February 2018

Annual Member Survey
Help Shape the AAR's Future!

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Every year, we ask current and past members of the AAR for feedback on their member experience. Your input helps us know what's working and where we can improve. Take a few minutes and share your thoughts with us.

Take the Survey!

Action Alert: Humanities Programs at Risk Again

#SavetheNEH

2018 Regional Meetings Open Registration:

Mid-Atlantic

Midwest

New England-Maritimes

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains

Southeast

Southwest

Upper Midwest

Western

For more info on regional
The recently released Presidential Budget Request once again calls for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Education's International Education Programs, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the Institute for Museums and Library Services, and the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.

To help ensure the budget request is rejected, we encourage you to contact your members of Congress and voice your opposition to these cuts. To learn more, read the full statement from the National Humanities Alliance.

Reminder!
2018 Call for Proposals Closes March 1st

Member Notes:
Major Books & Publications


Robert Montgomery, Retired, *Following the Human One: The Way to Fulfillment and Flourishing,*
The deadline to submit your proposal for the 2018 AAR Annual Meeting is **5PM EST on Thursday, March 1**. Proposals may be submitted through the [Program Administration Proposal, Evaluation, Review, and Submission (PAPERS) System](#).

### Upcoming Webinar
**Free to Register**

**WEBINAR**

**Islam & America: Tips for Sharing Scholarship with the Public**

**March 14, 2018**

**12-1 PM EST**

**FREE**

[Register](#) for this free webinar to learn how scholars of Islam and American public life can engage different publics to raise the visibility of


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their work. Co-presenters are Dalia Mogahed, Director of Research at ISPU; Najeeba Syeed, Associate Professor of Interreligious Education at Claremont School of Theology; and Asma Uddin, Fellow with the Initiative on Security and Religious Freedom at the UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations. The webinar will include extensive Q&A.

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

Register

Call for Submissions: Journalism Award

2018 AAR JOURNALISM AWARD
BEST IN-DEPTH NEWSWRITING ON RELIGION
Do you know a journalist whose writing on religion should be recognized? We're seeking submissions for the 2018 AAR Journalism Award. See eligibility and entry details.

**Deadline:** March 6

**Award:** First place $1,000; second place $500; third place $250

**Entry fee:** $25

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**New in AAR Publications December 2017 JAAR**

We were a little late getting it out, but it's worth it! The December issue of the journal features a roundtable on global perspectives of Peter Berger's 1967 classic sociological theory of religion, _The Sacred Canopy_, a note from JAAR's new editor Andrea Jain, and dozens of articles and reviews. Read the December issue online now!
To sign up for free Table of Contents e-mail alerts for JAAR—or to receive advanced access notices for the latest scholarship as soon as it's published—visit the Oxford University Press Journals website. It's quick and easy to register a free account to customize your alert settings.

Reading Religion
Recent Reviews

Since launching in 2016, Reading Religion has published more than 1,000 book reviews. Some of the latest:
Contributors to this volume suggest a revival of the philosophy of religion through perspectives and methods that are inclusive of traditions beyond Christianity.

"A philosophy of religion which lives up to its name ought to be defended as the center of the humanities, and this volume provides multiple tools with which to build such a defense."
—Kevin Schilbrack, reviewer

Read the full review
Beauty in Sufism: The Teachings of Ruzbihan Baqli
Kazuyo Murata

While much of the scholarship on the Sufi tradition focuses on a core category of "love," Murata instead examines the significance of "beauty" in medieval Sufism.

"Murata lays out the complex metaphysics of a complex thinker with precision and clarity and is at her best in the last two chapters....These chapters contain much material that will be of use to scholars working on Sufi theology and metaphysics, Qur'anic hermeneutics, and prophetology."
—Ariela Marcus-Sells, reviewer
My Utmost: A Devotional Memoir
Mary Halford

In her hybrid of memoir and intellectual history, Mary Halford reflects on the meaning of Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest* in lives of evangelical Christians—and her own.

"A deeply personal account of Christian change, loss, and transformation, this engaging, rich, and provocative book would make an excellent addition to undergraduate course discussions. Many students would likely see themselves in Halford—and perhaps even Oswald—in productive ways."
—Elayne Oliphant, reviewer
Read the full review

If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for Reading Religion's bi-weekly newsletter of recently reviewed and received books. It's free to subscribe—just enter your email address!

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Congrats to Recent Grant Winners!

AAR Research Grants

The AAR's Research Grants Jury is pleased to announce the recipients of the Individual and Collaborative Research Grants for the 2017-2018 cycle.

Collaborative International Research Grants

The AAR's International Connections Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017-2018 Collaborative International Research Grants.

For information about AAR grant opportunities, visit our grants and awards page.
2017 Annual Meetings Sustainability Initiatives

NativeEnergy Renewable Energy Credits

The AAR and SBL are pleased to have collected $10,590 for our carbon offset program from 653 participants attending the 2017 Annual Meetings in Boston. With an additional donation of $500 for the AAR and SBL's staff travel, we sent NativeEnergy a check totaling $11,090.

These funds were split between two projects: the Seneca Meadows Renewable Resource Park and the REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) Project in the Yaeda Valley.

Thank you to our 2017 contributors! Learn more
about these projects and view a full list of donors here.

**Donation Drive**

Our fifth annual donation drive took place at the 2017 Annual Meetings in Boston. Attendees donated 1,962 pairs of socks (valued at $1,308) to Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), whose mission is to provide or assure access to the highest-quality healthcare for all homeless men, women, and children in the greater Boston area.

BHCHP cares for more than 12,000 people, including chronically ill adults, veterans, families with school-age children, and the elderly. Since 1985, BHCHP’s comprehensive healthcare services—from preventive dental care to cancer management—have been making a significant difference in the lives of those who need it most.
We thank you for going out of your way to walk to Walgreens and purchase these socks for our Boston friends!