The 2002 Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto, ON November 23-26, 2002

Future Annual Meeting locations include:
2003 - Atlanta, GA, November 22-25
2004 - San Antonio, TX, November 20-23
2005 - Philadelphia, PA, November 19-22
2006 - Washington, DC, November 18-21

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### 2002 Member Calendar

Dates are subject to change. Check www.aarweb.org for the latest information.

### January
- **January 1.** Annual term of membership begins for the AAR’s 9,000 members, the largest and most inclusive association of religion scholars in the world.
- **January 15.** Excellence in Teaching award nominations due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/awards/training.asp.
- **January 25-26.** Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion meeting, Atlanta.

### February
- **February 9-10.** Committee on Status of Women in the Profession meeting, Atlanta.
- **February 9-10.** Committee on Teaching and Learning meeting, Atlanta.
- **February 16-17.** Religion in the Schools Task Force meeting, Atlanta.

### March
- **March.** Religious Studies News—AAR Edition March 2002 issue
- **March 1.** 2002 Annual Meeting proposals due for Program Unit Chairs.
- **March 1.** Book award nominations due from publishers. For more information see www.aarweb.org/books/awards.
- **March 2-3.** Committee on International Connections meeting, Atlanta.
- **March 8-10.** Southeast regional meeting, Atlanta.
- **March 9-10.** Southwest regional meeting, Irving, Texas.
- **March 14-15.** Mid-Atlantic regional meeting, Baltimore.
- **March 15.** Submissions for the May 2002 issue of Religious Studies News due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn/default.asp.
- **March 22-23.** Jefferson Day. Jefferson Day is an advocacy event organized by the National Humanities Alliance and co-sponsored by the AAR and more than twenty organizations to promote support for the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, see www.npaliance.org.
- **March 23.** Committee on Publications meeting, New York.
- **March 24-26.** West regional meeting, Moraga, California.

### April
- **April 1.** Notification of acceptance of Annual Meeting paper proposals by Program Unit Chairs.
- **April 5-6.** Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession meeting, Atlanta.
- **April 5-6.** Upper Midwest regional meeting, St. Paul.
- **April 5-7.** Midwest regional meeting, Chicago.
- **April 12.** New England-Maritimes regional meeting, Waltham, Massachusetts.
- **April 13-14.** Annual Spring Board of Directors meeting, Toronto.
- **April 27-28.** Eastern International regional meeting, Ottawa.
- **April 19-20.** Rocky Mountains—Great Plains regional meeting, Omaha.

### May
- **May.** Religious Studies News—AAR Edition May 2002 issue
- **May 1.** Nominations (including self-nominations) for committee appointments requested. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/memberships/nominations.asp.
- **May 3-5.** Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, Eugene, Oregon.
- **May 15.** Annual Meeting registration opens for 2002 Annual Meeting.
- **May 15.** Registration for the Employment Information Services Center opens. Housing and Additional Meeting requests due for priority consideration in late May. For more Annual Meeting information, see www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002/default.asp.

### June
- **June 15.** Membership renewal deadline for 2002 Annual Meeting participants.

### July
- **July.** Membership deadline for Annual Meeting program participants. Check www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002/default.asp for more detailed information.
- **July 1.** New fiscal year begins.

### August
- **August 1.** Research Grant Applications due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/grants/default.asp.
- **August 1.** Regional development grant applications due to regional secretaries.
- **August 1.** Change of address due for priority receipt of the 2002 Annual Meeting program.
- **August 15.** Membership renewal period for 2003 begins.

### September

### October
- **October 1-31.** Spotlight on Teaching, Fall 2002 issue

### November
- **November 1.** Research grant awards announced.
- **November 22.** Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, Toronto.
- **November 22.** Chain Workshop at the Annual Meeting, Toronto. Free for departmental enrollments in the Academic Relations Program. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/departments/acadreps.asp.
- **November 23-26.** Annual Meeting, Toronto. Held concurrently with the Society of Biblical Literature each November, comprising some 8,000 registrants, 200 publishers, and 100 hiring departments.
- **November 24.** Annual Business Meeting and breakfast. See the Annual Meeting program for exact time and place.

### December
- **December 5.** New program unit proposals due.
- **December 13-14.** Program Committee meeting, Atlanta.
- **December 15.** Submissions for the March 2003 issue of Religious Studies News due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn/default.asp.
- **December 31.** Membership renewal for 2003 due. Renew online at www.aarweb.org/renewal/page01.asp.

### And keep in mind throughout the year...
Regional organizations have various deadlines throughout the fall for their Calls for Papers. See www.aarweb.org/regional/indices.asp.

In the Field. News of events and opportunities for scholars of religion. In the Field is a members-only online publication produced ten times a year on the first of the month. In the Field accepts calls for papers, grant news, conference announcements, and other opportunities appropriate for scholars of religion of no more than 100 words. Submit text electronically by the 20th of the month for the following issue to infeld@aarweb.org.

Openings. Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion
Openings editors are viewable from the first through the last day of each month. Openings ads are to be submitted by the 20th of the previous month. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/opportunities/indices.asp.
Call For Papers

General Information

Meeting Location

Registration and Housing
You must be registered for the meeting in order to secure a room in the Annual Meeting hotel at our specially negotiated hotel rates (which are often half the published room-rate for the property). When you receive your preregistration information in the May issue of Religious Studies News, AAR Edition (or online), carefully review and follow the instructions in order to secure your housing. Although registration may be completed without submitting your housing request, you are encouraged to submit both together.

Questions about the Call
The work of the program unit is coordinated by the chair(s) and a steering committee who design the sessions and make the decisions about which proposals will eventually be on the program. Each proposal is carefully refereed, usually by a “blind” procedure (i.e., without the name of the proposer being provided to the referees). All proposals, abstracts, and completed participant information (as well as any questions you may have) should be sent to the individual(s) named in this Call.

Please inquire with the appropriate unit chair about the amount of time granted for your presentation, and by what date the respondent (if any) must receive your completed paper.

Questions about the Annual Meeting
Concerns of a general nature may be sent to the AAR executive office to the attention of the Annual Meeting Program Director, 825 Houston Mill Road NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329; +1-404-728-4049, +1-404-728-7921, aarnetmeeting@aarweb.org. Additional Meetings
Organizations, persons, or programs wishing to plan receptions and other meetings before, during, or after the Annual Meeting should go online to www.aarweb.org/annualmeeting.htm for more information regarding guidelines, necessary forms (and cost to request Additional Meeting space at the Annual Meeting and/or how to announce your event in the Annual Meeting Program Book.

Questions should be directed to Conferon, Inc. at +1-314-997-1500 after April 1, 2002. Written requests can be sent to Conferon, Inc., 701 Emerson RD, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63114 or aarbl@conferon.com. The deadline for priority scheduling of Additional Meeting requests is May 30, 2002. Requests after that date will be accommodated as space allows. No additional meeting of a programmatic nature (i.e., with names of presenters or titles) will be scheduled during the nine regular program unit time slots of the Annual Meeting.

2002 Calendar of Deadlines
March 1, 2002 Deadline for proposals, participant forms, and abstracts to be received by Program Unit Chairs.

April 1, 2002 Notification of acceptance (or not) of proposals by Program Unit Chairs. All program participants must renew/establish 2002 AAR memberships in order to participate on the April program.

April 7, 2002 Program Unit Chairs submit session request information (Program Book copy, abstract, participant forms) to AAR executive office online.


May 30, 2002 Deadline for submission of Additional Meeting form sets. Forms are available online at www.aarweb.org/annualmeett2002 starting in March.

June 15, 2002 Deadline for participants to renew their AAR membership and be pre-registered for the meeting. Names of participants who are not current members or registered will be removed from the Program Book.

September 2002 Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to members.

November 23-26, 2002 AAR Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

Guidelines For Submitting Proposals
Step 1: Note acceptable method(s) of submission, and the persons to whom it shall be sent.

Step 2: Submit all materials by one method only (if you submit your proposal via email, you must not fax your participant form, the participant form must be sent via email as well).

Step 3: Follow all instructions for submission requirements as outlined below, both general guidelines and those specific to your method of submission.

Step 4: Note the difference between paper and panel proposals.

Step 5: Be prepared to fulfill your AAR membership requirement if accepted onto the program. This must be done no later than June 15, 2002 or you may jeopardize your participation on the program in November.

General Guidelines
Participation at the Annual Meeting
All participants on the AAR program must be current (2002) members of AAR. Membership in SBL does not fulfill this requirement. All participants must also be pre-registered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2002. Any participant who is not a current 2002 AAR member or pre-registered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2002, will have his/her name removed from the printed Program Book and will jeopardize his/her participation on the program in November.

N.B. All 2001 and 2002 members receive this Call. To inquire about your 2002 membership status, please see www.aarweb.org/membership.

A “panel” is a session with one announced theme and a list of participants who address that theme but do not present separate formal papers. Session proposals are not to be submitted as pre-arranged session proposals.

Teology and Continental Philosophy Group
Walter Lowe, Emory University, Presiding.
Theme: Ethics and Recognition: Hegel, Levinas, and the Problem of Symmetry
Panelists: Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto Robert R. Williams, University of Illinois, Chicago

A session with separately announced paper titles is considered a “paper” session. Paper proposals are more often submitted individually and arranged into sessions by the chair(s) and steering committee.

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Guidelines

- The abstract should have the exact same title as your paper, followed by your name and then the name of your institution (please include city name and state or province, or write "Independent Scholar").
- The body of the abstract may be no more than 150 words in length. Successful proposals with abstracts longer than 150 words will be shortened.
- Do not use footnotes, any present will be deleted.
- Please scan your abstract for viruses before sending.

Methods of Submission

(Specific Guidelines)

Surface Mail

Unless otherwise instructed in the Call itself, submit six (6) copies of the proposal, including abstract (one (1) copy with your name and institution listed; and five (5) copies which are "blinded," i.e., your name and institution is not listed anywhere on the proposal). You need only submit one (1) copy of the participant form. Be certain you include a current email address on your participant form. Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out via email.

1. Use plain white paper 8.5" x 11" (or A4) with one inch margins.
2. Do not use institutional or other letterhead.
3. Use a computer and printer, preferably a laser printer. (Handwritten proposals cannot be accepted.)
4. Use the following format:
   a. Type title of proposal.
   b. On one copy of the proposal, below the title, type name of presenter, comma, and a complete name of institution (please include city name if more than one school or campus bears the name) or city, state or province, or write "Independent Scholar".
   c. Type body of proposal double-spaced. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words.
   If you are requested by the program unit to submit copies to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete packet to either one of the co-chairs. Remember to include an email address on your proposal. If you do not use email, include a fax number so the Program Unit Chair can send the notification regarding your acceptance/rejection onto the program. Send one electronic copy of your abstract to the same person to whom you are sending your proposal. See above under Abstracts.

Fax

Submit one (1) copy of the proposal, including abstract (with your name and institution listed). Submit one (1) copy of the participant form. Be certain you include a current email address on your participant form. Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out via email.

