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AAR ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

AAR has now completed elections to the AAR Board of Directors. Thank you for voting!

Here are the results:

**Vice President:** Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., Princeton University

**Secretary:** Michael D. McNally, Carleton College

**At-Large Director:** Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University, Bloomington

Congratulations to Eddie, Michael, and Asma. They join our Board at an exciting time in our history. We also extend sincere thanks to Dwight Hopkins, Jon Pahl, and Maria Massi Dakake for their willingness to stand for election.

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RENEW FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 TODAY!

Renew your 2015 AAR membership! Make sure your access remains uninterrupted to all your member benefits, including print and online access to JAAR, Religious Studies News, and reduced registration rates at the Annual Meeting. Renew your membership for calendar year 2015 at https://www.aarweb.org/join2015.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGE!

If you registered by September 18, you should have received your name badge in the mail. Once you arrive in San Diego, pick up a name badge holder and then feel free to attend any Annual Meeting event; you do not need to come by registration. Those who registered September 19 or who did not receive it in the mail will have to pick their badge up onsite.

Make sure to wear your badge at all Annual Meetings events — it helps people identify you, and there are some sessions with extra security where badges will be checked.

Mobile App at the Annual Meetings

Access the free Annual Meetings app! See all of the details here.

AAR Plenary Sessions at the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego

There have been some exciting changes and additions to our Plenary lineup for San Diego. See below and check out the AAR website for the full details!

Release of PRRI/AAR National Survey on Religion, Values, and Climate Change (A22-145)

Saturday – 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Rajendra K. Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (A22-142)

Saturday – 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Note: Dr. Pachauri will join us via live video from New Dehli.

Bill McKibben, 350.org: Updates from the Front Lines of the Climate Fight (A22-402)

Saturday – 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

Plenary Panel: Religion and the Roots of Climate Change Skepticism (A23-106)
Sunday – 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hanoch Ben-Pazi, Bar Ilan University
Richard Cizik, New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Oak Ridge, TN
Thomas Ackerman, University of Washington
David Ford, University of Cambridge

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presidential Address: Interrupting Your Life: An Ethics for the Coming Storm (A23-146)
Sunday – 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Plenary Panel: Religion, Skepticism, and Scientific Consensus on Climate Change (A24-242)
Monday – 2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University
Charles Kennel, University of California, San Diego
Natan Levy, Board of Deputies of British Jews

Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center, The Role of Religion in Mediating Conflicts and Imagining Futures: The Cases of Climate Change and Equality for Women (A24-340)
Monday – 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Before the Annual Meeting: Conference on Contemplative Studies
November 20–21, 2014
Warren Auditorium, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall
University of San Diego
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA

The Conference on Contemplative Studies will be a symposium on Contemplative Studies, the emerging interdisciplinary field dedicated to
research and education on contemplative practice and contemplative experience. The conference will consist of six sequential panels, comprised on three presenters each. The panel topics are as follows: (1) Contemplative Studies; (2) Critical Subjectivity; (3) Contemplative Pedagogy; (4) Contemplative Psychology, Neuroscience, and Clinical Applications; (5) Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, and Religiously-Committed Contemplative Practice; and (6) Interdisciplinary Perspectives. The conference is designed to express a distinctive vision for the field and also to address key issues and potential approaches. It is intended to be a collaborative and critical conversation. That is, this event will be an inclusive, interdisciplinary and sophisticated meeting about contemplative practice and contemplative experience from an academic perspective. Organized by Dr. Louis Komjathy, the conference is sponsored by the University of San Diego and by an American Academy of Religion regional development grant.

Please visit the conference website and view the online program.

PWD Lunch: Connecting Conversations
The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee will host a luncheon for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the academy. The lunch follows a Special Topics Forum on "Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility." Please join us on Monday, November 24, 11:45 am–12:45 pm, for informal conversation and a chance to build connections with colleagues. Registration for the lunch costs $13 and is limited to 100 people. If you would like to add this event to your registration, please contact the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org for assistance.

Women's Mentoring Roundtable Registration
Each year, the Status of Women in the Profession Committee (SWP) organizes a luncheon during the Annual Meeting. Several mid-career and senior AAR scholars gather with newer and emerging scholars in the field to discuss pertinent issues like choosing an adviser, getting published, contract negotiation, and the challenge of balancing work and personal commitments. The lunch is cosponsored with the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Women's Caucus. Pre-registration is required and the lunch costs $13. Sorry, no refunds.

SWP is proud to announce an updated edition of the Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z is being released at the Annual Meeting. Deeply discounted copies of the book are available to purchase with the luncheon registration for only $15 each.
A list of the mentors and more information on the Mentoring Lunch is available on the registration page.

