IMPORTANT MEMBER NEWS

Religious Studies News — January Issue Now Available!
We are very pleased to announce the release of the January issue of Religious Studies News. The issue can be accessed by going online to www.rsnonline.org.

In this issue, you will find the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, plus lots of other information about the AAR.

AAR Member Discount Program
AAR has partnered with several publishers to offer discounts on books and journals. Thank you to our partners:

- Ashgate Publishing
- DeGruyter
- Cambridge University
- Journal of Vaishnava Studies
- Oxford University Press
- Routledge
- University of California Press
- Wiley-Blackwell

Learn more about AAR member discounts on books and journals here.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The 2013 Call for Papers is online! The AAR Annual Meeting will be in Baltimore, Maryland, November 23–26. AAR welcomed five new program units to the fold in 2013:
The PAPERS system will open on January 22, 2013. Start thinking about your Annual Meeting proposal today — the deadline for the Call for Papers is March 1, 2013.

AAR AWARDS AND GRANTS NEWS

**AAR Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards and the Best First Book in the History of Religions Book Award**

Submissions are sought for the Best First Book in the History of Religions award, as well as the four categories of the Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion. The four categories for the Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion are:

- Analytical-Descriptive Studies
- Constructive-Reflective Studies
- Historical Studies
- Textual Studies.

The submission deadline for all book awards is February 10, 2013.

**Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award Nominations**

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, 2013.

**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 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 2013 award, nominations must be made by February 1, 2013. For submission requirements and more information, please see here.
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.

AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards and Accomplishments

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside

Mark S. M. Scott, Villanova University
Purple Talk Teaching Award, University of Missouri, Spring 2012.

Books and Major Publications

Andy Alexis-Baker, Marquette University, and Tripp York, eds.

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
Religion on the Edge: De-centering and Re-centering the Sociology of
Lucas F. Johnston, Wake Forest University

Mohammad Hassan Khalil, Michigan State University, ed.

Anthony M.J. Maranise, Bishop Byrne High School

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Mark S. M. Scott, Villanova University

Philip L. Tite, University of Washington

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

**Career Transitions**
Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
Appointed Professor of Theological Ethics and Director of the Institute for Social Ethics at the University of Zurich.

Mark S. M. Scott, Villanova University
Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Liberal Education, at Villanova University
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
Appointed as Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in African Christianity at the University of Leeds, UK.

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