

**Regional Development Grant Application
Mid Atlantic Region**

Colloquium Speaker Series on Teaching and Learning in the Religious Studies Learning Space
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The Mid-Atlantic Region supports collegiality throughout the entire year as opposed to solely at the annual regional conference. The region is committed to an ideal of academic excellence that promotes a love for teaching and learning through intellectual rigor. For this reason, we propose a Colloquium series as a part of our regional scholarly activities for the 2013-2014 year. MAR-AAR 2013’s Wabash Workshop inspires this colloquium series. From the Wabash consultants, Richard Ascough and Carolyn Medina, the region learned how important it is to move forward with the teaching and learning needs of the region in mind. This Colloquium series on teaching and learning will focus on this year’s regional conference theme: *Lived Experience*.

Our primary aim is to challenge our need to improve as a region by providing a learning space for all members of the region to engage in rigorous intellectual discourse. We aim to build a community of regional scholars who will meet to share their expertise and learn from each other with the goal of improved teaching in mind. We hope to gain new regional members as we build AAR membership with our cross-disciplinary invitation to graduate students, faculty members within academia, and independent scholars.

We have identified four parts to the Colloquium Series along with potential dates and venues. Each Colloquium will begin with an introduction that focuses on undergraduates and options for graduate school. The introduction will inform students of Masters of Theology Programs, Masters of Divinity Programs, Seminary, Ph.D programs and Th.D programs. After the invited speaker presents, we will host a question and answer session that will provide a space for intellectual dialogue. We will also host a reception after each colloquium to provide an informal learning space for further critical discussion. At this time, we will invite graduate students to pose any questions about Graduate School to faculty members present at the reception.

Date	Venue	Potential Speakers	Focus
September 2013	New Jersey: Drew University or Montclair State University upon university permission	Dr. Michael Kogan Courses he regularly teaches include: Old and New Testaments, Contemporary Jewish Thought, Religious Existentialism,	<i>Teaching and Learning without Evangelizing</i>

		The Thought of Søren Kierkegaard, Heidegger's <i>Being and Time</i> , Modern Theology, and Religion and the Poetic Imagination (T. S. Eliot).	
November 2013	Baltimore, Maryland AAR conference site	Dr. Mike Waggoner Dr. Waggoner is the editor of <i>Religion and Education</i> and also current president of the American Education Research Association's Religion and Education SIG group.	<i>Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management for the Religious Studies Classroom</i>
January 2014	Pennsylvania: Lancaster Theological Seminary upon seminary permission	TBA	<i>Teaching and Learning: Scriptures</i>
March 2014	Baltimore, Maryland: MAR-AAR Regional Conference Site	Wabash Consultants	<i>Teaching and Learning: Intro to Religious Studies</i>

Regional Meetings Programs to address the above areas of need

We invite Wabash consultants Richard Ascough and Carolyn Medina to return to the MAR-AAR meeting to facilitate a workshop as a preconference activity. During the workshop, we ask Dr. Ascough and Dr. Medina to facilitate break-out sessions based on the Colloquium themes:

<i>Teaching and Learning without Evangelizing</i>
<i>Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management for</i>

<i>the Religious Studies Classroom</i>
<i>Teaching and Learning: Scriptures</i>
<i>Teaching and Learning: Intro to Religious Studies</i>

Proposed Budget:

1. Promotional Materials: \$
2. Honorariums for Colloquium Speakers: \$
3. Honorariums for Wabash Consultants: \$
4. Donations to University Venues (In NJ and PA): \$
5. Catering:
 - a. Receptions for each lecture: \$ (total)
 - b. Wabash Dinner at MAR-AAR conference: \$
6. Lodging for Wabash Consultants at MAR-AAR conference: \$

Total: + % tax = \$