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   a. Type title of proposal.
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Email

Submit your 1000 word proposal and 150 word abstract within the BODY of ONE single email. Locate the online “Participant Form for Email Submission” at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form. Be sure you use the exact same title on the online “Participant Form for Email Submission” as you do on the attached proposal you emailed. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be disqualified. Participant Forms received without proposals or abstracts will also be disqualified.

If you are requested by the program unit to submit a copy to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete proposal to either one of the co-chairs.

Taping

Audio taping of Annual Meeting sessions is a service provided to members when possible. The modest royalties received on these tapes are applied to defray the costs of housing provided by the AAR for the technicians and technical fees paid to the hotel. The AAR does not make money on this service. Some other information: 1) The audio taping company will assert no copyright. The copyright belongs to the presenter. 2) Tapes are addressed stamped envelope with the notification regarding your acceptance/rejection.

Proposals should not exceed 1000 words. If you are requested by the program unit to submit copies to both co-chairs or steering committee members, follow the instructions listed. If no one person is specified, send your complete packet to either one of the co-chairs. Remember to include an email address on your proposal. If you do not use email, include a fax number so the Program Unit Chair can send the notification regarding your acceptance/rejection onto the program. Send one electronic copy of your abstract to the same person to whom you are sending your proposal. See above under Abstracts.

Email

Submit your 1000 word proposal and 150 word abstract within the BODY of ONE single email. Locate the online “Participant Form for Email Submission” at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form. Be sure you use the exact same title on the online “Participant Form for Email Submission” as you do on the emailed proposal. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be disqualified. Participant Forms received without proposals or abstracts will also be disqualified.

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Email/Attachments

Submit your 1000 word proposal, 150 word abstract, and Participant Form as attachments in one single email. Please locate the “Participant Form for Email Submission” at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2002 for your participant form. Be sure you use the exact same title on the online “Participant Form for Email Submission” as you do on the attached proposal you emailed. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be disqualified. Participant Forms received without proposals or abstracts will also be disqualified.

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OP3

New this year, some program units have taken advantage of an all online paper/panel proposal and evaluation system for the Annual Meeting. If the program unit to which you are interested in proposing a paper or panel has chosen to use OP3 (and you wish to use it also, given the choice), please go online to www.aarweb.org for full submission instructions.

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

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History of Christianity Section
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ing marriage in Christian antiquity; Iberian Christianity (European and/or global); changing perceptions of death in medieval Europe; centenary of ‘James’ Varieties of Religious Experience. Proposals for a complete session on these and other topics are welcome; please con-
tact co-chairs for details. Individual papers on other topics are welcome. Please submit proposals either on-line or via e-mail to Annie Thayer (athayer@ltsg.org). attachments prohibited. If electronic submissions are not possible, please contact Annie Thayer in advance.

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Philosophy of Religion Section
Thomas P. Kasulis, Comparative Studies, Ohio State University, 230 W 17th Ave; OHIO 43210, USA; W: +1-614-292-7892; F: +1-614-292-7553; kasulis.1@osu.edu. This section critically analyzes the interface between philosophy and religion, including both philosophical positions or arguments within particular religious traditions as well as more generalized philosophical theories about religion. For 2002 individual papers are invited on the following special themes: 1) philosophy of religious rituals; 2) the status of abstract objects in religions; 3) epistemologies in religious traditions; 4) the use of sacred texts. Also welcome are proposals for full sessions on any topic relevant to the philosophy of religion. To be complete, those full session proposals should include suggested chair and respondent (or respondents) as well as the paper presenters or panelists. For those who are not submitting a proposal but would like to serve as a presider or respondent for a session on any of the topics listed above, please send a separate e-mail to the program unit chair between February 15 and 28 indicating your interest and stating any special qualifications you could bring to the topic.

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Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University, bounds@emory.edu. Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, gstean@fuller.edu. Proposals are invited on the following themes: the use of social scientific data in particular policy debates; religious diversity and contemporary pluralism; psychology and religion from Islamic perspectives (co-sponsored with the Study of Islam Section); religions in the workplace; U.S. Images of Islam after September 11th: Politics, prejudice, and the image of the Black Muslims and Black Capitalism: Black Liberation Responses to the Economics of War, Prisons, and Violence (co-sponsored with the Black Religion Group). Proposals are also

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Religion in South Asia Section

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Annual Meeting AV Requests

Every attempt will be made to meet all requests for AV equipment. However, due to the high cost of technical electronic AV equipment, (computers, LCD projectors, Internet, software, etc.), we cannot guarantee it in all cases. All AV requests must be received no later than the March 1, 2002 deadline cannot be accommodated.

Study of Islam Section

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Study of Judaism Section

Barbara E. Galli, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, 3520 University ST, Montreal, QC H3A 2A7, CANADA; W: +1-514-398-6027; F: +1-514-398-6665; bgalli@pol-hum.mcgill.ca. Randi Rashkover, 6814 Bonnie Ridge DR, APT 101, Baltimore, MD 21209-4893, USA; W: +1-410-415-8389; purse@istadpgring.com. We invite proposals focusing on: Canadian Jewish contributions to the intellectual and/or arntic realms; aesthetics and ideology; Judaism and science; the Gentile in medieval Jewish perspective; Judaism and Islam; mysticism. With this year’s call, we especially seek proposals that, besides immaculate scholarly care, show promise of appeal and relevance to a wider AAR membership and hence of leading to an increased number of joint sessions. Panel proposals that embrace this goal are most welcome. Submissions are requested to be sent in e-mail messages or attachments, to both program unit chairs listed above, or as online entries. Given these methods of submission, please do remember, too, to send in e-mail messages or attachments, to both program unit chairs listed above. To complete the participation and registration forms in time. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA: OPP

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Paul F. Lakeland, Dept of Religious Studies, Fairfield University, North Benson RD, Fairfield, CT 06430, USA; W: +1-203-254-4000 x2492; f.lakeland@fair1.fairfield.edu. The unit will sponsor two pre-arranged sessions. Although papers for these sessions will be invited, the steering committee is always happy to hear from individuals of whose current work in these areas it may not be aware. The proposed sessions are as follows: 1) The Work of Gregory Baum: A Retrospective. [invited papers]; 2) How can white theologians begin to talk about race? [invited papers]; 3) Religious reflections on the ‘land.’ Here we seek cross-disciplinary approaches, hopefully from multiple religious perspectives; 4) A critical examination of Kathryn Tanner’s Jesus, Humanity, and The Trinity; 5) Globalization, Economics and Religious Thought; 6) A joint session with the Study of Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion, on “Teaching and/or Writing as Theological Practice.” We also invite papers that address the intersections of theology and religious studies with current critical theory and cultural studies. In evaluating proposals, the committee will always give preference to those that combine scholarship and originality. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA: OPP

African Religions Group

Kathleen O’Brien Wicket, 832 High Point DR, Claremont, CA 91711, USA; W: +1-909-607-3380; F: +1-909-621-8574; kwicker@scripppscol.edu. Leslie Orr, Religion, Concordia University, 1455 Blvd de Maisonneuve, West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1M8; W: +1-514 848-2066; F: +1-514 848-4541; orr@socconsoc.ca. We invite papers on: the role of religion in peacemaking in Africa; crisis and response in indigenous African religious traditions; Islam in African societies (joint session with the Study of Islam Section). Please send proposals on these topics to both co-chairs by email. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA: OPP

Afro-American Religious History Group

David Daniels, McCormick Seminary, 5555 S Woodlawn AVE, Chicago, IL 60637-1602, USA; W: +1-773-947-6932; F: +1-773-947-0376; ddaniels@uccomermc.edu; Juylene E. Dodson, Dept of Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado, 30 Ketchum Box 339, Boulder, CO 80309-0339 USA; W: +1-303-492-6468; F: +1-303-492-7799; pdodson@colorado.edu. We invite papers with a historical focus are invited (continued on p.7)
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on these themes: 1) African American religiosity and issues of war and peace; 2) public influences on African American church, e.g. faith based religious activism; 3) African American faith and our bodies, e.g. How do African American belief systems conceive of the "black body"? Have African American religious traditions rendered the "black body" a site of redemption, empowerment, oppression, and liberation?; 4) historical and contemporary treatments of migrations and interreligious faith communities of African descent in Canada (with Black Theology Group). Any questions can be directed to the co-chairs.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Fax: 213-740-7158; iwamura@usc.edu.

David Kyuman Kim, Harvard University, 295 Camp ST, Providence, RI 02906, USA; W: +1-401-751-8574; dkim@hds.harvard.edu.

We invite proposals on the following topics: 1) Asian Canadians and religious communities of Asian North America; 2) religious communities of Asian North America; 3) the presentation of Asian America in everyday life, including the public life of Asian American religions, the perception of practices and peoples, in particular perceptions of Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus and the American patriotic imaginary; 4) emerging religions and ethical frameworks in Asian North America (we especially encourage contributions that are informed by non-Christian traditions); 5) the globalization of religion and its impact on Asian North American religious communities; 6) health and wellness from an Asian North American perspective; and 7) an open call.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Black Theology Group

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Center for Women and Religion, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge RD, Berkeley, CA 94709, USA; W: +1-510-649-2499; fkduggan@gtu.edu. Anthony B. Pitts, Dept of Religious Studies, Macalaster College, 1690 Grand Ave, St Paul, MN 55105, USA; W: +1-651-696-6689; pitts@mac.com. 1) "Sociological/ theological Implications of Du Boisian Thought: Toward Theological Analyses of the Black Condition and Religious Identity". We seek interdisciplinary papers on the Du Boisian canon as it has shaped perceptions of Black oppression/ liberation. 2) "Migration and Interreligious Faith Communities of African Descent in Canada: Historical and Contemporary Voices," co-sponsored with African American Religious History Group. Presentations invited. 3) Black Canadies of Capitalism: Black Liberation Responses to Economics of War, Prisons, Violence. With growing demographics of imprisoned African-Americans, devastating loss of Black relational life (military, urban violence, privatized prisons, materialism, individualism), how can Black theologies offer models of liberation for the lease of these? Co-sponsored with Religion and the Social Sciences Section. For #2 and #3, send proposals to both sets of chairs by specified methods.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Christian Spirituality Group

Steven Chase, Western Theological Seminary, 23 West Cherry, Zeeland, MI 49464, USA; W: +1-616-772-2000; steven.chase@wts.edu. We invite proposals on the following themes: Christian spirituality in the multicultural city (we are particularly interested in proposals that explore the effects of a multicultural urban context on the formation and practice of Christian spirituality); the retrieval of traditions of Christian prayer and contemplation in contemporary life; spirituality and healing spirituality and the body. We are especially interested in papers that explore the intersection between the academic study of Christian spirituality and its practical, religious life as papers that engage Christian spirituality from multidisciplinary perspectives. Papers should reflect familiarity with the field of Christian spirituality and its methodologies. Papers accepted for presentation at the 2002 Annual Meeting must be sent to session chairs no later than September 30, 2002.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Bioethics and Religion Group

