November 2017

It's been a busy month for the AAR! Thank you to everyone who joined us in Boston for the 2017 Annual Meeting. We'll provide a recap at a later date, but we hope all who attended had as great a time as we did!

If you attended, don't forget to fill out our Annual Meeting survey so that we know how to make next year's event even better.

Statement Opposing Taxation of Tuition Waivers

The AAR recently joined with more than 30 other ACLS organizations to oppose Congress's proposal to tax graduate school tuition waivers as income, a provision included in the tax reform bill recently passed by the US House of Representatives.

Read the full statement here, and if you are in the United States, please contact your reps in Congress about this!

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Professional Conduct Statement

Members of the Professional Conduct Task Force (PCTF), who recently completed a first draft of the Professional Conduct Statement, held an open session to solicit member feedback at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

If you were unable to attend the session and would like to provide feedback, please email your suggestions or questions to PCTF@aarweb.org by December 8, 2017. Comments will only be shared with members of the Task Force, but we ask that you provide your name along with your feedback.

AAR Election Results

Elections to the AAR Board of Directors closed right before our Annual Meeting. Please join us in congratulating the newest board members!

Vice President
José I. Cabezón
University of California, Santa Barbara

Cabezón will serve one year each as Vice President and President-Elect before becoming President of the AAR in 2020.
Secretary
Kimberly Rae Connor
University of San Francisco

Contingent Faculty Director
Kerry Danner
Georgetown University
The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the annual book awards:

- Best First Book in the History of Religions
- Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion (winners in four categories):
  - Analytical-Descriptive Studies
The submission deadline for all book awards is **February 10, 2018**. You can find submission instructions and eligibility requirements [here](#). Physical submissions should be sent to the AAR executive office:

Sarah Levine  
Attn: Book Awards  
American Academy of Religion  
825 Houston Mill RD NE STE 300  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Questions and letters of nomination may be emailed to slevine@aarweb.org.

**Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018!**

Renew today so your member benefits continue without interruption. As a member of AAR you have access to many member benefits including:

- Employment Services  
- Field Resources & Publications  
- Networking & Professional Development
For questions about your membership, please contact us at membership@aarweb.org or (404) 727-3049.

Free Webinar

RELIGION IN RADIO & PODCASTS: PROMISING VENUES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

December 13
12:00-1:00 PM (EST)

Free to register!

Learn how to engage different publics by creating podcasts or joining existing podcasts or radio shows as guest speakers. Co-presenters are Graham Griffith, career public radio producer; David Robertson, Religious Studies Project co-founder; and Lex Rofeberg, "Judaism Unbound" podcast co-host.

This Public Scholars Project webinar is a joint initiative of the AAR’s Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Newseum Institute’s Religious Freedom Center. Registration is free.

Upcoming Deadlines

December 1, 2017
International Dissertation Research Grant Submissions
December 15, 2017
Mid-Atlantic Region Call for Papers

January 6, 2018
Upper Midwest Region Call for Papers

January 17, 2018
New England-Maritimes Region Call for Papers

January 18, 2018
Midwest Region Call for Papers

January 19, 2018
Pacific Northwest Region Call for Papers

Member Notes

Books & Major Publications

Almeda Wright, Yale University School of Divinity
The Spiritual Lives of Young African Americans, Oxford University Press, 2017

Vaughan Roberts, Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick, UK
Leading by Story: Rethinking Church Leadership, with David Sims, SCM Press, 2017

Let your AAR colleagues know about your professional milestones!

Submit your Member Note online.

AAR Member Discounts
As an AAR member, you have access to **discounts** from many book publishers and academic journals. Take advantage of the savings and treat yourself or someone special this holiday season!