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**AAR AND SBL RELEASE JOBS REPORT**
The AAR and SBL recently issued an important jobs report tracking Employment Services listing data from January 2013 through June 2014. It continues the vital task of identifying key employment trends in religious, biblical, and theological studies. The collection and evaluation of this data set facilitates annual updating of employment related offerings and long-term analysis of the field. Go online to view the entire report.

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**NEW RELEASE IN THE AAR REFLECTION AND THEORY IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION SERIES**

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**AAR PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE THANKS ANNE MONIUS FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE**
The Publications Committee hereby extends its deepest gratitude to Anne Monius, Harvard University, for her decade-long service as editor of the AAR/OUP Religion in Translation Series and her contributions to the collaborative work of the AAR's Publications Committee. Anne revitalized the series by giving it a clear rationale and a title that more accurately reflected its purpose and invited the submission of quality manuscripts. She skillfully applied her expertise in her own area of distinctive scholarship while also building a community of scholars working in an array of languages and genres to support her work guiding scholars in the important but often unappreciated field of translation studies. Anne made certain outstanding scholars were not just recognized but rewarded for their contribution to the international library of texts in religious studies. Anne's unfailing professionalism, exquisite manners, and her impeccable remarks flawlessly timed are all hallmarks of her tenure on the committee. The Publications Committee recognizes its cherished colleague by making a donation in Anne's honor to the AAR.
RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY VIEWER SURVEY
If you use award-winning Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly in your classroom, or watch it to stay up to date on religion in the news, take the viewer survey and help provide feedback. Major funding for R&E is provided by the Lilly Endowment Inc. The deadline to participate is November 21, 2014.

2015 AAR REGIONAL MEETINGS: CALL FOR PAPERS
Support your region and plan to attend your 2015 regional meeting. The following Calls for Papers are open:

- Eastern International Deadline: February 16, 2015
- Mid-Atlantic Deadline: December 8, 2014
- Midwest Deadline: January 6, 2015
- Upper Midwest Deadline: December 15, 2014

Look up your Region’s Call for Papers today!

AAR GRANTS NEWS

2014–2015 International Dissertation Research Grants
The 2014–2015 International Dissertation Research Grants applications process is open. These annual grants, designed to support AAR student members whose dissertation research requires them to travel outside of the country in which their school or university is located, are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses. For information about the program, please visit the web page. The deadline is December 1.

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 2015 award, nominations must be made by February 1, 2015. For submission requirements and more information, please see here.
Call for Papers: XXI Quinquennial World Congress of the IAHR

The XXI Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, hosted by the German Association for the Study of Religions (DVRW), will take place in Erfurt, Germany, August 23–29, 2015. The Congress theme is Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present. The deadline for submission of panel, paper, and poster proposals is Monday, December 15, 2014. All proposals must be submitted electronically via the IAHR 2015 website. The AAR and its membership are members of the IAHR. Read the letter from the AAR's International Connections Committee Chair Amy Allocco about the IAHR Call for Papers.

IN THE FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAR's In the Field is an AAR-member resource for news of events and opportunities for scholars of religion and theological education. Check it out!

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.

If you are experiencing issues of special concern to LGBTQ 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 LGBTQ 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

In Memoriam

William (Bill) Hordern (1920-2014), Lutheran Theological Seminary
The Rev. Dr. William Edward Hordern, former president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, from 1966 to 1985, passed away on November 9, 2014, at the age of 94. Dr. Hordern began his graduate studies in 1945 at the Union Theological Seminary in New York under doctoral advisor Reinhold Niebuhr. He taught at Swarthmore College and Garrett Theological Seminary before returning to his native Saskatchewan in 1966. That same year, he served as president of the AAR. For more information about the life and work of Dr. Hordern, please see here.

Awards and Accomplishments

Jane McAuliffe Named Director of Kluge Center at the Library of Congress
Congratulations to longtime member Jane Dammen McAuliffe, a past president of the AAR, who was recently named director of the John W. Kluge Center and head of the Office of Scholarly Programs at the Library of Congress. Read the announcement here.

Books and Major Publications

Elizabeth Blake, Saint Louis University

Adam Bond, Virginia Union University

Diane D'Souza, Episcopal Divinity School

George Faithful, Seton Hall University

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
From Comrades to Bodhisattvas: Moral Dimensions of Lay Buddhist Practice in Contemporary China, University of Hawai'i Press, 2014.
Brantley Gasaway, Bucknell University

Elahe Hessamfar, University of Aberdeen

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

Robert Magliola, Abac Assumption University of Thailand and National Taiwan University

Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

Prabhavati Reddy, George Washington University

William Shepard, University of Canterbury (Retired)

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