Suzanne Holland, Religion Department, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416, USA; W: +1-253-879-3500; shellaton@ups.edu; Michael Mendolia, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic AVE, Berkeley, CA 94709, USA; W: +1-510-849-8207; f: +1-510-849-8948; mmendolia@ups.edu. We focus this year on bioethics and religion in an international context: cross-cultural, cross-national (e.g. U.S. vs. Canadian), or distinctive Canadian perspectives on values, norms and practices that influence public health and health care delivery/access; end-of-life issues: hospice, physician-assisted suicide, pain management, suffering, and the place of ethics in public policy making (e.g., Royal Commissions) with respect to new reproductive technologies/gene therapies, stem cells, or public health issues. Individual papers as well as panel submissions on these or other topics related to Bioethics and Religion will also be considered. For a co-sponsored session with the Ethics Section, we invite papers addressing the ethical and public health dimensions of global violence/human rights, from a variety of religious traditions/perspectives. Submit proposals to both program units; proposals for joint session must be submitted online, only.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Chinese Religions Group

Randall Nadeau, Dept of Religion, Trinity University, 715 Stadium DR, San Antonio, TX, 78212-3104, USA; W: +1-210-999-8435; F: +1-210-999-7843; rnaudeau@trinity.edu. We invite proposals related to all aspects of Chinese religious practice and thought, both historical and contemporary. Though individual paper proposals are acceptable, panel proposals are especially encouraged. We are interested in presentations that examine the rhetorical and structural underpinnings of Bonhoeffer’s homiletical work and explore their applicability for our time. Proposals in connection with sin, suffering and finitude will be considered for a joint session with the Christian Systematic Theology Group. We invite proposals on both group chairs. Other proposals that deal with aspects of Bonhoeffer’s life and thought are also welcome.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Church-State Studies Group

Thomas Hughson, 831 N 13th ST, Millingtown, PA 19062, USA; W: +1-414-288-5585; f: +1-414-288-5582; thomas.hughson@marquette.edu. Eric Mazur, Department of Religion, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837, USA; W: +1-570-577-3525; F: +1-570-577-1064; mazur@bucknell.edu. We invite proposals on all aspects of the relationship between religion and the state, both domestic and international, historic and contemporary, and employing a diversity of methodologies. Possible topics include religion and legislation; religion and politics; and religion and the state (including cultural constitutionalism). We especially seek proposals addressing non-Christian or minority issues/communities, as well as Canadian topics. The group is also co-sponsoring a session with the Native Traditions in the Americas Group, and seek papers on legal issues involving First Nations people, including questions of sacred land and sovereignty.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Barbara A. Holdrege, Dept of Religious Studies, 3034 Humanities and Social Sciences Building, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, USA; H: +1-805-968-6108; F: +1-805-893-2059; holdrege@religion.ucsb.edu. This group seeks to bring together specialists in South Asia and Judaisms to discuss topics within Hinduisms and Judaisms, with the intention of developing alternative categorical paradigms and narratives to the Protestant-based models that have too often determined the academic study of religion. For the 2002 sessions we invite papers on the following themes: 1) theologies in India and Israel; “secular” democracies or Hindu and Jewish nation-states; 2) mediation traditions: technologies of consciousness in Hindu and Jewish traditions; 3) marketing, consumption, and marriage transactions; Jewish and Hindu strategies of cultural reproduction (e.g. co-sponsored with Anthropology of Religion)

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Christian Systematic Theology Group

David S. Cunningham, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, 2122 Sheridan Rd, Evanston, IL 60201, USA; W: +1-847-328-9300; x33; F: +1-847-328-9624; dcunningham@seabury.edu. Proposals are invited on all aspects of Christian systematic theology, from the creational descent into hell and ascension into heaven. What is the significance of these doctrines for constructible theology today? 21st century theology invites new questions on the contemporary theological perspectives. Proposals in the latter category that engage the thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer will be considered for a joint session with the Black Theology Group; send such proposals to both group chairs. We also expect to sponsor a pre-arranged panel on feminist engagements with Bonhoeffer’s political thought (with Black Theology Group). In all cases, we seek constructive proposals that are both informed by the historical traditions of theology and directed to the contemporary contexts in which theology is pursued.

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Confucian Traditions Group

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SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Gustavo Benavides, Dept of Theo & Rel Studies, Villanova University, Villanova, PA 19085, USA; W: +1-610-519-6016; F: +1-610-519-6607; gustavobenavides@villanova.edu. Steven Engler, Mount Royal College, 4825 Richard RD SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3E 6K6, sengler@myroyal.ab.ca. Papers on the following themes: material economies of religion (labor and idleness; sacrifice, gift and market); violence as constitutive of religion (Walter Burkert, Maurice Bloch); other views of the Other (translation into/ between non-Christian religions, non-academic portrayals of religion(s), symmetrical/ manual representations, circulation/ return of religious concepts); institutional and discursive ambiguity of neurophysiological studies of religious experience (how is presentation and reception of this work affected by its institutional location in science/ psychology departments and its orientation to differing audiences in scientific vs. general interest publication?); responses to Sam Gill’s Storytacking; responses to Michel Depland’s Le hiérophanies une doctrine: politiques et théologies au XIVe siècle. Consistent with the international focus of the 2002 meeting, proposals addressing Canadian issues in and approaches to the study of religion are especially welcome. Please see www.criticaltheory.org.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Robin Darling Young, Dept of Theology, Catholic University, Washington, DC 20064, USA; W: +1-202-319-6508; F: +1-202-319-5875; youngr@cua.edu, Bradley Nassif, 88 Tierra Montanosa, Rancho St Margarita, CA 92688, USA; blnassif@yahoo.com. Papers are invited on the following themes: Eastern Christian Communities in Canada and North America; the dialogue of Eastern Christianity with Islam (ancient, medieval and modern periods); the Eastern Christian communities in the Holy Land; the comparison of Eastern Christian theology with Latino/a theology; the veneration of the Theotokos, especially as a point of discussion with other Christian churches.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group

Sarah Ils Johnston, Ohio State University, 414 University Hall, 230 N. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1319, W: +1-614-292-2744; F: +1-614-292-7835; johnstums.2@osu.edu. The group seeks to foster a discussion of Late Antiquity (ca. 200-800 C.E.) that crosses traditional religious designations. This year we seek submissions that address histories and constructions of sexuality in the late antique Mediterranean: practice, theory, sublimation, symbolization, proscription and contraception, reversibility and invention, restriction, eroticism, perversion and fantasy, etc. How did sexuality frame religious experience, or vice versa? To what extent did it stabilize or destabilize religious communities? In what ways could sexual and erotic imagery be exploited for religious, ritual, or polemical discourse? What constructions of the self developed to reconcile sexuality with piety? How did religious institutions address sexuality and proscription?

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Evangelical Theology Group

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Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group

Jay E. Johnson, 632. 38th St. Richmond, CA 94805-USA; W: +1-510-234-6585; djohnson@earthlink.net.

The group explores the varied intersections of the gay male experience and religion. Papers are invited on any topic relevant to this perspective. This year, we are especially interested in the following themes: the construction of homosexual desire from a variety of religious traditions and spiritual practices; gay eschatology; polyamory; homosexuality and Wicca or earth-centered traditions; and Native North American traditions and transgendered, inter-sexed, or two-spirited persons.

Proposals for panels on any of these themes are particularly welcome, as are contributions from Canadian scholars.

Hinduism Group

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Theology Department, 6525 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660, USA; W: +1-773-508-2372; F: +1-773-508-2386; tpintch@luc.edu.

Sarah Caldwell, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA; W: +1-617-495-4490 or +1-617-496-2779; scaldwell@hds.harvard.edu.

We invite panels reflecting the diversity of Hinduisms as well as those focused on specific Hindu themes or methodological concerns. Topics suggested for 2002 along with email contact information include: Hindu ethics and globalization (vakman@lclark.edu); is there a Hindu feminism? (fordon@mit.edu); diaspora of Sri Lankan Tamil Hindus (nasimajahalatun@kev.edu.uz); Ramakrishna Order and the representation of Hinduism, and Twentieth Century Sanskrit sources as resources for understanding Hinduism (cloney@barnes.com); Wilhelm Halbfass and Hindu identity, and Tantra and deity yoga (brilliat.biermacs@colorado.edu); Hindu comparative commentary practices (ppati@emory.edu); dialexis and the divine feminine (odhermat@paul.com); language and construction/ study of Hinduism (sriencem@u.washington.edu); Hindus in Toronto/Canada (ga@toronto.edu); Hindu theology II (chappell@blms.edu); constructive images of Hinduism in literature, art, religion (s-reddy@northwestern.edu).

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Japanese Religions Group

Chris Ives, Department of Religious Studies, Stonywell College, 320 Washington ST, #3-33, North Easton, MA 02357-0100, USA; W: +1-508-285-1584; cives@nau.edu. This group explores diverse facets of the religious traditions of Japan. This year we invite proposals for individual papers and whole sessions on the following dimensions of Japanese religions: 1) shamanism; 2) biomedical ethics; the body; 3) ethics; 4) gender; 5) material culture; 6) gender in premodern religious traditions; 7) Marxism, religion, and shamanism. Proposals dealing with the dynamic interactions between Western Christianity, and Japanese traditional religions including Buddhism, Confucianism, and shamanism are welcome. Topics are especially invited on the global aspects of Japanese religion and world mission will also be considered.

Latin/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Rudiger V. Buso, Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-2165, USA; W: +1-650-725-8469; rudue@stanford.edu. Paper and panel proposals are invited on the following themes: 1) Latina/o Biblical hermeneutics; 2) critical responses to and historical appraisals of Andrés Guaderrama’s Chicanos Theology; 3) culture and politics in Canadian Latina/o religion and theology; 4) open call for topics on theories, methods, history and lived expressions of religion in Latina/o communities; 5) we also invite proposals for a joint session with the Religious, Medicine and Healing Consultation on traditional and innovative forms of healing in Latina/o communities.

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Jennifer Ryngaert, Comparative Religious Studies Program, San José State University, One Washington Square, San José, CA 95192-0097, USA; W: +1-408-924-1367; jryngaert@stanford.net. Peggi DeGree, Jessica Phillips, jessica@holstein.edu. To highlight the first AAR in Canada, we invite proposals that feature Canadian lesbian issues, activism and writing. We also will consider panel and paper proposals that: 1) fundamentals worldwide and their implications for women’s lives and sexualities; 2) legal-political issues and discourse (Canadian law, U.S. First Amendment, lesbian/feminist legal theory, etc.); 3) biennial and transgen- der sacred histories, communities and myths; 4) lesbian-feminist identifications and activism in Canadian artistic expression (writing, music, film, visual art, etc.); 5) representations and exploitation of female sexualities in pop culture, particularly film and television. We also welcome full panel proposals on two new books: Virginia Mollenkamp’s Ordinary Lives, and the Sex by Ann Pelligini and Janet Jakobsen.

