2015 CALL FOR PAPERS COMING SOON!

The 2015 Call for Papers will be posted next week! The AAR Annual Meeting will be in Atlanta, Georgia, November 21–24. The PAPERS system will open on January 26. The deadline for the Call for Papers is March 2.

JOHN NEMEC: NEW AAR RELIGION IN TRANSLATION SERIES EDITOR

Congratulations to John Nemec, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia, for his appointment as the new editor of the AAR Religion in Translation Series, which is published by Oxford University Press. John will serve a five-year term as editor and also serve on the AAR Publications Committee.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWS RETURNS JANUARY 28

Mark your calendars for the January 28th debut of the redesigned Religious Studies News! In addition to longtime features, including the release of a new issue of Spotlight on Teaching with a focus on alternative religious movements and an article appearing in the Not for Women Only column, RSN will begin to publish articles on major trends and conversations in the field, highlight noteworthy publications, introduce scholars through interviews, and provide explainers for a more general audience.

AAR GRANTS AND AWARDS NEWS

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2014 – 2015 AAR Research Grant Awards

More information about the AAR Research Grants and the 2014-2015 grant awardees is available on the [AAR website](http://www.aar.org).

**Collaborative Grants:**

Whitney A. Bauman, Florida International University; Collaborator: Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion

*Mapping the Field of Religious Studies*

**Individual Grants:**

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

*Objects of Devotion: Islam, Material Religion, and Interreligious Relations in India*

Lee H. Butler, Jr., Chicago Theological Seminary

*Introducing Africana Pastoral Theology: A Narrativized Historiography*

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

*Contemporary Catholic Missions in Rural Ecuador*

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

*Judaism, Jesus, and Evangelical Rabbis: A Study of Jewish Affinity Christians*

Kevin O’Neill, University of Toronto

*For Christ’s Sake: Crack, Christianity, and Captivity*

Storm Swain, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
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. For submission requirements and more information, please see here.

AAR Seeks Book Awards Submissions
The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions 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. Submission instructions and eligibility requirements are available online. Send submissions to Sarah Levine at slevine@aarweb.org.

REGIONAL NEWS
Call for Papers are open for two regional meetings:

New England-Maritimes: Deadline Extended! New deadline is
January 20.

**Eastern International**: February 16 deadline.

**MORE SAVINGS FOR AAR MEMBERS!**
Oxford University Press now offers AAR members a **30% discount** off academic and trade books across all disciplines. Just sign into [Member Discounts](#) on the AAR website, click the link to OUP, and start saving!

**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**

![Academic Abby](#)

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*.

**MEMBER NOTES**

**Books and Major Publications**
Marion Grau, Graduate Theological Union/CDSP


Pierre Hurteau, Retired

*Male Homosexualities and World Religions*, Palgrave Macmillan,
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
*Sexual Virtue: An Approach to Contemporary Christian Ethics.*
SUNY Press, February 2015.

Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
*Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions*,

**Career Transitions**
Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University
Joins the Department of Religious Studies at Case Western Reserve University as Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Professor of Catholic Studies, beginning in January 2015.

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones! [Submit your Member Note online](#).