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2017 AAR Officer Elections

The AAR Officer Elections are now open, and the technical glitch has been corrected.

The technical problem we alerted you to yesterday has been solved, and you can now view the properly formatted candidate statements and vote from your mobile device, as well as your laptop, or desktop.

Cast your ballot to elect the future leaders of the AAR! All members should have received an e-mail message from SurveyMonkey with a link to access the electronic ballot for the 2017 AAR Officer Elections. If you are a current member and did not receive the message with a link to the elections ballot, please check here for
instructions. If you are still unable to locate the e-mail from SurveyMonkey, please notify us via e-mail at nominations@aarweb.org.

Voting Open October 25, 2017, through November 13, 2017 (12:00 PM Eastern Time)

AAR Award Winners
2017 Book Awards

The AAR is proud to announce the winners of the 2017 book awards! Congratulations to:

Ruben van Luijk
Winner of the Best First Book in the History of Religion

*Children of Lucifer: The Origins of Modern Religious Satanism*
Oxford University Press, 2016

Noah Salomon
Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Analytical-Descriptive Studies

*For Love of the Prophet: An Ethnography of Sudan’s Islamic State*
Princeton University Press, 2017

Noreen Khawaja
Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Constructive-Reflective Studies
The Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre
University of Chicago Press, 2016

Mona Hassan
Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Historical Studies

Longing for the Lost Caliphate: A Transregional History
Princeton University Press, 2017

Lena Salaymeh
Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Textual Studies

The Beginnings of Islamic Law: Late Antique Islamicate Legal Traditions
Cambridge University Press, 2016

Martin Scorsese Named 2017
Religion and the Arts Award Winner

The American Academy of Religion is thrilled to announce the winner of the 2017 AAR Religion and the Arts Award: acclaimed filmmaker Martin Scorsese.
With a career spanning more than fifty years, Scorsese is widely regarded as one of the most important directors in American cinema. For scholars of religion, Scorsese’s filmography holds particular significance in its frequent meditations on faith, apostasy, and morality—from allegorical references in works like *Cape Fear* (1991) to the more overt engagement of religion in *The Last Temptation of Christ* (1988) and *Kundun* (1997).

Critics have hailed Scorsese's most recent release, *Silence* (2016), as a culmination of themes that have influenced his work from the very beginning. Like so many of his films, *Silence* brings religion into public consciousness and conversation, serving as only the latest example in a long and storied career meriting this recognition by the Religion and the Arts Award Jury. Both *Kundun* and *Silence* will be screened at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

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**AAR Publications**

*Spotlight on Teaching*: Teaching the Paranormal and the Occult
There are smart ways to teach about spooky topics in the religious studies classroom, and the contributors to this special Halloween-themed issue of Spotlight on Teaching use various tactics to engage accounts of the paranormal in an academic setting.

With articles from Jack Hunter, Richard Callahan Jr., Madeleine Castro, Joseph Laycock, Charles F. Emmons, Darryl Caterine, and edited by Fred Glennon.

**New from AAR and Oxford University Press**

**Gods, Heroes, and Ancestors: An Interreligious Encounter in Eighteenth-Century Vietnam**

Anh Q. Tran, Editor and Translator

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New NEH Site Shows National Reach of Grant-supported Projects

National Humanities Alliance has launched NEHforAll.org, a user-friendly repository showcasing grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and their impact on organizations, communities, and individuals across the United States. AAR members are encouraged to explore the site’s projects and share it as a resource for raising awareness of the crucial support NEH provides.

Luce Foundation: Advancing Public Scholarship on Religion and Theology

The Luce Foundation’s Theology Program has issued a request for proposals for projects that seek to advance public scholarship on religion and theology. Grant amounts of $250,000 to $750,000 will be considered, and approved grants will typically fund projects that can be completed in under five years. Deadline: December 15, 2017.

Imagine PhD

Developed by experts from 50+ universities, ImaginePhD is a free, confidential career planning and exploration tool for PhD students, postdoctoral scholars, and established professionals in the humanities and social sciences. You can engage in career assessments, explore paths relevant to your field
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Sign up to be part of this exciting project and explore all that ImaginePhD has to offer! Also, plan to attend the Annual Meeting session featuring Sarah Peterson, content manager of ImaginePhD.

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**AAR Regional Meetings**

The following calls for papers are open for 2018 AAR Regional Meetings! Share your research by submitting a paper or panel proposal!

- **Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region** – Deadline: October 27
- **Mid-Atlantic Region** – Deadline: December 15
- **Upper Midwest Region** – Deadline: January 6
- **Pacific Northwest Region** – Deadline: January 19

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**Member Notes**

**Books and Major Publications**

- **Ilsup Ahn**, North Park University

- **Sarwar Alam**, University of Arkansas
Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College

Sunder John Boopalan, Episcopal Divinity School

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Seminary

Dyron Daughrity, Pepperdine University

James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
*For the Wild: Ritual and Commitment in Radical Eco-Activism*, University of California Press, 2017.
Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University

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**Dates and Deadlines**

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