Korean Religions Group

Sungtak Cho, Program in Korean Studies, 130 Old Chemistry Bldg, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11794-7725, USA; W: +1-631-632-7602; F: +1-631-632-7337; acet@we.nau.edu. Bockja Kim, Humanities Division, HRU, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Troy, MD 20686, USA; W: +1-301-492-1500; bkim@stmarys.md.us. We seek papers dealing with various aspects of both the Korean transformation of Christianity and the Christian transformation of Korea from social, historical, and religious perspectives. In evaluating submissions, we are interested in proposals that: 1) explore diverse facets of the religious traditions in Korea; 2) present the historical and cultural context of Christianity in Korea; 3) examine the interaction between Christianity and Korean society and culture in a significant way; 4) examine the relationship of the Canadian scholar to their work; and/ or personhood.

Men’s Studies in Religion Group

Mark J. Justad, 2308 Wardell LN, Nashville, TN 37215-2424, USA; W: +1-615-322-0882; F: +1-615-322-6060; mark_j.justad@vanderbilt.edu. David James Livingston, Mercrecy College, 501 East 38th ST, Erie, PA 16546, USA; W: +1-814-284-2502; F: +1-814-284-2438; dlive@mercrecy.edu. The group is interested in proposals on any aspect of millennialism in Islam; millennialist fundamentalism; 6) gender in premodern religious traditions; 7) Marxism, religion, and shamanism are welcome. Topics on the significance of the intersection of religious reflection and male identity or social location. Specific themes of interest to the group include: religious interpretations of the masculine images of heroes and villains especially as they are connected to each other; interpretations of the masculine by male philosophers; and philosophers of religion; cross-cultural perspectives on religion, masculinity, and violence. Proposals for papers, panels, and/ or personhood. Full panel proposals are welcome on any aspect of millennialism in Islam; millennialist fundamentalism. Remember to include an email address on your proposal. If you need to use email, include a self-addressed envelope with appropriate postage for the country from which the Program Unit Chair will send the notification about your acceptance/rejection on the program.

Mysticism Group

Neil Douglas-Kloster, Institute for Advanced Learning, Edinburgh, Scotland, UNITED KINGDOM; F: +44 (0)131-662-1506, ndkloster@bom.com. David B. Perrin, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON CANADA; W: +1-613-236-1393 x2277; dperrin@waterpottestance.ca. We focus on critical theoretical, methodological, psychological, theoretical, and the comparative nature of mystical, religious experience, and spiritual practice. Creative, imaginative, and scholarly proposals for 2002 are invited on: 1) How do mystics understand self-actualization versus self-articulation? 2) Mysticism and mystics ‘within’ and ‘without’ formally recognized religions. 3) Current and New Methodologies for the Study of Mysticism. 4) Celebrating the Centennial of William James’ Varieties of Religious Experience, co-sponsored with the Person, Culture and Religion Group we invite papers on the contribution of the Varieties to our current understanding of mysticism and/ or personhood.

New Religious Movements Group

William M. Ashcraft, Social Science Division, Truman State University, 100 E. Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501-4221, USA; W: +1-660-785-7531; washa@truman.edu. Proposals are invited on the following themes: New Religious Movements (NRMs) in Canada, responses of NRMs to September 11th, the impact of September 11th on NRM studies, Native NRM and international perspectives on NRMs and globalization. Alas, proposals on all aspects of the study of NRMs are welcome.

Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Micheline Pesantubede, 123 Templeton PKWY, Watertown, MA 02472, USA; pesantubede@bu.edu. Andrea Smith, 123 Felix ST #4, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, USA; W: +1-831-460-1856; F: +1-831-459-3733; ees@ucsc.edu. Individual and group proposals are welcome on any aspect of Native American religious traditions. We especially seek papers in the following areas: legal issues surrounding First Nation’s people including such topics as boarding schools and reconciliation, issues of sovereignty, and resource development such as the second phase of James Bay (for possible co-sponsorship with Church and State Studies Group); pragmatic approaches to scholarship that are responsive to the interests of indigenous groups being studied; and use of indigenous languages in theorizing about indigenous traditions. The group also invites papers that address issues of political significance to First Nations people (Canada).

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group

Garrett Green, Connecticut College, Campus Box 572, New London, CT 06320-1416, USA; W: +1-860-439-2800; ggarett@wesconsett.com. Session #1: “The Idea of the University.”

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Papers are invited on changes in the conception and institutional structure of universities in the nineteenth century and the effect of these changes on theology and the academic study of religions. Send proposals or inquiries to Ted Viol, Virginia Wesleyan College, 1584 Wesleyan Dr, Norfolk, VA 23502; +1-757-455-3225; tviol@vwc.edu. Session #2: ‘Theology and Its Scientific Critics in the Late Nineteenth Century.’ Papers are invited on the religious/ theological writings of a late nineteenth-century scientist and/or their influence on nineteenth-century philosophy of religion or theology. Send proposals or inquiries to James Livingston, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23187; +1-757-221-2175; F: +1-757-221-2169, taza@wm.edu. Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg, Universitätstr. 31, 93040 Regensburg, GERMANY; W: +49-0-947-33-368; F: +49-0-947-33-369; hans.schwarz@theologie.uni-regensburg.de.

PRAGMATISM AND EMPIRICISM IN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT GROUP

Frederick J. Ruf, Theology Dept., Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057, USA; W: +1-202 687-6233; H: +1-301 891-6845; rufj@georgetown.edu; David Lambeth, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA; W: +1-617 495-4514; dlabertot@harvard.edu. The group will consider proposals focusing on Canada, the United States, and Latin America. These will include, but not be limited to, historical and/or critical case studies, comparative studies, and reflections on the impact of the Pragmatism/Scientific/Enlightenment tradition on the thought of major American religious figures. Proposals should be sent to: jdgalderm@emory.edu.

RELIGION AND ECOLOGY GROUP

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Religion Department, Northwestern University, 3900 Sheridan Rd, Evanston, IL 60208, USA; W: +1-847-491-4361; sanah@northwestern.edu; Bron Taylor, Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI, 54901, USA; W: +1-920-424-0644; bron@religiousandnature.com. Tree-free submissions only: obtain permission well before sending email proposals. Papers are invited on the following themes: 1) the religious and theological role of nature and of the body in relation to the religious thought and experience of the natural or organic world, and its aftermath, post-Rwandan genocide, etc. What is hell and who dwells there? What does hell’s ‘existence’ say about the nature of God? What is distinctive about Reformed understandings of these matters?

RELIGION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN GROUP

Lois Lotzrentzen, Dept of Theology, Univ of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton St, Ignatius Hts, San Francisco, CA 94117, USA; W: +1-415-422-2413; F: +1-415-422-5356; lozrentzen@usfca.edu. Nelson Maldonado, umni@fdu.edu. Papers are invited on the following themes: 1) politics and religious issues related to land and reparations in the Americas; Proposals welcomed that explore land issues of indigenous groups in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, the movement for reparations among African Americans, etc. We are especially interested in Canadian scholars dealing with land reparations to native groups. Session is co-sponsored with the Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and proposals should also be sent to Julian Kuttner and Inez Talamaner, co-chairs of the Indigenous Religious Traditions Group; 2) decolonizing spiritualities, open to papers from the African diaspora, indigenous traditions, new religious movements, etc; and 3) charismatic movements in Latin America and the Caribbean, looking for papers on charismatic Catholic movements, pentecostalism, and other charismatic expressions.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE GROUP

Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology, 5123 Truman RD, Kansas City, MO 64110, USA; W: +1-816-245-4926; F: +1-816-483-9605; HowellNT@gst.edu. Greg Peterson, Thiel College, 75 College AVE, Greenville, PA, 16125, USA; W: +1-724-589-2228; gpeterson@thiel.edu. Proposals are invited that fit two defining themes in the Religion and Science Group. The first theme is ‘Science and Models of the Divine’ and we invite proposals that contribute religious reflections on Pandemonium Tremendum: Chaos and Mystery in the Life of God by James Edward Huntington. The second theme is ‘Science, Religion, and Social Location’ (such as gender, race, or class), and we invite proposals that consider chaos and concreteness in relation to the impact of social location on both theoretical formulation and practical application.

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Proposal being sent via proper method

Current 2002 Memberships for all participants including presider

Completed Pre-Arranged Session Participant Form listing all participants including presider

Proposal (1000 words or fewer, double spaced)

For paper sessions: individual abstracts for all participants

For panel session: single abstract for the entire session

Abstract(s) in an electronic format (150 words or fewer)

Individual Proposals

Proposal being sent via proper method

Current Membership for 2002

Completed Participant Form

Proposal (1000 words or fewer, double spaced)

Abstract, in an electronic format (150 words or fewer)

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REFORMED THEOLOGY AND HISTORY GROUP

Kathryn Greene-McCreight, 198 McKinley AVE, New Haven, CT 06515, USA; F: +1-203 389 7680; kgm6800@yale.edu. Hell and Damnation: We are soliciting proposals for papers which consider the notion of hell and damnation within the Reformed context. These will include, but will not be limited to, historical treatments, treatments of doctrinal loci, modern proposals, and apologies. Regarding the latter one might think in particular of a context of post-Holocaust, post-9/11 and its aftermath, post-Rwandan genocide, invited on the following themes: 1) Reformation, Ecology, & Science. The group will consider proposals focusing on Canada, globalization, sports, evil, heroes, 9/11, music, science, theory or anything else that seems promising.

RELIGION AND POPULAR CULTURE GROUP

Gary M. Laderman, Department of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA; W: +1-404-727-4641; gladerman@emory.edu. The group will consider proposals focusing on Canada, globalization, sports, evil, heroes, 9/11, music, science, theory or anything else that seems promising.

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A suggested panel session includes authors of recent books on religion and film to discuss new methodologies. Individual papers on particular films or visual texts are also welcome. Paper/panel proposals on the movies Harry Potter, Legend of the Rings, Earth, Memento and the commodification of ritual; and nationalism; the brain, the body, and ritual; forward to proposals addressing the following topics: The Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library: Prospects and Participation (David Germino, dgermino@virginia.edu); Religious Life in the Time of the Fifth Dalai Lama (Bryan Corravas, bcorravas@princeton.edu); or Kurtis Schaeffer, kschaeffer@bham.ua.edu). Papers are invited on the following topics: The Tibetan and Himalayan Religious Traditions (Georges Dreyfus, g.dreyfus@williams.edu); Popular Religion in Premodern Tibet (Brian Corravas, bcorravas@princeton.edu); The Encounter of Tibetan Buddhism with Modernity (Abraham Zablocki, amz1@cornell.edu). Additional topics include: the interface of Tibetan medicine and Tibetan religion; Tibetan religious art and architecture. If proposing a paper on a subject listed above, contact the respective panel organizers as listed. Individual submissions will be also welcome in all areas of Tibetan and Himalayan religions. Electronic abstracts and proposals should be sent to both co-chairs. All paperwork should be sent to Matthew Kapstein.

