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**IMPORTANT MEMBER UPDATES**

**Renew Today for 2012 Membership**
A new year means it is time to check your AAR membership status! **Renew today** for the 2012 AAR membership year or check your status by going to your member **Log in** page.

**Religious Studies News**
The January issue of *Religious Studies News* is published! It contains the **Call for Papers** for the 2012 AAR Annual Meeting, so be sure to check it out.

**ANNUAL MEETING NEWS**

**Call for Papers Now Available!**
The January issue of *Religious Studies News* is now available at [www.rsnonline.org](http://www.rsnonline.org). Inside you will find the **2012 Call for Papers**.

Please note that the new **Program Administration, Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission (PAPERS) System** will open by **Monday, February 13**. The deadline for proposal submissions is **Monday, March 5**.

**Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Opens February 6 (TENTATIVE DATE)**
Registration and Housing for the **2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois**, will open on **Monday, February 6**. Register before **April 15** to...
receive the Super Saver discount!

**AAR AWARDS NEWS**

**Religion and the Arts Award: Deadline February 1, 2012**
Nominations are being accepted for the Religion and the Arts award, which is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the Academy and for a broader public. Nominees need not be AAR members. Please, no self nominations. To be considered for the 2012 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2012**. For submission requirements and more information, please see here.

**Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award: Deadline January 25, 2012**
To nominate someone for the AAR's Martin E. Marty Award, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion by those whose work speaks to the public as well as to scholars, please see here. The deadline for nominations is **January 25, 2012**.

**ACADEMIC ABBY: Professional Advice from Your Colleagues**
Do you have a question about life in academe that you are at a loss to answer by yourself but don’t feel you can approach your colleagues with it? **Ask Academic Abby**! Academic Abby is able to answer questions large and small, from dealing with faculty dilemmas, to tenure issues, to work/life balance troubles. Questions can be submitted anonymously through an **online form**. Members of the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee will respond to each question received. The question and answer will be posted on the **SWP web page** and issues of **Religious Studies News**.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Peer-Reviewed Syllabi**
All of us would pay more attention to what and how we teach if we knew our syllabi are subject to the same scrutiny as our scholarly papers. **Syllabus**, a new peer-refereed journal, intends to provide an outlet for recognition and support to faculty who excel in teaching. The journal is at **http://syllabusjournal.org/**. It publishes original course syllabi, essays, and shorter "tool box" entries. All are subjected to blind
peer review.

**AAR MEMBER NOTES**

**Awards**
Lisa Cataldo, Fordham University
Recipient of the Stephen A. Mitchell Author's Award, granted by the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, for the outstanding paper submitted by a psychoanalyst who has been out of training for five years or less.

Scott M. Kenworthy, Miami University

Rodger M. Payne, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Participated in a Fulbright-Hays summer seminar for university faculty exploring religious diversity in Morocco and Tunisia during the summer of 2011.

**Books and Major Publications**

Guy L. Beck, Tulane University

Ellen Blue, Phillips Theological Seminary

Lucy Bregman, Temple University

Fabrizio M. Ferrari, University of Chester

Talya Fishman, University of Pennsylvania
*Becoming the People of the Talmud: Oral Torah as Written Tradition in Medieval Jewish Cultures.* University of Penn Press, 2011 | ISBN 978-0-8122-4313-0
Laura M. Hartman, Augustana College

Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology

**Career Transitions**

Richard Heyduck, Wiley College
Appointed Assistant Professor of Religion at Wiley College.

Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Recently became the first person of Taiwanese descent as well as the first Asian American female to be awarded tenure at Claremont School of Theology.

**In Memoriam**

Sarah Hammond, College of William and Mary
Dr. Hammond passed away November, 2011. She was a professor of American religious history and a 2009 Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellow at Indiana University. A tribute to Dr. Hammond, with links to other tributes, can be found at Religion Dispatches.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones! Submit your Member Note online.