employment Center e-mail Message Center confidential communication with registered employers.

All candidates have the option of submitting a CV to the Employment Center. Organized by job classification, online CVs are available to employers electronically from July 6, 2015 through February 15, 2016, and onsite at the Annual Meetings Employment Center.

Please see www.aarweb.org/content/candidate-services for more information.

CANDIDATE FEES

The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature have eliminated all Employment Center fees for candidates. Beginning in 2015, all active members of the American Academy of Religion or the Society of Biblical Literature who have registered for the Annual Meeting will be able to register as candidates with the Employment Center free of charge.

EMPLOYER SERVICES

All registered employers receive:

- Job advertisements included in the Annual Meeting Edition of Employment Listings, available on-site to all candidates.
- An Employment Center Icon next to online advertisements indicating that the position is registered for the Employment Center.
- Access to candidate credentials online from July 6, 2015, through February 15, 2016.
- An interview booth and the ability to invite any candidate to an interview.
- Ability to reserve a Private Interview Room for an additional fee.
- Access to the Employment Center e-mail Message Center to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.

EMPLOYER FEES

First Job: $275 ($325 after October 30)
Each Additional Job: $60 ($85 after October 30)

ADVERTISING A JOB

In order to ensure the widest possible pool of candidates, all jobs registered with the Employment Center must be advertised online for at least 30 days. So, for 2015, if you plan on listing an ad for the four week minimum, you must begin your ad no earlier than August 24, 2015. The end date of your ad would then be September 21 at midnight. This is the first day of the 60-day period out from the Annual Meeting and would make your ad eligible for registration for the Employment Center. The fee for the advertisement is not included in the Employment Center registration fee. To place an ad, go to www.aarweb.org.
Plenary Speakers

**RACIAL INJUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS RESPONSE FROM SELMA TO FERGUSON**
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
*Hyatt Regency-Regency Ballroom*

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

The annual meeting focuses on "Valuing the Study of Religion," which includes pondering how religion has been valued—and devalued—in public spaces. Addressing a variety of social spaces from the legislature to the streets, this panel analyzes religious responses to racial injustice. In 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the historic march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, attending to injustice seems more morally urgent than ever. Considering both the historical trajectory that led us to this painful moment and the religious resources activists have employed, this conversation brings together notable voices to offer their assessments of the contemporary situation. Ruby Sales, the human rights activist and public theologian who joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960s and later founded a non-profit organization dedicated to "racial, economic, and social justice," will join Cornel West, distinguished religion scholar and democratic intellectual, in a conversation with Professor Imani Perry, a celebrated scholar of African American Studies and Law who has written eloquently about racial injustice and "pathways to freedom, equality, and enriched democracy."

Panelists:
- Imani Perry, Princeton University
- Cornel West, Union Theological Seminary
- Ruby Sales, The SpiritHouse Project

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: VALUING THE STUDY OF RELIGION**
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 AM
*Hyatt Regency-Regency Ballroom*

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Thomas A. Tweed holds the Harold and Martha Welch Endowed Chair in American Studies and has a concurrent appointment in History at the University of Notre Dame. He is also Faculty Fellow in the Institute of Latino Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He previously taught at the University of Texas, the University of Miami, and the University of North Carolina, where he won an award for undergraduate teaching and was Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Zachary Smith Distinguished Professor, and Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences. Tweed's historical, ethnographic, and theoretical research, which includes six books and a six-volume series of historical documents, has been supported by several grants and fellowships, including three from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He edited *Retelling U.S. Religious History* and co-edited *Asian Religions in America: A Documentary History*, which *Choice* named an "outstanding academic book." He also wrote *The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844–1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent and Our Lady of the Exile: Diasporic Religion at a Cuban Catholic Shrine in Miami*, which won the American Academy of Religion’s book award. Tweed’s *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion* was published by Harvard University Press in 2006, and his most recent book is an historical study of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, which appeared in 2011 as "America’s Church": The National Shrine and Catholic Presence in the Nation's Capital, 1917–1997. *America’s Church* also received the book award given by the American Academy of Religion. Tweed has served as the president of the American Society for the Study of Religion, and is currently president of the American Academy of Religion.
THE MORAL CHALLENGES OF RESEARCH: A PANEL ON THE AAR’S DRAFT STATEMENT ON RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH PRACTICES
Sunday afternoon (time TBD)
Hyatt Regency-Regency Ballroom

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
The American Academy of Religion has issued guidelines on many practices, including teaching and hiring; but, unlike most other ACLS organizations, the AAR has offered no guidelines regarding research. A group of scholars, which was led by AAR President Thomas Tweed and Executive Director Jack Fitzmier, has drafted proposed guidelines, and this session aims, first, to prompt a wider conversation about the moral challenges of funding, conducting, and representing research and, second, to solicit comments about the proposed draft. Toward those ends, the historians, translators, and fieldworkers on the panel will identify moral dilemmas they have faced in their own research and assess the effectiveness of the newly drafted statement in dealing with those challenges. Since AAR members work in diverse institutional settings, engage varied audiences, employ different approaches, and face distinctive challenges, no single panel could represent the experience of all our members. Yet we hope that this conversation will refine our understanding of researchers’ responsibilities and lead to a more nuanced and comprehensive final draft.

Panelists:
Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

“NORMATIVITY” AND THE ACADEMIC STUDY OF RELIGION: REFRAMING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Hyatt Regency-Regency Ballroom

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Graham Ward, Oxford University

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
This conversation focuses on one of the most enduring and difficult issues facing the Academy: what is the relation between Theology and Religious Studies? Tom Tweed will initiate the exchange between Ann Taves, a distinguished scholar of Religious Studies, and Graham Ward, a distinguished scholar of Theology, by asking each to identify the epistemic, moral, and aesthetic values that inform their work. They then will explore what they share and what they don’t. The session will end with the panelists proposing how we might reframe the conversation in more useful ways.

Panelists:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Graham Ward, Oxford University
Workshops

THATCAMP
The Humanities and Technology Camp
Friday, November 20, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

John Crow, Florida State University, Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, and Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

The advent of digital technology and social media has not only transformed how today’s religious communities function, but also how scholars teach and research religion more broadly. If you are interested in how technology is changing—or can change—the work of religious studies scholars, then we invite you to attend the AAR’s third annual THATCamp!

THATCamp stands for “The Humanities and Technology Camp,” and they exist to bring scholars and technologists of every skill level together to learn how to integrate digital technology into their teaching and research. THATCamps are unconferences, which means this learning and building occurs not through formal presentations but in hands-on workshops or sessions proposed on the spot by participants. Topics we will cover could include academic blogging, social media in the classroom, digital research methods, web-based class projects, online publishing, and countless others.

The cost for the workshop is $15, which includes the entire day of sessions. There will be time for lunch on your own. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. THATCamp attendees also must register and create profiles on the aar2015.thatcamp.org Blog in the fall, where they will receive instructions and be able to propose sessions.

RELIGION AND MEDIA WORKSHOP
Law, Public Culture, and Religion
Friday, November 20, 11:00 AM–6:00 PM

Ann Burlein, Hofstra University, Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, and M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

The Religion and Media workshop, one of the most popular sessions at the AAR annually, is a day-long seminar designed to foster collaborative conversation at the cutting edge of the study of religion, media, and culture. In 2015, the workshop will explore how law mediates religion.

We will pay particular attention to the connections between law, public culture, and religion.

• How do legal regimes organize and produce structures of feeling? How might aesthetics form spaces of counter-legality?
• How do debates about law mediate minoritization? How might legal formations shape the religious identities and life possibilities of citizens?
• How do conversations about law and religious freedom frame global understandings and misunderstandings of religion?

The workshop will not be structured as traditional paper sessions, but rather as a workshop exploring the mediation of religion by and through law. Three to five readings will be circulated to participants before the event. Because of the nature of this year’s workshop, it is essential that all participants commit to doing the readings ahead of time and prepare to participate in seminar-style conversation.

The cost for the workshop is $75, which includes lunch and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

Participants will include:
Allison Fish, University of California, Davis
Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University
Andrew Ventimiglia, University of California, Davis
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
Tisa Wenger, Yale University

RELIGION AND ECOLOGY WORKSHOP
Journey of the Universe: Hope for the Future
Friday, November 20, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Nancy Menning, Ithaca College, and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding

Journey of the Universe narrates the history of the cosmos in a mythic mode richly informed by contemporary science, bringing religion and science together in compelling ways. In this workshop we will explore the pedagogical potential of this universe story, at the cosmological as well as more localized scales. We will examine the ways in which this narrative shapes our understanding of the long arc of history, defines our human place in the grander ecological or cosmological journey, and suggests possibilities for ethical action. The goal of the workshop is to strengthen our capacity to awaken awe and wonder in the classroom with implications for our students’ capacity to participate effectively in much-needed environmental activism. Focusing on hope and working with the Journey of the Universe curricular materials we will develop skills in analyzing the emotional resonance of this narrative structure, the ways the materials will engage students, and how this contributes to an effective pedagogy.

The cost for the workshop is $35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 120 participants.
RETHINKING ISLAMIC STUDIES WORKSHOP

Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices
Friday, November 20, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, and Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding

We will focus on pedagogy, exploring practical efforts to enhance student learning and critical thinking regarding the complexities of modern colonial and postcolonial histories—and their effects—in Muslim contexts. The breadth and diversity of modern European forms of colonialism in Muslim communities creates a variety of challenges in the undergraduate classroom.

How do we begin to specify content? Do we privilege breadth, providing students with an overview of colonial encounters and their aftermaths from West Africa to Southeast Asia? Or do we privilege depth, digging deeply into colonial and postcolonial histories in a limited range of settings? Which approach most effectively illuminates colonial and post-colonial debates in Muslim contexts regarding the reconfiguration of Islamic traditions—especially regarding the relationship between Islamic devotional practices, forms of community life, and the state?

How do we most effectively provide students with sufficient background in pre-modern Islamic traditions so that they can appreciate the nature and extent of change during the modern period? What concepts or themes are most essential to analyzing the effects of modern forms of colonialism in diverse Muslim communities? Modernity? Secularization? Gender? Power? And how can we set the stage for understanding contemporary forms of Islamism and political Islam in relationship to the experience of colonization?

The format will consist of presentations by experienced instructors combined with interactive small group discussion. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for reflection on effective teaching and student-centered learning. The workshop is intended both for graduate students and professors of Islamic studies, as well as scholars from other fields in religious studies who are looking to incorporate more Islam material in their courses.

The cost of the workshop is $35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

ETHNOGRAPHY AND THEOLOGY WORKSHOP

A Multi-Disciplinary Orientation and Consultation on Using Ethnographic Research Methods for Theological Scholarship from Experts in Social Science and Theology
Friday, November 20, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Featuring a multi-disciplinary array of scholars from the social sciences and theology, this unique workshop will focus on the methodological orientation and the many unresolved issues inherent to emerging scholarship using ethnographic research methods for the development of theological scholarship.

The workshop will provide:

1. Orientation and suggested resources on the use of ethnography with the goal of theological exploration
2. Consultation with experienced scholars on participants’ research projects and proposals,
3. Critical dialogue on ambiguities and controversies arising from current practices and tensions,
4. Opportunity for dialogue and exploration on themes and topics in relation to research methods and theological work, and
5. Network connections with a broad base of colleagues from a variety of fields and institutions interested in this work.

The cost for the workshop is $35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 40 participants.

Participants will include:

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
Luke Bretherton, Duke University
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
Kathleen Jenkins, College of William and Mary
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Christian Scharen. Auburn Theological Seminary
James Spickard, University of Redlands
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP
Teaching Global Theologies: International Perspectives
Friday, November 20, 1:45 PM–5:00 PM

Cecilia González-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

This workshop will focus on the challenges of and opportunities for teaching theology in a global and transnational world from a variety of international perspectives. We will discuss how theology can be taught to honor diverse theological voices beyond tokenism.

The goals of this workshop are:

- To learn about the construction of global theology and the practice of teaching theology with global and local sources from different international contexts.
- To share pedagogical insights and concrete classroom examples of broadening students’ horizons to engage theological materials from other contexts.
- To understand the teaching of theology in a comparative mode, using examples from China and the United States.
- To envision changes in theological curriculum, contents, staff, and cultural ethos necessary for the teaching of theology to address the global challenges of the twenty-first century.
- To strengthen international collaboration and networking among both theologians and scholars from diverse Christian backgrounds and scholars of different faith traditions.

The first panel will survey the challenges and practices of teaching theology in the Global South and Global North. The second panel will offer pedagogical tools and insights by scholars who have taught in a variety of global contexts. The workshop will include ample time for collaborative reflection and building collegial networks.

The cost for the workshop is $35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

Participants will include:
Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Fuller Theological Seminary
Volker Küster, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz
Jung Mo Sung, Universidade Metodista, São Paulo
Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong
## Workshop Reservation Form

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Workshop</th>
<th>Day/Time</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>THATCamp</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>The Humanities and Technology Camp</em></td>
<td>9:00 AM–5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Religion and Media</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Law, Public Culture, and Religion</em></td>
<td>11:00 AM–6:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rethinking Islamic Studies</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices</em></td>
<td>1:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ethnography and Theology</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Ethnographic Methods for Theological Scholarship</em></td>
<td>1:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Theological Education</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Teaching Global Theologies: International Perspectives</em></td>
<td>1:45 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Religion and Ecology</td>
<td>Friday, November 20</td>
<td>$35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Journey of the Universe: Hope for the Future</em></td>
<td>2:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Name__________________________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ Email ____________________________

AAR Member ID________________________________________________________________

Payment Method: ☐ Check (payable to “AAR”)  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

Card Number __________________________________________________________________

Expiration Date (mo/yr)__________________________ CCID#________________________

Signature ____________________________ Date __________

**Workshops fill up quickly and are first-come, first serve!**

Return this form with payment by November 1, 2015 to AAR Registration and Housing, 825 Houston Mill Rd. NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, fax to +1-404-935-5321, email reg@aarweb.org, or register online while completing the registration process at [www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing](http://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing). If you've already completed registration, please send in the form or simply email reg@aarweb.org.
Tour Information

ATLANTA CITY TOUR
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
This bus tour begins on Atlanta’s longest and most famous street—Peachtree Street. Guests will see downtown’s soaring skyscrapers, midtown’s “Fabulous” Fox Theatre, the High Museum of Art, and “The Dump”, where Margaret Mitchell wrote Gone With the Wind. Next stop: Buckhead—an area of exquisite homes, often called the Beverly Hills of the South. Nestled in this exclusive area are the Governor’s Mansion, the Atlanta History Center, and the Swan House.

On the way back to town, guests will see the shopping and entertainment district—Atlantic Station, the Georgia Tech campus, and many Olympic venues. Guests will also see the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Centennial Olympic Park, and the CNN Center. Guests will then enjoy a driving tour of Sweet Auburn Avenue—the first, and for a long time the most thriving black business district in the south and an important landmark of the Civil Rights movement. Guests will visit Martin Luther King’s Center and Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King and his father were pastors.

No tour in Atlanta would be complete without a look at Turner Field—the home of the Braves, and the golden-domed State Capitol building. Guests will be both entertained and enlightened on this panoramic tour of Atlanta.

KING CENTER TOUR
Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM
This walking tour will start with a ride on Atlanta’s new streetcar to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which was envisioned by Coretta Scott King to be, “no dead monument, but a living memorial filled with all the vitality that was his, a center of human endeavor, committed to the causes for which he lived and died.” The King Center utilizes diverse communications media to educate people all over the world about Dr. King’s life, work, and his philosophy and methods of nonviolent conflict-reconciliation and social change.

Participants will see the International World Peace Rose Garden, Dr. and Mrs. King’s Crypt, the Eternal Flame, the Freedom Walkway, and the Reflecting Pool. Guests will then have the opportunity to visit Dr. King’s birth home and the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Ebenezer Baptist Church has been a spiritual home to many citizens of the “Sweet Auburn” community.

After giving a trial sermon to the congregation at the age of 19, Martin Luther King Jr. was ordained as a minister, where he remained until his death.

The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History is undergoing renovations, and we hope it will be open in time for the Annual Meeting. If renovations are complete, attendees will have the opportunity to stop there on the streetcar ride back from the King Center.

YOGA CLASS
Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM
Join us for a 50-minute energizing and wakening yoga class, appropriate to all levels of practitioners. Fun flow will incorporate the whole body—stretching into the legs, releasing tension in the shoulders, and opening up the heart with some gentle back bending. And, of course, a great playlist to get you ready for the day. Towels will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothing.

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART
Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
The High Museum of Art’s collections consist of more than 11,000 pieces and include nineteenth- and twentieth-century American and decorative art, significant European pieces, modern and contemporary art, photography, African art, and folk art. Participants will take the MARTA train and then walk 0.3 miles to the museum. We are offering five different docent-led tours for 45 minutes, and then you’ll have the opportunity to explore the museum on your own and come back to the Meeting at your leisure. Select one of the options below.

- Habsburg Splendor Special Exhibition: www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Habsburg-Splendor.aspx
- Women in Art: Learn about the female artists in the permanent collection
- Celebrate Black History: Discover permanent collection works created by artists of African descent
- Howard Finster and “ Outsider Art”: www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Howard-Finster.aspx
Those interested in the Finster exhibition will also have the opportunity to visit a special collection in a little-known warehouse. The Arnett warehouse of outsider art is perhaps the largest and most important collection of southern self-taught/outsider African American art in the United States and represents the work of Bill Arnett, his sons, and the Souls Grown Deep Foundation. Transportation will be as a group and a nominal additional fee will apply.

**CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
*Saturday, 1:45 PM–4:00 PM*

Recently opened in 2014, the Center for Civil and Human Rights has proven to be an engaging cultural attraction that connects the achievements of the civil rights movement in the United States and today’s global human rights movement. The purpose of the museum is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities. Participants will walk 0.4 miles to the museum and participate in a self-guided tour, returning at their leisure.

**JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**
*Sunday, 2:45 PM–5:00 PM*

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is home to the Presidential papers of the Carter administration. An exhibit of significant events occurring during Carter’s life and political career includes photographs with interpretative text. Several exhibitions focus on important twentieth-century issues such as war and peace, disarmament, and the economy. Participants will take a bus to the museum and participate in a self-guided tour.

**MICHAEL C. CARLOS MUSEUM**
*Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM*

From the ancient to the modern world, the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University brings to the Atlanta community the largest ancient art collection in the Southeast with priceless treasures mapping an extraordinary breadth of ancient cultures, customs, and legacies. Some 17,000 artifacts from ancient Egypt, the Near East, Greece, Rome, the Americas, Asia, and Africa, as well as works on paper from the Renaissance to the present day, provide visitors with a glimpse into the art and history of world cultures.

Two special exhibitions on display are *Spider Woman to Horned Serpent: Creation and Creativity in Native North American Art* and *Indigenous Beauty: Masterworks of American Indian Art from the Diker Collection*. Participants will take a bus to the museum and have a one hour docent-led tour with an additional 30 minutes to explore the museum on your own.

**PITTS THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**
*Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM*

The Pitts Theology Library is among America’s largest and most distinguished theological libraries and offers unusually rich resources for the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and the larger world of scholarship. Its collections include more than 610,000 volumes, 135,000 of which are in its special collections. In August of 2014, the library moved into a new facility, which includes an exhibit gallery with 22 custom cases. Participants will tour the library and the fall exhibit on the “Ten Commandments”. The exhibit will include texts and images from materials in the Richard C. Kessler Reformation Collection relating to the Ten Commandments, including early printed Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, sixteenth-century sermons, and commentaries. Guests will take a bus to the library and have a one hour docent-led tour with an additional 30 minutes to explore the library on your own.

**WILLIAM BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM**
*Monday, 12:30 PM–4:00 PM*

The Breman Museum’s extraordinarily vivid exhibitions use the personal remembrances of Atlantans to explain seminal moments in the Jewish experience. Participants will have a 90 minute docent led tour and a 90 minute Holocaust survivor talk. The two exhibitions below will be on display. Participants will take the MARTA train and then walk 0.5 miles to the museum, returning at your leisure.

*Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years, 1933–1945*
This permanent exhibition presents a detailed history of the events which led up to the Holocaust, the atrocities perpetrated by the Nazis during World War II, and the events that took place in its wake. The narrative of this dark time in human history is put forth in the voices of those who survived and made new lives in Atlanta.
Hosted by the American Academy of Religion

Tour Information (cont.)

**Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years, 1933–1945**

This exhibition was designed by local architect and Holocaust survivor Ben Hirsch, and features historic photographs, personal memorabilia, family documents, and videotaped interviews with Atlanta area survivors.

**Eighteen Artifacts: A Story of Jewish Atlanta**

This exhibition explores the history of Jews in Atlanta through artifacts, images, and oral histories. The story of Jewish Atlanta began as it did in many other Southern towns, but its narrative would take dramatic turns as Atlanta became a stage for regional, national, and international events over the next 170 years. Jews played a role in every significant event in Atlanta’s history, and in many cases Jewish men and women were instrumental in creating essential social, business and educational organizations. By showcasing important artifacts representing major turning points in this story, we hope all who visit will leave with a sense of the significant ways the Jewish community has shaped the city of Atlanta. As visitors encounter these eighteen artifacts they are encouraged to consider and share their own connections to the selected people, places or events.

**Ponce de Leon Avenue Houses of Worship Tour**

**Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM**

This bus tour will explore landmark houses of worship amid the changing religious ecology of Atlanta’s Ponce de Leon Avenue. Many of these buildings have served multiple purposes as Atlanta’s population has changed and moved. A major east-west avenue, “Ponce” passes through several distinct neighborhoods. Beginning in Midtown, through Virginia-Highland and Poncey-Highland, and into Druid Hills, where it is lined with parks first planned by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. Stops may include St. Paul Presbyterian Church, a 100-year-old Gothic revival building that has served three congregations and a restaurant; Druid Hills Baptist Church, a neoclassical church in a rapidly redeveloping neighborhood; St. John’s Lutheran Church, an octagonal Gothic church whose parish house was originally the Stonehenge Mansion; St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church, which occupies the neo-classical mansion built by Coca-Cola owner Asa Candler; and the Atlanta ISKCON Temple. We will also visit the neighboring campus of Emory University to see its Canon Chapel designed by modernist architect Paul Rudolph, and the Glenn Memorial Church, a colonial revival building. Other architectural treats along the route include the Moorish Revival Fox Theatre and modernist Moorish Yaarab Shrine.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tours fill up fast, so sign up today! To sign up for a tour, fax in the form on page 16 of this brochure, or email the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org. Please note that no refunds will be given on tours, except in case of cancellation of the tour. AAR reserves the right to cancel tours at its discretion.
## 2015 Tour Form

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Tour</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Atlanta City Tour</td>
<td>Friday, Nov. 20</td>
<td>1:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td>$35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>King Center Tour</td>
<td>Friday, Nov. 20</td>
<td>2:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td>$15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Yoga Class</td>
<td>Saturday, Nov. 21</td>
<td>7:00 AM–8:00 AM</td>
<td>$15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>High Museum of Art</td>
<td>Saturday, Nov. 21</td>
<td>9:30 AM–11:30 AM</td>
<td>$20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Center for Civil and Human Rights</td>
<td>Saturday, Nov. 21</td>
<td>1:45 PM–4:00 PM</td>
<td>$15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum</td>
<td>Sunday, Nov. 22</td>
<td>2:45 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Michael C. Carlos Museum</td>
<td>Monday, Nov. 24</td>
<td>9:00 AM–11:30 AM</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pitts Theological Library and Special Collections</td>
<td>Monday, Nov. 24</td>
<td>9:00 AM–11:30 AM</td>
<td>$25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum</td>
<td>Monday, Nov. 24</td>
<td>12:30 PM–4:00 PM</td>
<td>$20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ponce de Leon Avenue Houses of Worship Tour</td>
<td>Monday, Nov. 24</td>
<td>1:00 PM–5:00 PM</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Name(s)___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________________________ Email __________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________________ State ________ Postal Code ________________________________

Payment Method: ☐ Check (payable to “AAR”) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card Number ___________________________ Expiration Date (mo/yr) ___________ CID# ___________

Signature __________________________________________ Date ___________

Name on Card (please print) __________________________________________

**Tours fill up quickly and are first-come, first serve!**

Return this form with payment by November 1, 2015 to AAR Registration and Housing, 825 Houston Mill Rd. NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, fax to +1-404-935-5321, email reg@aarweb.org, or register online while completing the registration process at [www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing](http://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing). If you’ve already completed registration, please send in the form or simply email reg@aarweb.org.
Yes, I would like to support the AAR Academy Fund!

ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION OF:

☐ $1000  ☐ $500  ☐ $250
☐ $100  ☐ $50  ☐ Other ________

☐ Unrestricted, use my gift where it is needed most.
☐ Use my gift for Annual Meeting Travel Grants
☐ International Dissertation Research Grants
☐ Research Grants
☐ Other  Please specify: _________________________________

Name__________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _______ Postal Code _______________________
Phone _______________________________________________________________________________
Email ________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I prefer to remain anonymous.
☐ Please contact me regarding a gift of stock, planned gift, or other giving options.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

☐ Check enclosed (payable to “American Academy of Religion”)

Please charge my gift to:

☐ One time  ☐ Monthly  ☐ Annually
☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

Name on Card (please print) _________________________________________________
Card Number ___________________________ Expiration Date (mo/yr) _________ CID# ______
Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

TRIBUTE OPTIONS:

☐ My gift is in honor of ____________________________  ☐ My gift is in memory of ____________________________

Please notify (with gifts of $25 or more):

Name _______________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _______ Postal Code _______________________

American Academy of Religion
825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 300
Atlanta, Georgia, 30329
Fax: 1-404-727-7959

Donate online at www.aarweb.org/membership/support-aar.
LEADERSHIP
Shape your discipline and shape your field by volunteering to serve on committees, task forces, and other groups. AAR recognizes excellence throughout the field with a number of awards and honors.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Enrich your professional life by attending workshops specially designed to assist you at every level of your career. AAR provides the best resource for jobs within the field. Support your research by applying for an AAR research grant.

NETWORKING
Connect with scholars in the field by attending Annual and Regional Meetings at deep member discounts. Build relationships with colleagues within your discipline by getting involved in AAR mentoring programs. Assist and educate journalists, public policy makers, and your fellow citizens by promoting the public understanding of religion.

PUBLICATIONS
Publications such as the Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR), Religious Studies News (RSN), the AAR books series, and the monthly e-Bulletin provide academic and informational resources about your profession. AAR members receive special discounts on books by select publishers.

Join or Renew Your Membership Today!
www.aarweb.org
Membership Form
2015 Calendar Year
2016 Calendar Year

☐ New Member
☐ Renewing Member
Member ID:

Save time, renew online:
www.aarweb.org/Membership/Join

Contact Information
☐ Dr. ☐ Prof.
☐ Ms. ☐ Mr.
☐ Other

Name ________________________________________________________

Address Type: ☐ Business ☐ Home ☐ Rank or Position __________

Address ______________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State/Province __________ Postal Code __________ Country __________________________

Email (required) ________________________________________________ secondary __________ mobile __________

Phone business ___________________ home ___________________ mobile ___________________

☐ AAR rents the membership list (excluding email) to respected publishers and exhibitors under strict guidelines. Exclude me from this list.

☐ AAR sends emails to the membership on behalf of respected publishers and exhibitors under strict guidelines (your email is not shared). Exclude me from this list.

Demographic Information
Demographic information is optional. Demographics help the AAR better understand and serve its membership.

RACE/ETHNICITY
☐ African American or Black, Not Hispanic
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
☐ Hispanic or Latina/o
☐ Multi racial/ethnic
☐ Other: __________________________

GENDER IDENTITY
☐ Native American or Native Alaskan
☐ White, Not Hispanic
☐ Other: __________________________

SEXUAL ORIENTATION
☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Transgender
☐ Intersex
☐ Additional Info: __________________________

BIRTH YEAR
☐ Asexual
☐ Heterosexual
☐ Bisexual
☐ Lesbian
☐ Transgender
☐ Queer
☐ Intersex
☐ Questioning

Degree: Highest Held __________________________________________ Grad Year __________

Institution __________________________________________

Membership Dues—Check One (based on gross calendar income)

Mark if Retired

Professional under $20,000 $55 ☐ ☐
Professional $20,000–$59,999 $110 ☐ ☐
Professional $60,000–$99,999 $165 ☐ ☐
Professional $100,000+ $220 ☐ ☐

Special International*

Student (ten-year limit)$55 ☐
Retired $15* ☐
Professional $15* ☐

* Special International: International Scholars working or residing outside those countries designated as high-income by the World Bank may take advantage of a discounted rate of $15 plus international postage. Members from the following countries are not eligible: United States, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Postage Add $20 per year if outside the United States

2015 dues __________
2016 dues __________

Postage Total __________

Charitable Contribution Please support the AAR Academy Fund with a tax-deductible gift

Contribution Total __________

Total Amount __________

Method of Payment Payment must be in full and in U.S. dollars from a U.S. or Canadian bank

☐ Check (made payable to the American Academy of Religion) ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover)

Name on Card __________________________________________

Card Number __________________________ CID # __________ Expiration Date (mo/yr) __________

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________
THE 2015 AAR ANNUAL MEETING . . .

is the world’s largest gathering of scholars interested in the study of religion. Academic sessions, workshops, meetings, receptions, and tours...over 1,000 events take place during the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meetings Employment Center provides job seekers and employers the best place to meet. With over 150 publishers exhibiting, the Annual Meeting exhibit hall is the best place to review the latest publications within the field. From the opening event on Saturday, November 21 to the final event on Tuesday, November 24, the AAR & SBL Annual Meeting offers unparalleled opportunities to engage with leading scholars and scholarship within the field of religion.

The exhibit hall and registration area will be held in the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Registration for the Annual Meeting allows you to visit the exhibit hall, attend all Annual Meeting sessions, and join attendees for a variety of social events.