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Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Oren Baruch Stier, Dep. of Religious Studies, DMS01C, Florida International University, Miami, FL 33199, USA; W: +1-305-348-6729; F: +1-305-348-1879; stieroor@fiu.edu. Susan L. Nellis, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland AVE, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, USA; W: +1-412-362-5610 x2124; snellis@pts.edu. The group is committed to examining the religious dimensions of the Holocaust and/or other episodes of genocide in all their manifestations. At the 2002 annual meeting, one session is planned on ‘Genocide and the Clergy.’ Proposals dealing with the role of religious individuals, institutions, and ideologies in promoting, condoning, and resisting genocidal situations are welcome. We also invite papers on the topics of ‘Gender and Genocide’ for a possible joint session with the Women and Religion Section. How has gender played a role in genocidal situations, and/or how does gender analysis shed new light on these histories? Papers might address such ways innocence, victimization, culpability, agency, and their representation are linked to gender.

Schleiermacher Group
Julia A. Lamm, Theology Department, New North 120 Box 571133, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1135, USA; W: +1-202-687-6201; F: +1-202-687-8000; lammj@georgetown.edu. Schleiermacher and Religious Pluralism. Papers are invited on Schleiermacher’s theology of religious: his concept of the essence of religion, his topology of religions, and his treatment of concepts of historical faiths; his understanding of monotheistic and/or non-monotheistic religions and their relations; his understanding of ethics (as the science of the principles of history) and philosophy of religion in relation to religious pluralism; or Schleiermacher and the possibility and problems of inter-religious dialogue. Practical Theology: Papers welcome on Schleiermacher’s conception of Practical Theology (see Brief Outline and Lectures on Practical Theology); his views on church government, pastoral care, catechetics, religious forms of expression (e.g. preaching, liturgy, music, art); the anthropological and sociological views which underlie his practical theology; his views on the future of the Church of the Union, etc.

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Cleo McNelly Kearns, 211 Hun RD, Princeton, NJ 08540-6725, USA; W: +1-609-688-0012, F: +1-609-688-0012, cmkearns@princeton.edu. Jeffrey Blochho, Department of Philosophy, The College of the Holy Cross, 1 College ST BOX 43A, Worcester, MA 01610, USA; W: +1-508-793-3453, Fax: +1-903-843-3727, jbloch@holycross.edu. Papers are invited for the following: 1) A session on Richard Kearney’s recent book The God Who May Be (author responding). The book treat religious eschatology, messianic time, and phenomenological reflection among other themes. Proposals are invited addressing these and/or other topics in conversation with the book. 2) A session under the general heading “Towards the Outside.” Proposals offering fresh perspectives on any aspect of Derrida and theology. 3) A session called La Tétecher, Touching Her: Touch in the Gaga, Proposing bringing feminist theory, biblical studies and J. L. Nancy’s book La Tétecher (to which Derrida has responded) to bear on the figure of woman in NT texts. (Session sponsored jointly with Feminist Theory and Theological Reflection). For further calls for papers relating to Derrida in Toronto, see www.religion.dcu.ie/ulsterderrida_and__religion.htm.

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Matthew Kapstein, SAIC, Foster Hall, 1130 E 59th ST, Chicago, IL 60637, USA; W: +1-773-702-8737, m.kapstein@uchicago.edu. Georges Dreyfus, 76 Grandview, Williamstown, MA 01267- 2984, USA; W: +1-413-579-2350, georges.dreyfus@williams.edu. Papers are invited on the following topics: The Tibetan and Himalayan Religious Traditions (Georges Dreyfus, g.dreyfus@williams.edu); Popular Religion in Premodern Tibet (Brian Corravas, bcorravas@princeton.edu); The Encounter of Tibetan Buddhism with Modernity (Abraham Zablocki, amz1@cornell.edu). Additional topics include: the interface of Tibetan medicine and Tibetan religion; Tibetan religious art and architecture. If proposing a paper on a subject listed above, contact the respective panel organizers as listed. Individual submissions will be also welcome in all areas of Tibetan and Himalayan religions. Electronic abstracts and proposals should be sent to both co-chairs. All paperwork should be sent to Matthew Kapstein.

Ritual Studies Group
Mario I. Aguilera, St. Mary’s College, University of St. Thomas, 2140 W. 40th ST, Minneapolis, MN 55114, USA; W: +1-612-962-5441, Fax: +1-612-962-2495, nikki.bradford@stthomas.edu. Nikki Brad-Frakle, 5399 O’Neil DR, Ames, IA 50010, USA; W: +1-515-294-2495; F: +1-515-294-0780; nikki.bradford@stthomas.edu. We look forward to proposals addressing the following topics: rites of crisis, disaster, or nationalism; the brain, the body, and ritual; the development of a new ritual theory vocabulary or the development or expansion of ritual theory paradigms; the role that perspective plays in ritual theory (for example, insider/outsider); ritual theory and the commodification of ritual; and rites that move from `imagery’ to `center’ or from newly imposed to canonicalized. As always, we are open to co-sponsorship of panels that seem appropriate to our unit’s mission. Other unit preferences.

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Jeffrey Marlett, Dept of Religious Studies, The College of St Rose, 432 Western AVE, Albany, NY 12208, USA; W: +1-518-454-2005; marlettj@mail.strose.edu. The group encourages proposals for individual papers or full sessions concerning theological, historical, and cultural studies of Roman Catholicism. Please note the distinction between paper session and panels. The steering committee reserves the right to edit session proposals. Areas of special interest are: Catholic perspectives on extremes of, or resistance to, nationalism, internationalism, homogenization, and globalization; scholarly studies concerning silenced theologians; scholarship and church sponsorship of educational institutions; considerations of Karl Taylor’s A Catholic Modernity; Catholic (particularly Canadian) literature, and/or historical or contemporary studies of Catholic inculturation. We are especially interested in research concerning Canadian Catholic scholars or Catholicism in Canada, such as French Catholic missions or Catholic cultural and religious diversity in Canada (for a possible joint session with North American Religion Section).

New Program Unit
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Robin B. James, 7914 Alvord Rd, Richmond, VA 23229, USA; W: +1-804-288-2142; F: +1-804-287-6594; rjam8@richmond.edu. This group invites papers on the following themes: 1) Tillich and postmodern faith formation; 2) Tillich and process thought; 3) Tillich and film; and 4) Tillich and literature. Tillich-related papers on other themes will be considered on an equal basis. Theme or themes for the session will be determined in part by the merit of the proposals received. Proposals no longer than two double-spaced pages should be sent both in Word attachment and pasted into an email (or less preferably) in seven copies (six without pasted into an email or (less preferably) in seven copies (six without...
Seminars are highly specific projects driven by a collaborative research agenda leading toward publication. They are expected to eventuate in publication(s). They are strictly limited in duration (five years) and membership (twenty). Members agree to continue the work of the seminar through Annual Meetings, correspondence, exchange of papers and bibliographies, and on listservs, etc. The single session at the Annual Meeting is devoted to consideration of previously distributed papers and to foster collaborations in a public setting that allows auditors again insight into the project, the process, and the people involved. While no new papers are presented at the session, auditors are welcome to attend.

**Studies in Yogaçāra Buddhism Seminar**

Joe Wilson, Philosophy & Religion, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC 28403-5601. USA; +1-910-962-3410; F: +1-910-962-7070; welcon@uncw.edu. Dan Laurthal, Religious Studies, 405 GCB, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211-4140, USA; +1-765-583-0355; yangoji_zane@hotmail.com. The seminar explores Buddhist Yogaçāra philosophy and its roots in India, East Asia, and Tibet, focusing on Sanskrit, Chinese, and Tibetan texts. It also welcomes interdisciplinary examination of the relation of Yogaçāra Studies to other fields (for example, philosophy, psychology, hermeneutics, and the sciences). For more information, see our website: http://www.ucncal.edu/religion/yogaca.html. The 2002 Annual Meeting will be the concluding session for this seminar.

**Rastafari in Global Context: Religion and Culture**

Richard Salter, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, 373 Castle St, Geneva, NY 14456-1509; W: +1-315-781-3370; F: +1-315-781-3348; salter@hws.edu. In this, the concluding year of the seminar, we will gather in Toronto to review and discuss the manuscript we are preparing. We are not accepting proposals.

**Augustine and Augustinianism Consultation**

Charles Mathews, Department of Religious Studies, Coke Hall, PO BOX 400126, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4126, USA; W: +1-434-924-6708; F: +1-434-924-1467; cm9d@virginia.edu. Papers are invited especially on two themes: 1) ‘Augustine Reading’ and ‘Reading Augustine’—Augustine as reader of texts and Augustine as read texts. 2) Augustine on the Body (to be co-sponsored with the Platonism and Neo-Platonism Group). Papers that invite both historical and constructive engagement are especially welcome. Accepted papers will be expected to be delivered (in complete form) to the chair by October 20, in order to mail the papers to panel respondents in sufficient time to allow them to compose responses.

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation**

Robert Orsi, Harvard University; robert_orsi@harvard.edu. Leigh Eric Schmidt, Princeton University. This group is devoted to historical inquiry into the social and cultural contexts of the making of the study of religion and the constructions of “religion” as an object of inquiry. We invite papers or proposals for whole sessions on the history of the study of religion and the history of emotions; the intersection of the history of the study of religion with the history of the study of masculinity, gender, sexuality; and on constructions of “religion” in the early history of the book, including encyclopedia, dictionaries. Proposals may address the history of the study of religion in any period (e.g. early Christianity) or tradition (e.g., construction of “Hinduism” in relation to the history of Western sexuality).

**Zen Buddhism Seminar**

Geron Kopf, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Luther College, 709 College DR, Decorah, IA 52101; W: +1-563-387-1497; kopf@martin.luther.edu. Jin Y Park, Department of Philosophy and Religion, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20016; W: +1-202-885-2919; jypress@american.edu. The seminar invites papers exploring comparative study between 1) Zen and Taoism; 2) Zen and Confucianism; and 3) Zen and other Buddhist schools as well as 4) a comparison between different schools of Zen especially during the formative period of the school in China. We understand the construction of Zen identity.

**Anthropology of Religion Consultation**

Pamela Klassen, Victoria College, Northrop Frye Hall 222, 73 Queen’s Park Crescent, Toronto, ON M5S 1K7, Canada; W: +1-416-585-4573; F: +1-416-585-4584; pklassen@utoronto.ca. Julie McDaniels, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29424, USA; W: +1-843-953-5956; F: +1-843-953-6388; madaniel@cofc.edu. Experiencing Experience: Fieldwork Dilemmas in the Study of Religion: A session investigating contributions and problems of fieldwork in the study of religion, especially issues raised through participant-observation of religious experience and the fear and attraction of ‘going native’. Proposals should refer to direct field experience and research, focus on scholars’ interactions with people in the field, and attend to relevant methodological and theoretical issues concerning anthropological study of religion. Comparative Matching: Religion and Cultural Reproduction: Religious aspects of courtship and marriage selection in local and transnational contexts, including shifting definitions of endogamy/exogamy at institutional and grassroots levels; significance of gender, ethnicity, class, and other forms of identity; ritual inventions and transformations. Papers must refer significantly to Hindu and/or Jewish practices, but need not be limited to these traditions. Co-sponsored with Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judasim: send proposals to both units.

**Consultations**

Consultations are exploratory opportunities to test the degree and breadth of interest among members of the Academy in areas of academic interest not currently included in the concerns of existing sections, groups, or seminars.

