MEMBER NEWS

Renew for 2014
Remain a part of your professional guild by renewing your 2014 AAR membership! AAR members receive print and online access to JAAR, Religious Studies News, and reduced registration rates at the Annual Meeting. Renew your membership for calendar year 2014 at www.aarweb.org/join2014.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The 2013 Annual Meetings in Baltimore drew over 10,200 attendees! There were some 1,500 sessions over the course of the week. We are already planning the 2014 Annual Meetings in San Diego, California for next November. Check back in mid-January for the Call for Papers!

AAR GRANTS & AWARDS: APPLY TODAY!

Religion and the Arts Award Nominations
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 and 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 2014 award, nominations must be made by February 1, 2014. For submission
Collaborative International Research Grants
The American Academy of Religion, a member of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), is pleased to announce a new Collaborative International Research Grants competition. This initiative is intended to support generative research collaborations between and among scholars located in different geographical regions who wish to pursue focused, joint projects in any area of the study of religion. Applications for awards ranging from $500 to $5000 will be reviewed by the AAR’s International Connections Committee (ICC).

More information about the research grants, including the application portal, can be found on the AAR website. Please direct inquiries to Amy Allocco, chair, International Connections Committee. The deadline is January 6, 2014.

AAR to Conduct Survey to Analyze Long-Term Impact of the Religious Studies Major

The AAR requests institutions with an undergraduate major in religious studies support a survey of their former majors that will help indicate the impact of the religious studies major.

Institutions can participate in the survey by providing a list of graduates with current e-mail addresses along with a letter from an institutional figure (department chair or otherwise) that will accompany the survey when it is sent to former students. Participating institutions will receive a report of their institution’s results as well as national data.

Grants are available to help institutions that need resources to conduct the survey. The grant application deadline is February 1, 2014.

The project is supported by the Teagle Foundation and administered by an IRB protocol by Georgia State University. To learn more, please visit the survey's web page.

Call for Papers: Teaching Interreligious Encounters (AAR Teaching Religious Studies Book Series)
There is a projected new volume on teaching interreligious encounters in the AAR's Teaching Religious Studies series published by Oxford University Press. This volume will consist of essays addressing various facets, practical and theoretical, of teaching across multiple religious traditions, including Comparative Theology (CT) and Theologies of Religious Pluralism (TRP). The essays need not utilize the scholarship of teaching and learning and research on pedagogy, but such proposals are especially welcome. The contributions may run anywhere along the gamut of teaching as knowing (content) to sustained reflection on the practice of teaching CT and TRP. To read more about this series, about this opportunity, including the information on how to submit a proposal, please click here. The deadline is December 31, 2013.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in the latest happenings in the field of religion? Would you like to post an announcement of an event, award competition, or other news of importance in the field? In the Field is your resource for news of events and opportunities for scholars of religion and theological education, published online by the AAR.

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 Status of Women in the Profession web page and issues of Religious Studies News.

ASK THE DIVA

If you are experiencing issues of special concern to LGBTIQ scholars of religion, the Diva can help! What questions do you have about graduate school, career development, teaching, etc.? Questions can be submitted anonymously through an online form. Members of the LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee will respond. Your confidentiality is assured; the answers can be e-mailed to you privately if you wish. With your permission, the questions and answers will be posted anonymously in Religious Studies News.

MEMBER NOTES

Awards & Accomplishments
Andre Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary  

Books and Major Publications
David R. Brockman, Southern Methodist University  

Melissa Browning, Loyola University Chicago  

Claudio Carvalhaes, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia  
Timothy Gabrielli, Seton Hill University

Anthony Maranise, Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Christian Brothers University

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James Taneti, Campbell University Divinity College

**Other**

Sayed Hassan Akhlaq Hussaini, Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East

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