



2018 WORKSHOP RESERVATION FORM

No.	Workshop	Friday, Nov. 16	Cost
___	Class, Labor, and Religion – <i>Engaging Class and Labor in the Study of Religion: Intersections, Methodologies, Collaborations</i>	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	\$40
___	Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts – <i>Media Training and Work Outside the Academy</i>	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	\$100
___	THATCamp – <i>The Humanities and Technology Camp</i>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$15
___	Religion and Media – <i>Theorizing the "Public" in Public Scholarship</i>	11:00 am – 6:00 pm	\$70
___	Ethnography and Theology – <i>Methodologies, Approaches, and Recurring Themes</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$40
___	Integrating Religious and Disability Studies – <i>Creating, Shaping and Implementing Curriculum</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$40
___	Ritual Studies – <i>Methodological Experiments with Ritual Studies</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$35
___	Comparative Hagiology – <i>Issues in Theory and Method</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$35
___	Anti-Islamophobia – <i>Countering Islamophobia</i>	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	\$30
___	Public Scholars Project – <i>Practical Skills for the Public Scholar</i>	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$30
___	Centers on Religion and Public Life – <i>Best Practices and Possible Collaborations</i>	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$35
___	Ecology – <i>New Developments in Resources and Strategies for Teaching Religion and Ecology</i>	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	\$40
___	Buddhist Studies – <i>Buddhism for the Liberally Educated: Today's Buddhist Studies Classroom</i>	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	\$40

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Class, Labor, and Religion

Engaging Class and Labor in the Study of Religion: Intersections, Methodologies, Collaborations

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University, Rosemarie Henkel-Rieger, Southeast Center for Cooperative Development, Santiago Slabodsky, Hofstra University, and Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

This workshop aims to inaugurate a network of scholars of religion who address issues of class and labor (including reproductive labor) in their research. Class here is primarily understood as a social relation shaped by power over the work-process and its multivalent intersections with gender, race/ethnicity, disability, citizenship, coloniality, sexuality, and other such structures of power. We welcome scholars who study any religious tradition, and diverse methodologies (e.g., historical, ethnographic, theological, etc.) are likewise welcomed. The workshop will include significant time for participants to:

- Discuss key conceptual frameworks for the intersectional study of class, labor, and religion
- Describe their research related to class and labor and identify colleagues with similar interests
- Consider broader public implications of engaging issues of class and labor (e.g., dialogue between scholars and organizers)
- Identify and begin planning next steps for establishing the proposed network

The cost for attending the workshop is \$40, which includes a coffee break and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 49 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts

Media Training and Work Outside the Academy

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Crissy Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Andrew Henry, Boston University, and Hussein Rashid, Islamicate LLC, Presiding

The Applied Religious Studies Committee is hosting a one-day workshop focusing on putting knowledge of religion into the public sphere. The first part of the day will be an introduction to working with the media with Auburn Media. Using a tested methodology that has put several AAR members into media conversations, we want to assist more individuals increase the public understanding of religion. The second part of the day will be a panel conversation exploring actual work that scholars of Religion are engaged with outside of the academy, and the social impact they have created. The workshop is designed for individuals who would like basic, professional training in TV and radio interviews.

The Applied Religious Studies Committee is eager to support scholars exploring or working in careers outside of the traditional tenure track. Additional support may be available to those for whom the cost of registration might be a barrier. For more information, please contact annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$100, which includes the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Panelists:

Kelly Baker, Women in Higher Education
Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University
Diane Moore, Harvard University
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University

THATCamp

The Humanities and Technology Camp

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina, Younus Mirza, Allegheny College, Constance Kassor, Lawrence University, and Adam Porter, Illinois College, Presiding

The advent of digital technology and social media has not only transformed how today religious communities function, they have also changed how scholars teach about and conduct research on religion more broadly. If you are interested in how technology is changing—or can change—the work of scholars of religion, then we invite you to attend the THATCamp SBL & AAR unconference taking place the day before the SBL & AAR Annual Meetings begin. THATCamp brings together scholars to explore the role of technology in humanities scholarship. This is not a conference for techno-elites, it is a conference for every one of all skill levels. If you are new to digital humanities, come and learn. If you are a seasoned pro, come and share. For more information visit <http://thatcampaarsbl.org>.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$15, which includes a coffee break and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Religion and Media

Theorizing the "Public" in Public Scholarship

Friday, November 16, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Religion and Media Workshop is a day-long seminar designed to foster collaborative conversation at the cutting edge of the study of religion, media, and culture. This year's workshop will explore various dynamics of public scholarship:

- How are the intellectual, civic, and ethical obligations of the scholar to her public(s) mapped differently in various world regions and among varied religious groups?
- How are scholars called upon, or perceive themselves obligated to, comment, critique, or contribute to cultural debates and policy decisions in our interconnected lives, from the local to the international?
- How does the perceived collapsing of public/private boundaries in an era of new media challenge or otherwise modify our understandings of what it means to do public scholarship?
- How can theorizing the public/private (and its attendant categories of the individual, communal, etc.) help us better historicize what it means to do public scholarship? In what ways is any of this new? How has new media changed (if it has changed) the relationship between the scholar and the public?

The workshop will not be structured as traditional paper sessions, but rather as a workshop exploring public scholarship. 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 a seminar-style conversation.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$70, which includes lunch and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Panelists:

Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania

Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado

Nathan Schneider, University of Colorado

Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa

Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University

Ethnography and Theology

Methodologies, Approaches and Recurring Themes

Friday, November 16, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

This year's workshop attends to various methodologies and approaches used in ethnographic theology and ethics (such as working with the arts and poetry, action research, the use of creative methods when establishing a qualitative material, and ethnography as a pastoral practice), as well as to some recurring themes (such as normativity, social justice, and identity questions). Experienced scholars will each facilitate a small group table conversation devoted to one of these approaches or themes. Workshop participants will be able to be part of two different conversations during the afternoon. These will create a space for participants to engage with questions and issues from their own research. After the conversations, the table facilitators will also be panelists in a closing Q&A session.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$40, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 60 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Panelists:

Angela R. Cowser, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala

Mary Clark Moschella, Yale University

Nancy Ramsay, Brite Divinity School

Henk de Roest, Protestant Theological University

Nicola Slee, Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham, UK

Peter Ward, Durham University

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto

Integrating Religious and Disability Studies

Creating, Shaping and Implementing Curriculum

Friday, November 16, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Nick Shrubsole, University of Central Florida, Presiding

In this interactive workshop, we will explore subjects related to the proposal, design, and implementation of Disability Studies curricula in relation to various fields of theological and religious studies. More specifically, this workshop will provide attendees with the opportunity to share, learn, and collaborate with others interested and/or involved in moving beyond the introduction of Disability Studies content to the creation of certificates, concentrations, and degrees in Religion and Disability Studies. Anyone interested in the subject of Disability Studies and curricula are welcome; previous experience teaching in Disability Studies is not necessary for participation in the workshop.

Goals of the workshop include to:

- Assess existing assets for the implementation of a Disability Studies curriculum
- Outline strategies for approaching administrations about the adoption of Disability Studies curricula
- Create curricular mission statement and goals
- Consider core course content, including materials and pedagogy
- Construct ideas for partnerships to develop courses in multiple disciplines
- Network with colleagues to share resources and experiences

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Panelists:

Benjamin Conner, Western Theological Seminary

Debbie Creamer, Association of Theological Schools

Raedorah Stewart, Wesley Theological Seminary

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

Ritual Studies

Methodological Experiments with Ritual Studies

Friday, November 16, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

This experimental workshop makes use of personal participation in ceremonial practice to reflect on issues relating to the study and teaching of ritual. Participants will be invited to take part in two quite different, fairly simple, ritual performances: the Catholic practice of lighting a votive candle for the Virgin Mary, and the Contemporary Pagan practice of calling in the quarters. On the basis of our experiences, we will then discuss how these performances are structured so as to acquire, in perhaps quite different ways, a distinctive type of meaning and efficacy. This comparison will be less concerned with theological underpinnings or pragmatic consequences, than with the performative logics that endow these acts with the distinctive, "privileged" quality of ritual.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$35, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. To participate, select this workshop when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve a space in this workshop.

Panelists:

Lee Gilmore, San Jose State University
Ronald Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Martin Pehal, Charles University
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Comparative Hagiology

Issues in Theory and Method

Friday, November 16, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding

This workshop is to serve as a foundation for the development of a collaborative approach to the (re)definition of a theory and method for the study of hagiographical sources in a comparative and cross-cultural perspective. At one level, this workshop develops insights gained at the 2017 AAR Comparative Hagiology Workshop, and AAR session *Recentering Sacred Biography: Hagiography as a Category of Analysis for Comparative Sanctities*. At another level, the workshop also aims at establishing a theoretical and methodological foundation for further studies on religious life writings in a global perspective.

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Panelists:

Gloria Chien, Gonzaga University

David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Todd French, Rollins College

Jon Keune, Michigan State University

Sara Ritchey, University of Tennessee

Anti-Islamophobia

Countering Islamophobia

Friday, November 16, 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding

This workshop will introduce participants to key themes in the study of Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim hostility, in the United States. Topics will include historical foundations, contemporary manifestations, and responses from within American Muslim communities. Participants will hear from scholars who study and resist anti-Muslim hostility and will work with other participants to explore concrete ways of teaching against Islamophobia in their own contexts.

Caleb Elfenbein is an Associate Professor of Religious Studies and History, Grinnell College, whose current research focuses on the effects of anti-Muslim hostility on American Muslim participation in public life.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$30, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. To register, please visit <https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/m7o0pa0fwsm64/>.

Public Scholars Project

Practical Skills for the Public Scholar

Friday, November 16, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Mara Willard, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

In this extraordinary time of political division and social unrest, with religion often at the center of cultural debates, scholars of religion are frequently called upon to share their knowledge and perspective with those outside the academy. In this role as public scholars, they may speak with journalists, write for a broad audience, engage with policymakers or elected officials, meet with religious communities or local schools, or more. At this workshop, participants will work with professionals from government, the media, advocacy groups and others in a series of case studies, simulations and conversations designed to hone the practical skills of the public scholar.

The afternoon will start with a one hour overview, which will provide briefings on institutional norms and legal accountability that may attend your bringing your voice into the public. Participants will then participate in two practically minded, participatory sessions of 50 minutes each. These interactive workshops will provide focused skills training by genre by a range of experienced professionals in new and old media to prepare you for visual and/or audio presentation.

When you sign up for the workshop, please email Steve at sherrick@aarweb.org to indicate your preferences for sessions (label them 1-5, with 1 for the most preferred). There are 10 spaces per session and each session will run twice during the afternoon.

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Centers on Religion and Public Life

Best Practices and Possible Collaborations

Friday, November 16, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Erik Owens, Boston College and Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding

This workshop continues the conversation and collaboration begun in November 2017 at the inaugural summit of centers on religion and public life, hosted at Boston College. At this year's workshop we will focus on sharing best practices across a variety of aspects of our work. Workshop themes will include: addressing the challenges faced by established and emerging centers; engaging funders and policymakers; building inter-institutional and international collaborations; and how we can learn from wider experience in the fields of public understanding of science and the humanities. The workshop will be highly interactive and as such, **participation in this workshop requires an affiliation with an existing center for religion and public life**, broadly understood. Please contact Andrew Davies (a.davies.4@bham.ac.uk) if you have any questions about whether you are eligible to attend or for additional information.

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Ecology

New Developments in Resources and Strategies for Teaching Religion and Ecology

Friday, November 16, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

This workshop offers participants the opportunity to learn about the latest pedagogical developments in religion and ecology classes. Suitable for newcomers to the field, as well as established teachers, the workshop will feature a number of key practitioners of religion and ecology pedagogy who will share their strategies for success in teaching religion and ecology classes. Topics will include:

- A review of current learning resources in the field, including the latest books, films and web materials
- A discussion of current approaches to religion and ecology courses in North America
- A survey of current research into religion and ecology pedagogy
- Strategies for engaging students in learning outside the classroom

Overall, the focus will be on providing practical information to help faculty produce transformational experiences and richer outcomes in religion and ecology classes.

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Panelists:

Evan Berry, American University

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College

Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Catherine Wright, Wingate University

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University

Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University

Buddhist Studies

Buddhism for the Liberally Educated: Today's Buddhist Studies Classroom

Friday, November 16, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Buddhist studies, while historically moored in textual studies, is a vibrant field of academic scholarship that engages new methodologies and issues. Yet, how do the more recent discussions, trends, innovations, and controversies of the field find their way into our classrooms and out into the world? This workshop invites Buddhist studies scholars to share and critique a variety of approaches to engaging students in the contemporary study of Buddhism. Our workshop panel will address the successes and failures of their pedagogical strategies, including a critical review of some reading assignments, in-class activities, films, and writing projects that make their Buddhist studies classrooms work. We will also conduct break-out sessions in which participants will develop sample classroom activities based on the ideas shared during the panel discussion.

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Panelists:

Kristin Scheible, Reed College

Jon Young, California State University, Bakersfield

Amy Paris Langenberg, Eckerd College

C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College