**New Program Brief**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation**

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**Zen Buddhism Seminar**

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**History, Method, and Theory in the Study of Religion Consultation**

Gregory D. Alles, 410 Steeplechase CT, Hanover, PA 17331-1382, USA; W: +1-410-857-2460; F: +1-410-857-2729; gallsen@park.edu. Arthur McCalla, 1700 NE Irving ST #49, Portland, OR 97232-2252, USA; W: +1-503-771-1112x7963; arthur.mccalla@reed.edu. We solicit proposals that address the following topics: 1) expositions, congresses, universities, and publication projects in the study of religions during the nineteenth century, especially with reference to John P. Burris, Exhibiting Religion: Colonialism and Spectacle at the World’s Fair, 1851-1893 (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2002); 2) either pramamitism as a theoretical resource for the study of religions or pragmatism, race, and the study of religions (a joint session with the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group); and 3) excluded or neglected disciplines, such as geography, political science, and economics, and their potential contribution to the study of religions today: All proposals should be sent to Arthur McCalla (arthur.mccalla@reed.edu).

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Law, Religion, and Culture Consultation

Winifred Fallers Sullivan, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, 1025 E 58th ST, Chicago, IL 60637, USA; W: +1-773-702-8217; F: +1-773-834-4581; wsulliva@uchicago.edu. We invite proposals for papers on the following set of topics: 1) parallels between legal and religious ritual; 2) parallels between canon in law and in religion; 3) legal pluralism and religious pluralism.

Religion, Culture, and Communication Consultation

Stewart M. Hoover, 1497 Lodge LN, Boulder, CO 80303, USA; W: +1-303-492-4833; hoover@colorado.edu. Michele Rosenthal, Department of Communication, University of Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Haifa 31905, ISRAEL; W: +972-4-824-9601; F: +972-4-824-9120; mrosenthal@research.haifa.ac.il. The consultation invites submissions that further our theoretical understanding of religion, mass media and culture. We recognize a wide range of methodological approaches: ethnographic, interpretive, historical, critical, etc. Although relevant papers on any topic will be considered, this year we are particularly interested in the following areas: 1) the media, and rituals of public commemoration (e.g., WTCC; Columbine and other recent loci of commemoration); 2) the web as a site for mediated religion and culture; 3) historical

Religion and Disability Studies Consultation

Maureen Connolly, Womens Studies/ Physical Education, Buck University, St Caterhines, ON L2S 3A1, CANADA; W: +1-905-688-5550x3458; mconnoll@brocku.ca. This year we invite cross-disciplinary responses to Canadian feminist philosopher, Susan Wendell, The Rejected Body. Feminist Philosophical Reflections on Disability (Routledge: 1996) — particularly the thematics of the transcendence of the body and a community-based ethic of care. Our secondary emphasis, ‘Living Bodies Interpreting Texts,’ is designed to explore the implications of reading and interpreting the sacred from within the contested boundaries of the body as lived. Papers might combine commentary on both Wendell and embedded interpretations of the sacred are especially encouraged.

Religion and Human Rights Consultation

Arvind Sharma, Religious Studies, McGill University, 3520 University ST, Montreal, QC H3A 2A7, CANADA; W: +1-514-394-4123; F: +1-514-394-2102; csdf@muscica.mcgill.ca. Summer B. Twiss, FSU Department of Religion, Dodd Hall MS65, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1520, USA; W: +1-850-644-1020; F: +1-850-644-7225; twiss@fsu.edu. Topic for 2002: Religion, Territoriality, and Human Rights. Papers from any disciplinary perspective, with preference given to those which explore the interaction of all three facets of the topic within a sustained case-study addressing pertinent conceptual, explanatory, and methodological issues. All submissions should be sent to both Sharma and Twiss.

Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Consultation

J. Shawn Landres, 102 North Hope AVE, Apt 137, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-1066, USA; W: +1-805-893-3824; F: +1-805-893-2383; Shawn@landres.com. Andrzej Krawchuk, Faculty of Theology, St Paul University, 223 Main ST, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4, CANADA; W: +1-613-236-1939 x2415; akrawchuk@email.ualberta.ca. We seek proposals focused on East-Central European (ECE) culture in North America, particularly those appropriate to the 2002 conference venue in Toronto. Topics might include the nineteenth-century frontier culture of ECE immigrants; post-World War II interactions between established religious groups and new ECE immigrants; worship styles, material culture, and architecture in ECE immigrant congregations; or the impact and influence of North America and North Americans on the development of ECE religion and theology prior to, during, and after socialism. All proposals should take a comparative approach, whether geographic (North America vs. Central Europe) or religious (Jews, Muslims, Orthodox, etc.) We plan to coordinate one or more co-sponsored session(s) on immigrant religions with the North American Religions Section and/or the Orthodoxy Studies Group.
studies of the religious reception and use of new communications technologies; religion and television/radio in North America (for a possible joint session with North American Religions). Please submit your proposal via online submissions or by email, or hard-copy surface mail to Michele Rosenthal.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Religion, Ethics, and Society in Contemporary East Asia Consultation
Young Chan Ro, 4400 University DR, Philosophy and Religious Studies, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030, USA; W: +1-703-993-1292; F: +1-703-993-1297; yoro@gmu.edu. Michiko Yusa, Dept of Modern and Classical Languages, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9857, USA; yusa@wwu.edu. We welcome papers and presentations related to the theme of ‘The Impact of Globalization in East Asia and the Concepts of Justice and Virtue.’ We especially seek proposals from among the socially engaged scholars of Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Daoism, Islam, and native Asian religious traditions, who would like to share their views and findings on the contemporary situations in East Asia.

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Consultation
Linda L. Barnes, 534 Franklin ST, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA; W: +1-617-414-4534; E: +1-617-547-2277; lhbarnes@tiac.net. We invite papers that address the theme ‘The Living and the Powerful Dead: Cases of Affliction and Healing.’ Topics can include, but are not limited to, such phenomena as saints, shrines, relics, ghosts, and ancestors. Examples may be historic and/or ethnographic and contemporary, and may derive from any of the world’s religious traditions. Examples may illustrate the interaction of traditions. We will also co-sponsor a session with the Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group on traditional and innovative forms of healing in Latino communities. In both sessions, preference will be given to papers demonstrating strong attention to theoretical and methodological dimensions. Women and minority scholars are encouraged to apply.

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Consultation
Cynthia Stewart, 2001 20th AVE S, Nashville TN 37212, USA; H: +1-615-279-8166; cstewart@yaho.com. Papers are invited on the following theme: Religious Responses to a Post-9/11/01 World. Papers may include but are not limited to: religious traditions’ redefinitions of war and/or terrorism, religious peacemaking responses or lack thereof, the role and treatment of specific religions after the conflict. We encourage submissions that focus on religious responses outside Christianity and outside the United States, although all submissions are welcomed.

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Election News

Jane Dammen McAuliffe was elected vice president for 2002. McAuliffe will serve as president-elect in 2003 and then as president in 2004.

Susan E. Henking was elected to a three-year term as secretary.

Richard Amesbury was elected to a two-year term as student director.

Also in this election, Vasudha Narayanan was confirmed as president for 2002, and Robert Orsi was confirmed as president-elect for 2002.

The AAR solicits nominations for the Ray L. Hart Service Award. This award is given to persons whose dedication and service have made significant contributions to the AAR’s mission of fostering excellence in the field of religion. Please send nominations to bdeconcini@aarweb.org.

The Board of the AAR is establishing a Disabilities Task Force to address issues and concerns of persons with disabilities in relation to the AAR. Please e-mail executive director, Barbara DeConcini at bdeconcini@aarweb.org if you are interested in participating.

The AAR Public Understanding of Religion Committee invites nominations and self-nominations for the Martin E. Marty Award for Contributions to the Public Understanding of Religion. The award is intended to bring greater recognition to scholars whose relevance and eloquence speaks, not just to scholars, but more broadly to the public as well. Nominees for this award do not have to be AAR members. Send cover letter and c.v. by January 10 to Marty Nominations, AAR, 825 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30329, or to aar@aarweb.org.

In the Field

News of events and opportunities for scholars of religion published by the American Academy of Religion available online at www.aarweb.org.

In the Field is a members-only online publication available the first of each month (with a combined July/August issue). It includes Calls, Grants, and Calendar sections. In the Field accepts calls for papers, grant news, conference announcements, and other opportunities appropriate for scholars of religion of no more than 100 words. Contributors must submit text electronically by the 20th of the month for the following issue to: inthefield@aarweb.org.

Do you have something to say?

RSN welcomes essays by members, particularly those reflecting on professional practices and institutional locations, or on the place of the study of religion in the academy. We also welcome suggestions for any of the regular features and letters to the editor. Please see page two for submission information.
Sexual Harassment Policy

Introduction

The American Academy of Religion is committed to fostering and maintaining an environment of rigorous learning, research, and teaching in the field of religion. This environment must be free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a discriminatory practice which is unethical, unprofessional, and is a threat to intellectual freedom. It usually involves persons of unequal power, authority, or influence but can occur between persons of the same status.

Sexual harassment is illegal under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments. Sexual harassment is a gross violation of professional ethics comparable to plagiarism or falsification of research. It should be regarded and treated as such by members of the Academy. The policy of the American Academy of Religion is to condemn sexual harassment. Members of the Academy are encouraged to file complaints against sexual harassment with the appropriate administrative office of the institution where the harasser is employed or where he or she is enrolled, or with appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Background

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) of the United States Government defines sexual harassment in the workplace as in the academic setting as:

"The use of one's authority or power, either directly or implicitly, to coerce another into unwanted sexual relations or to punish another for his or her refusal; or the creation of an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment through verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

Having friendships with students is common for teachers. It is also possible that teachers will experience attraction to students and experience students' sexual attraction to them. This cuts across gender and sexual orientation. Because of the inherent power differential between teacher and student, it is imperative that members of the Academy maintain the integrity of an environment which is not coercive, intimidating, hostile, or offensive.

The work of the Academy is best carried out in an atmosphere that fosters collegiality and mentoring. Sexual harassment can destroy or undermine this relationship. The impact of this on the life and future of the member of the Academy cannot be belittled or ignored. When our actions are in violation of the dignity and integrity of another, these actions are a profound violation of professional and human relationships. These violations are because they are exploitative and abusive.

Descriptions

Sexual harassment includes all behavior that prevents or interrupts an individual's full enjoyment of educational or workplace rights, benefits, environments, or opportunities. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

1. Sexist remarks, jokes, or behavior
2. Unwelcome sexual advances, including unwanted touching
3. Request for sexual favors
4. Sexual assault, including attempted or completed physical sexual assault
5. Use of professional authority to inappropriately draw attention to the gender, sexuality or sexual orientation of an employee, colleague, or student
6. Insults, including lewd remarks or conduct
7. Visual displays of degrading sexual images or pornography
8. Pressure to accept unwelcome social invitations

Sexual harassment occurs from these behaviors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when any or all of the following conditions apply:

1. Submission or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used implicitly or explicitly, as a basis for employment decisions or academic decisions affecting such individuals, or
2. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment.

Such an atmosphere cannot and does not foster intellectual rigor or valuable, trustworthiness of the member of AAR and avoid unnecessary bureaucratization.

Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

At its November 1996 meeting the AAR Board of Directors adopted a policy condemning sexual harassment in academic settings. At its April 1998 meeting the Board approved a Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure.

The AAR's Status of Women in the Profession Committee formulated the procedure. In announcing the procedure for the membership, Emilie Townes, chair of the Committee, said: "The Sexual Harassment Policy of the American Academy of Religion is designed to foster and maintain an environment of rigorous scholarship and professional excellence. Such an environment cannot be achieved when sexual harassment is present. The Policy is a clear and unambiguous statement against sexual harassment and it also provides resources for understanding and combating unprofessional and dehumanizing conduct. The Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure provides an equitable mechanism to implement the sexual harassment policy of AAR. The procedure seeks to provide confidentiality and a fair procedure for all parties involved. It, along with the Sexual Harassment Policy, provides the membership of AAR with a clear statement concerning sexual harassment, resources that are educational in helping combat it, and a procedure for the Academy to address any cases that may arise from official activities of AAR. Together, the Policy and Grievance Procedure, help AAR create and maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and academic freedom in our mutual pursuit of excellence in scholarship."

Complaint Procedure

1. The complainant should present the complaint as promptly as possible with the Executive Director after the alleged harassment occurs. Failure to present a complaint promptly may preclude recourse to legal procedures beyond the jurisdiction of the AAR should the complainant decide to pursue such action at a later date. The initial discussion concerns the identity of the complainant in writing. A copy of this is sent to the complainant. Efforts should be made to protect the complainant from retaliatory action by the person(s) named in the complaint.

2. The Executive Director alerts the Grievance Committee that a complaint has been received and promptly calls a meeting of the Committee. Each member of the Committee shall receive a copy of the written statement of the complaint.

3. The Grievance Committee may vote to either accept the complaint for full review or decline to consider the complaint. The Grievance Committee will base its decision on its judgment of its capacity to handle the matter. It will consider its resources and competence; the seriousness of the complaint; the degree to which the complaint alleges specific violations of the AAR Sexual Harassment Policy; the potential effect of such an action on the complainant and the respondent; the impact of such an action on the relationship between the complainant and the respondent; and any other relevant factors.
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An online Finding list of departments and programs of religion at accredited colleges and universities in North America

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Name of school

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City

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Degree offered

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- Public
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- Private, non-sectarian
- Protestant
- Catholic
- Other religion

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Resources


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Policy; the likelihood that the AAR will be able to make a positive contribution to resolving the problem; the availability of a more suitable forum, such as a university grievance procedure or the AAUP. If the Committee decides to decline consideration of the complaint, it will submit an explanation in writing to the complainant and the alleged offender.

4. The Executive Director will gather all facts pertinent to the allegations of the complaint. The investigation will be conducted promptly and objectively. The investigation will include statements by the complainant(s), person(s) accused, and others as necessary.

5. The Grievance Committee has the following options: If the Committee concludes that on the basis of the investigation that sexual harassment has occurred the following disciplinary actions may be taken:

   1. Letter of reprimand to the offender.
   2. Training and education regarding sexual harassment and appropriate and inappropriate behaviors with documentation to the Committee that this training has been completed. Failure to comply may result in the rescinding of membership.
   3. Rescinding of membership in the AAR for a duration deemed appropriate by the committee.
   4. Repeat offenders are subject only to disciplinary action 3.

Every effort will be made to maintain confidentiality throughout the process, but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. The Grievance Committee will protect the privacy of both the complainant and persons accused in every way possible during the process of the complaint and thereafter.

The AAR prohibits any form of retaliation against any member or employee of AAR filing a complaint against a member. Any retaliatory action of any kind taken against a complainant under this procedure is prohibited and will be the basis for a separate complaint subject to disciplinary action by the Grievance Committee.

If, after investigating a complaint the Grievance Committee determines that a complainant knowingly made a false complaint or knowingly provided false information regarding a complaint, the Committee may decide that disciplinary actions, as above, are warranted.

The decision of the Grievance Committee is final.
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Pick up artwork/film from Fall 2001 Edition, OBC (or p.24) and strip-in.
A Message from the President, November 2001

I N THE AFTERMATH of the events that befell the US and the world on September 11, the AAR Board, under the guidance of our Executive Director, discussed whether or not we, as the Board of the largest learned society devoted to the study of religion, should issue a statement. After some rapid electronic communication among board members, the executive committee held a telephone conference. In the end we decided that we, the board, must issue a statement to our members urging them to contact the press offices in their universities and to find other ways to serve as resources for educating the public. After expressing horror at the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we stated:

We grieve with our members, their colleagues and students, who have lost loved ones in this tragedy. As the major professional association of scholars and teachers in the field of religion, we feel a special responsibility in this time of crisis. We therefore urge our members to find appropriate educational responses to these events and their aftermath in our classes, our colleges and universities, and our communities, and to serve as resources in the national conversation on a range of issues that have been fore grounded by this tragedy: suffering and evil, human rights and religious liberties, international order and justice, democracy and the common good. The AAR Board especially wishes to urge members to encourage conversation on campuses and in communities about the dangers of religious and ethnic harassment and discrimination. Such educational engagements are appropriate to the Academy’s mission to further reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values by bringing the teaching and scholarship of our members to bear upon their importance to the common good. (Quote from AAR statement)

The response of the executive committee seemed feeble to me at the time, since no response could adequately measure or express the tragedy. In retrospect, at least in my judgment, our response expresses the strength, maturity, and goodness of our organization. Allow me to extend this observation to interpreter that we are as an organization, with special attention to the last year of work in the AAR.

First of all, under the leadership of the Executive Director Barbara DeConcini, we have a superb staff at the American Academy of Religion. In response to the events of September 11, the staff quickly gathered information we might need to consider a response, checked with other organizations, checked with subgroups and members of our organization, and got information out to the Executive Committee quickly and efficiently. Later I will talk about the Executive Committee’s decision to uphold our agreement with the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Denver but for now let me observe that the staff did a tremendous amount of research on various different scenarios, networked with a wide variety of organizations holding contracts with the hotel chain, and realistically faced the possibility of having to reschedule much of the annual meeting!

Several weeks ago I attended a retreat for the Chief Administrative Officers of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Reporting on a census and survey of the membership organizations, Kathy Rudder asked each CAO’s to look to her right and left for the colleagues sitting there would be gone by the next retreat. In a field in which the turn over rate is extraordinarily high, we have been privileged to enjoy our executive director for many years. Barbara’s gifts in management, leadership, finance and development are well known. She has led us through a period of growth in size and complexity; she has guided us through the difficulties of dissolving Scholars Press and finding new ways to relate to our neighbor in the Luce Center and our partner for our joining meetings, the Society for Biblical Literature. I also want to note that in all this good work, Barbara has John Harrison as her COO. John has helped us all a great deal with his immense knowledge of societies such as ours, his legal eye and financial sensibilities, and also his kindness and wit.

The ability of the AAR to respond to September 11 depended upon a professional staff that knew how to prepare volunteers for a quick and speedy response. See PRESIDENT, p.22

Mission Statement

In a world where religion plays so central a role in social, political, and economic events, as well as in the lives of communities and individuals, there is a critical need for ongoing reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values. The American Academy of Religion’s mission is to promote such reflection through excellence in scholarship and teaching in the field of religion. The Academy is dedicated to furthering knowledge of religion and religious institutions in all their forms and manifestations. This is accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, publications, programs, and services for members’ professional development.

Within a context of free inquiry and critical examination, the Academy welcomes all disciplined reflection on religion—from both within and outside of communities of belief and practice—and seeks to enhance its broad public understanding.
Goals

To accomplish this mission, the American Academy of Religion has the following goals:

- To promote research and scholarship in the field of religion.
- To foster excellence in teaching in the field of religion.
- To support and encourage members’ professional development.
- To develop programming and participation in AAR regional organizations.

Governance & Service

A board of directors comprised of officers elected by the entire membership (6), regional-elected directors (10), chairs of standing committees (currently 7), a student member, the ACLS delegate, and the JAAR editor governs the Academy. Some twenty committees and task forces of volunteers provide programmatic planning and oversight.

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Members

Membership Trends

AAR membership has grown substantially since 1991, with 2000 membership figures almost eleven months above those of the beginning of this ten-year period. A small dip in membership (4%) was noted for 2000, probably related to the dissolution of Scholars Press and with it the joint AAR/SBL membership on a single form. The large share of our 4% drop was in joint and joint student memberships. Regular membership accounts for about 65% of the total over the years, and student membership has been steady at or near 32% for the same period; the remainder of the membership is in the retired category. AAR memberships run for the calendar year.

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Secondly, the AAR is an organization that reflects continually upon itself or, in the popular jargon, of the day it is a “learning organization” continually asking itself who it is, what it had done and what it can do better, etc. The AAR has established a structures task force to consider how we structure our organization with special attention to how the current structures serve, or do not serve, the current needs of the institutions. The structures task force is led by Raymond Williams and has already made recommendations concerning board orientation, communication of committee work, review of committees and board self-review.

The AAR spent considerable time this year cultivating its relationship with the SRL. Harry Attridge, president of the SRL, and I called a joint meeting of the AAR Executive Committee and the SRL Council. The Executive Committee and Board discussed the future of the relationship with the SRL and reaffirmed our joint meetings until at least 2007. Many AAR members feel strongly about the intellectual and practical reasons of meeting with the SRL. Other AAR members wonder if the time is right to hold joint meetings with other groups specializing in an area of religion. And some members express concern of the administrative difficulties in holding the meetings together, while others express great enjoyment at the large size of the meeting.

Yet another example of the reflectivity of the AAR was a brainstorming session on strategic planning for the executive committee held in Denver in April 2001 and featuring Kathy Rudder, former vice president during the last year. I very much appreciate the support of Vasudha Krishna and the current president. I very much appreciate the support of Vasudha Krishna and the current president. I very much appreciate the support of Vasudha Krishna and the current president. I very much appreciate the support of Vasudha Krishna and the current president.
Meetings

Annual Meeting Registration 1996-2000

The AAR and SBL Annual Meetings are the world’s largest scholarly conference on religion and, for the four days of the conference, the world’s largest religion bookstore. The meeting continues to grow in size and complexity, from the number of registrants, sessions, and exhibitors to the number of special workshops and conferences of related scholarly organizations. Currently, the AAR program structure is comprised of fourteen sections, forty-eight groups, six seminars, and eleven consultations, for a total of 79 program units. Plenary lectures, arts events, business meetings, professional development sessions, and a whole range of social events for various constituencies enhance the program.

Future Academy-Wide Meeting Dates

2002
November 23-26 in Toronto, Ontario

2003
November 22-25 in Atlanta, Georgia

2004
November 20-23 in San Antonio, Texas

2005
November 19-22 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2006
November 18-21 in Washington, DC

Regional Meetings 2002

Every member residing in North America is also a member of one of AAR’s ten regional groups. All members are welcome to attend and participate in any regional meeting. Regional calls for papers are available at www.aarweb.org.

Southwest
Harvey Hotel
Irving, TX
March 9-10, 2002

Upper Midwest
Luther Seminary
St. Paul, MN
April 5-6, 2002

West
St. Mary’s College
Moraga, CA
March 24-26, 2002

Eastern International
St. Paul University
Ontario, ON, Canada
April 27-28, 2002

Mid-Atlantic
Radisson Hotel Cross Keys
Baltimore, MD
March 14-15, 2002

Midwest
DePaul Center
Chicago, IL
April 5-7, 2002

New England–Maritimes
Brandeis University
Waltham, MA
April 12, 2002

Pacific Northwest
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR
May 3-5, 2002

Rocky Mountain–Great Plains
Sherraton Omaha Hotel
Omaha, NE
April 19-20, 2002

Southeast
Atlanta Marriott
Center City
Atlanta, GA
March 8-10, 2002

Publications

Publishing

AAR’s publishing alliance with Oxford University Press is proving effective. We are delighted with the quality of our AAR-OUP publications and pleased that we have established fine working relationships between and among our volunteer editors, AAR staff, and Oxford editors and staff. Currently, our backlist books published through Scholars Press continue to be available from Oxford at 800-451-7556. Oxford is publishing JAAR and our five series of monographs.

We invite and encourage members to contact our editors about your research projects and publishing plans. Since a couple of the series editors are completing their terms of service at calendar year’s end, you may wish to contact the Chair of the Publications Committee, Terry Godlove. Recently, the AAR Board approved a grant program to fund translation projects not publishing in the Texts & Translations Series. For information about these grants and how to apply for support, contact Mark Csikszentmihalyi.

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In the past decade, the Academy has awarded $550,000 to hundreds of members in support of their research and to enhance endowment to support the program. The 2001-2002 recipients of AAR Research Grant Awards and the titles of their projects are:

- Margaret Bendroth, The Urban Roots of American Fundamentalism.
- Anne L. Clark, Guarding Sacred Things: Women's Communities in Rome and Seisatum.
- Ronald M. Davidson, Epigraphic Research in Indian Esoteric Buddhism.
- Jack A. Hill, Moral Meets in Western Polynesia.
- Prabha Reddy, Bhavanamahbha and Venasiva Priests of Siva: Issues of Casteship and Power Dynamics at Sriramam.
- Vera Shevchenko, Mary in Modern Russia: Smriti Srinivas, Chandras of Chintamani: Transnational Circuits and Cultures of Representation in the Sai Baba Movement.
- Charles D. Thompson, You Must Not Idle Stand: The Old German Baptist Brethren and Agricultural Change in Rural Virginia.
- Theodore M. Vial, ‘God Still Loves the German Nation’: Nationalism and Christianity in Schweizermeier’s Political Sermons.
- Melissa Wilcox, The Los Angeles Women and Spirituality Project.
- Duncan Williams, Camp Bharma: Ethnic Identity and Buddhism in the Japanese-American Internment Camp Experience.
- Liz Wilson, Sex and the Single Nun: Contemporary Buddhist Views on Gender, Sexuality, and Family Life.

Census of Religion and Theology Programs, 2000
Among the most important developments in 2001 was the completion of the AAR Census of Religion and Theology Programs 2000. Thanks to the cooperation of nearly 900 department chairs and program unit heads across the US and Canada, we can begin to answer some key questions about the undergraduate study of religion and theology. Every department chair who completed the census received a special respondent’s report showing how that program compares to similar ones, as measured by Carnegie classification, institutional affiliation, and region. Turning field-wide data into strategic information is a hallmark of this and other AAR efforts to support departments through the Academic Relations Program. The census will be repeated every two years, so that comparative longitudinal information will facilitate and inform strategic planning for the field. A special pullout section of the fall 2001 issue of RSN-AAR reported some initial findings. More reports are planned for chairs and other leaders in the field to assist them in making the case that every student deserves an education that includes study of religion and theology. Every department chair who completed the census received a special report showing how that program compares to similar ones, as measured by Carnegie classification, institutional affiliation, and region.

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Programs offering courses in the following topics—by percentage of those responding.

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Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards

Analytical-Descriptive Studies


Constructive-Reflective


Historical


First Best Book in the History of Religions


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Census data have been used to provide basic contact information on all programs in religion and theology known to us. This information is available as an online finding list with several useful search functions.

Leadership Workshops for Chairs of Departments and Programs
The Academic Relations Task Force mounted its second Annual Meeting Chairs’ Workshop as part of the Strengthening College and University Religion and Theology Programs initiative supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. Workshops have brought more than fifty chairs from across the nation for seminars with national educators on student outcomes assessment (Barbara Walvoord) and evaluat-
The Profession

Religious Studies News, AAR Edition
Religious Studies News/AAR Edition (RSN-AAR) began publishing in Fall 2000 as the AAR’s successor to Religious Studies News, which was published with the Society of Biblical Literature. RSN-AAR has continued as the newspaper of record for the field and has expanded coverage of news from inside and outside the AAR. During this past year, several features have become established. Among them are the department chair interview series, Department Meetings; interviews with committee chairs and other volunteer leaders in Beyond the Annual Meeting; profiles of AAR members in Member-at-Large, and conversations about new research and writing in Research Briefing.

A look at the field, by institutional affiliation

### Student Profile
- **Ratio of religion majors to total enrollment**
  - Public: 1.40
  - Private, non-sectarian: 1.21
  - Catholic: 1.16
  - Protestant: 1.18
- **Number of declared majors (average)**
  - Public: 30.4
  - Private, non-sectarian: 22.1
  - Catholic: 23.0
  - Protestant: 51.3
- **Number of bachelor’s degrees (average)**
  - Public: 11.4
  - Private, non-sectarian: 9.4
  - Catholic: 8.0
  - Protestant: 16.0
- **Women receiving bachelor’s degrees (%)**
  - Public: 56.6
  - Private, non-sectarian: 49.8
  - Catholic: 53.7
  - Protestant: 39.9

### Curricular Profile
- **Average number of courses offered by institutions**
  - Introductory courses as a percentage of the total
  - Public: 35.1
  - Private, non-sectarian: 27.4
  - Catholic: 43.4
  - Protestant: 38.6
- **Average number of courses offered**
  - Public: 35.1
  - Private, non-sectarian: 27.4
  - Catholic: 43.4
  - Protestant: 38.6
- **Percentage of reporting programs offering courses in**
  - (Traditions courses)
    - Christianity: 86.0
    - Buddhism: 57.0
    - Confucianism/Taoism: 37.1
    - Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism: 50.0
    - Indigenous Religions: 35.5
    - Islam: 51.1
    - Judaism: 64.5
  - (Topics courses)
    - Art, literature & Religion /Ritual & Performance: 41.9
    - Ethics/Philosophy of Religion: 76.2
    - Social Scientific Study of Religion /New Religious movements: 46.5
    - Women’s Studies*: 60.2
    - Racial and Ethnic Studies in Religion: 25.3
    - American Religion: 47.9

### Faculty Profile
- **Average Full-time positions**
  - Public: 6.6
  - Private, non-sectarian: 5.6
  - Catholic: 8.3
  - Protestant: 5.8
- **Part-time positions**
  - Public: 3.3
  - Private, non-sectarian: 2.5
  - Catholic: 6.7
  - Protestant: 3.5

**Notes:**
1. Institution type variable derived from question A2. Carnegie classification (1994) was used to identify "Associate" institutions.
2. Data regarding majors and baccalaureate degrees not reported for institutions that do not grant baccalaureate degrees.
3. Includes Gender and Sexuality.

Outreach

**AAR Center for Religion & the Media**
To foster better news coverage of religion, the AAR responds to journalists seeking scholars who can offer insights into the specific topics the journalists are writing about. Over the past year, the AAR has responded to over 250 queries, referring reporters to some do so at the request of employers. Additionally, hours have been expanded on Saturday and Sunday, and we continue to improve the physical environment in an effort to create an atmosphere reflecting the dignity—and easing the stress—of the occasion.

**Teaching Resources & Initiatives**
With support from the Lilly Endowment, AAR is creating an online AAR Teaching Resources Center to gather and assess the concrete products of the teaching workshops and other AAR teaching initiatives that the Endowment and others have supported over the past decade. This new project will consolidate the many curricular and pedagogic resources developed over the years by workshop participants and make them more widely available and usable in digitized form. The resulting online data bank will include selected projects of the 150 teaching workshop alumni; hundreds of course syllabi submitted by members; the entire series of Spotlight on Teaching guides for evaluating teaching in religion and theology and for assessing departmental teaching and learning.

The AAR Syllabus Project, edited by Michel Desjardins and initiated and overseen by the Committee on Teaching and Learning, has moved from its original host institution, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada, to the AAR website. This change will make access easier for members and permit a fuller integration of the service into our other teaching and learning initiatives. AAR is grateful to Wilfrid Laurier for their generous support of this project.

**From College Course Syllabus to Teaching about Religion in the Schools**
This new project, supported in part by funds from the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) and directed by Bruce Gare, aims to create new teaching and learning resources for secondary school teachers. Collaborative pairs of tertiary and secondary-level faculty will create modules for integrating the study of religion into secondary school social studies and humanities curricula. Teams are working in three areas (Religion in U.S. History, Religion & Politics, Religion in Literature & the Arts). This is one of the early initiatives of the AAR Religion in the Schools Task Force.
**Resources**

### Financial Highlights

The Academy's finances continue a healthy operation in the black despite investment losses from market decline. Salient on the balance sheet is the addition of the Luxe Center building (in a co-ownership capacity) to the assets. By working well within the budget, the Academy managed this acquisition without detriment to the positive operating bottom line.

The following is the actual audit summary prepared by the accounting firm of Brooks, McGinnis & Company, LLC.

#### Independent Auditor’s Report

To the Finance Committee of American Academy of Religion:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2001 and 2000 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of American Academy of Religion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Atlanta, Georgia

August 15, 2001

### Statement of Financial Position, June 30, 2001 and 2000

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<td>Joint annual meeting</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1,322</td>
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<td>Scholars Press</td>
<td>103,207</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>36,340</td>
<td>13,690</td>
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<td>Pew grant receivable</td>
<td>816,960</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>7,363</td>
<td>6,090</td>
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<td>Book inventories, net</td>
<td>12,450</td>
<td>24,855</td>
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<td>Furniture and equipment, net</td>
<td>28,106</td>
<td>38,022</td>
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<td>Share of Luce Center assets, net</td>
<td>2,310,690</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,932,096</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,272,927</strong></td>
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| **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** |          |                |
| Liabilities: |                |                |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 5,101,206 | 3,953,821 |
| Accrued vacation | 59,181 | 30,082 |
| Deferred revenue - memberships | 245,782 | 240,000 |
| Deferred revenue - annual meeting | 439,937 | 384,091 |
| **Total liabilities** | **844,106** | **747,994** |
| **Net assets** | **$8,932,096** | **$6,272,927** |

### Commitments and contingencies

**Net assets:**

- