



2019 WORKSHOP RESERVATION FORM

No.	Workshop	Friday, Nov. 22	Cost
___	1000 Women in Religion - Wikipedia Edit-a-thon – <i>The 1000 Women in Religion Project</i>	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$25
___	Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts – <i>Media Training and Work Outside the Academy</i>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$75
___	THATCamp – <i>The Humanities and Technology Camp</i>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	\$30
___	Sound and Religion – <i>Sound and the Academic Study of Religion</i>	9:00 pm – 6:00 pm	\$0
___	Religion and Media – <i>Techno-Utopias</i>	11:00 am – 6:00 pm	\$55
___	AAAS/DoSER Science and Religion Pedagogy Discussion at Scripps Oceanography Institute Transportation Provided	12:30 pm – 5:30 pm	\$25
___	Becoming a Public Scholar	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$50
___	Comparative Hagiology – <i>Prospects for Future Research</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$35
___	Ethnography and Theology – <i>Representation and Normativity - Crises and Possibilities</i>	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$20
___	Centers for Religion and Public Life – <i>Sharing Insights and Practice</i>	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$20
___	Buddhist Contemplation – <i>Teaching Buddhist Contemplation in Higher Education</i>	2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	\$20
___	Cosmology and Ecology – <i>The Intersection of Evolutionary Cosmology with Ecological Awareness</i>	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	\$20
___	Public-Facing Scholarship in Religion, Medicine, and Healing	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	\$0
___	Mindfulness Workshop – <i>Mindfulness for Educators</i>	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	\$35

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Workshops fill up quickly and are first-come, first serve! Return the form with payment by November 1, 2019 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 <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing>. If you've already completed registration, please send in the form or simply email reg@aarweb.org.

1000 Women in Religion -- Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

The 1000 Women in Religion Project

Friday, November 22, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Colleen Hartung Ph.D, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Elizabeth Ursic, Ph.D., Mesa Community College, Alicia Panganiban, M.Div., Th.M., Northwestern Medicine, Mary (Polly) Hamlen, M.Div., Harvard Law School, Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, May May Latt, Deborah Fulthorp, Ph.D, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary, Rosalind Hinton, Ph.D., LAOUTLOU, Mary Ellen Chown, M.Ed., M.Div, Catholic Network for Women's Equality (CNWE), Presiding

The 1000 Women in Religion Project is a major initiative of the AAR/SBL Women's Caucus – works to raise up the under recognized work of women in the world's religious and wisdom traditions by adding 1000 women onto Wikipedia. This is a practical effort, situated in the public square that addresses the problem of systemic gender bias on Wikipedia where only 17% of the biographies are about women. In this workshop participants will sign up as wiki-editors, learn the basics of editing, do hands on editing that improves existing articles and start their first article by outlining the all-important lead paragraph. We will work on submissions pre-selected from our list of 1000 women but if you are passionate about a particular unrecognized woman bring your project along. You do not need to be a technological expert!! We will walk you through the Wikipedia editing process one easy step at a time. Join us!!

Thank you to the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) for their support of the 1000 Women in Religion Project and this workshop.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$25, which includes coffee and pastries and the entire day 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.

Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts

Media Training and Work Outside the Academy

Friday, November 22, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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 reaching general audiences through various media.

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.

THATCamp

The Humanities and Technology Camp

Friday, November 22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Candace Mixon, Macalester College, Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, 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 AAR & SBL unconference taking place the day before the AAR & SBL conferences 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.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$30, which includes a coffee break, afternoon snack 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

Techno-Utopias

Friday, November 22, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Religion and Media Workshop is a day-long seminar designed to foster collaborative conversations on the study of religion, media, and culture. This year's workshop will explore the concept of techno-utopias. In our global world, we are becoming increasingly accustomed to rampant social mediascapes and to a steady supply of new home, personal, and work technologies engineered to save us time, increase productivity, and reduce depression. Scholars also are aware that the lived context for these mediated technologies includes proto-fascism and looming environmental collapse. Since humanists have joined the wave of techno-utopians seeking to engage and repair the world through mediated technologies, this Workshop asks whose utopia is in view. To attend to this question, we will ask about the roles of privilege and power, materiality and immateriality, and the shifting negotiations of bodies, identity, and imagination.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$55, which includes coffee, 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:

Dr. Elizabeth Singler, University of Cambridge

Dr. Biko Mandela Gray, Syracuse University

AAAS/DoSER Science and Religion Pedagogy Discussion at Scripps Oceanography Institute

Friday, November 22, 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER), this workshop will offer participants a unique opportunity to visit the Scripps Institution of Oceanography where they will: 1) experience a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the facility led by a Scripps scientist; 2) listen to two theological educators involved in AAAS/DoSER's "Science for Seminaries Project" who will share two case studies regarding best practices for incorporating science into the religious studies/theology classroom; 3) hear the reflections of Scripps scientists on this important task; and 4) have an opportunity to engage the educators, the scientists and one another in an extended discussion, including a focus on elements often overlooked in discussions of pedagogical approaches to the integration of science in religious studies/theological education such as the needs of students from different or no faith traditions, and the diverse assumptions made by students of different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

This is an offsite workshop, bus transportation is included in the registration cost of the workshop. The cost for attending the workshop is \$25. 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. The bus will depart and return to the Convention Center

Becoming a Public Scholar

Friday, November 22, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

One aspect of engaging in public scholarship is learning how to engage media effectively. The AAR is hosting this half-day workshop of media training with experts from Auburn Media. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn methods for staying on message and communicating clearly and productively.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$50. 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.

Comparative Hagiology

Prospects for Future Research

Friday, November 22, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding

The workshop seeks to establish the future research agenda for the collaborative, interdisciplinary and cross-cultural study of sanctity and hagiographic processes. Building on the outcomes of the 2017 and 2018 AAR Hagiology Workshops, and the forthcoming special issue of Religions on theory and method in comparative hagiology that developed from them, attendees of the 2019 workshop will join in crafting a mission statement and research goals that will serve as foundational documents for establishing an AAR seminar on Comparative Hagiology.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$35, which includes coffee, a snack 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.

Ethnography and Theology

Representation and Normativity—Crises and Possibilities

Friday, November 22, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University, Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College, Presiding

Since the 1980's, anthropologists have raised important questions about ethnographic epistemology and the politics of representation, particularly in light of (post)colonialism and globalization. Who can do fieldwork, and where should they do it? Does fieldwork necessarily create asymmetrical research relationships? Is collaboration in the field possible? What methods best nuance operative definitions of 'culture' in light of gender, race, etc., diversity? What strategies of representation are appropriate/inappropriate for different contexts? Querying notions of authority, objectivity, reflexivity and the craft of writing, the anthropological crisis in representation offers fertile ground for theological engagement, related not only to questions of representation, but also normativity. In this workshop, anthropologists and theologians discuss the conditions of the representation crisis and methodological possibilities emerging from it. Attendees also participate in 1-2 table groups, diving deeper into methods that can navigate questions of representation and normativity in their own ethnographic theological projects.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$20, which includes a coffee, snack break and the entire afternoon 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.

Panelists:

James Bielo, Miami University
Angela R. Cowser, Louisville Seminary
Irma Fast Dueck, Canadian Mennonite University
Kristina Helgesson-Kjellin, Uppsala University
Kate Lassiter, Chicago Theological Seminary
Derek Lemons, University of Georgia
Sabrina Müller, University of Zurich
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
Clare Watkins, University of Roehampton
Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Sound and Religion

Friday, November 22, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Keynote speaker: Ashon Crawley, University of Virginia

Artist presenter: Amy Cimini, University of San Diego

The American Religious Sounds Project will host a day-long workshop on sound and the academic study of religion. The workshop is designed for individuals interested in incorporating sound into their research, teaching, and community engagement. We imagine sound as either object of research and/or medium for sharing that research. The workshop will include presentations from scholars and artists, seminar-style discussions, and interactive activities.

The cost of the workshop, including lunch and a concluding reception, is covered by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. Registration is limited to the first 25 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:

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University

Finnian Gerrety, Brown University

Francis Stewart, Bishop Grosseteste University

Anandi Knuppel, Emory University

Centers for Religion and Public Life

Sharing Insights and Practices

Friday, November 22, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

This workshop will provide an opportunity for leaders of some of the global Centers for Religion and Public life to gather to discuss and disseminate their work and to develop and share best practices.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$20, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 40 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.

Buddhist Contemplation

Teaching Buddhist Contemplation in Higher Education

Friday, November 22, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Gloria Chien, Gonzaga University, Presiding

This workshop explores the relevance of contemplative practices in teaching Buddhism. Presenters will discuss theoretical paradigms, and lead contemplative exercises, to demonstrate diverse pedagogical strategies that can be adapted to academic teaching. Judith Simmer-Brown will examine the adaptation of Buddhist compassion practices for the college classroom. Gloria Chien will analyze how the Cognitively-Based Compassion Training program embraces Ignatian educational elements in a Jesuit university. Employing the smart phone app “Insight Timer,” Daniel Hirshberg will explain how this technology enables users to track and verify meditation sessions. His “Smartphone Dis/Connect” activity shows the stress-response provoked by technological notifications. Incorporating current neuroscience research, Michael Sheehy focuses on a theoretical framework within the mahāmudrā contemplative tradition to show how these practices can help students hone their attention spans. This workshop contributes to scholarly conversations about the challenges, reflections, and praxis of Buddhist contemplative pedagogy in higher education.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$20, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 40 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:

Gloria Chien, Gonzaga University

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

Harold Roth, Brown University

Daniel Hirshberg, University of Mary Washington

Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia

Cosmology and Ecology

Friday, November 22, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

This workshop will focus on the intersection of evolutionary cosmology with ecological awareness. The fact that humans see themselves in continuity with evolutionary processes helps shift our sense of caring for the Earth community. We will explore how students may engage these ideas in fresh ways. Resources include online classes, related books, and articles. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim will discuss their new book, *Thomas Berry: A Biography* (Columbia University Press, 2019). Thomas Berry (1914–2009) was a cultural historian in Western, Asian, and indigenous religions. He sought mutually-enhancing human-Earth relations, so as to respond to our ecological challenges. Brian Thomas Swimme will discuss his new edition of *Hidden Heart of the Cosmos* (Orbis Books, 2019). Brian is co-author with Thomas Berry of *The Universe Story*. He also co-wrote with Mary Evelyn Tucker the Emmy Award winning film, *Journey of the Universe*.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$20, which includes a coffee break and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 65 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.

Speakers: Mary Evelyn Tucker & John Grim, Yale University
Respondent: Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco

Speaker: Brian Thomas Swimme, California Institute of Integral Studies
Respondent: Heather Eaton, St Paul's University, Ottawa

Viewing *Journey of the Universe* Conversations: Nancy Mary Boy; Carl Anthony

Public-Facing Scholarship in Religion, Medicine, and Healing

Practical Skills for the Public Scholar

Friday, November 16, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pierce Salguero, Penn State University, Presiding

This workshop, organized by Religions, Medicines, and Healing unit, is a discussion of documentary filmmaking, digital storytelling, and other media for documentation and knowledge production. Specific focus on developing criteria and rubrics for assessment of public-facing scholarship, for use in publishing, pedagogy, and tenure promotions.

There is no cost for attending the workshop. 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.

Mindfulness Workshop for Educators

Mindfulness for Educators

Friday, November 22, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Pierce Salguero, Penn State University, Presiding

By definition, mindfulness is the quality of being aware of body and mind. Thousand researches have documented that mindfulness practices bring numerous benefits tangibly and psychologically. This Mindfulness Workshop will afford the opportunity for participants to discover why numerous modern educators integrate mindfulness practice into pedagogical curriculums to augment their students' academic performances. Also, it will guide participants physically and mentally to live with the present moment while increasing the ability to relax, develop patience and non-judgmental awareness, let go of ruminating and stressful thoughts, be open-minded in any circumstance, and foster necessary skills to be more compassionate, productive, and positive through the practice of breath meditation and other related mindfulness techniques to improve beneficially their pedagogical profession.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$35, which includes an entire afternoon session. 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.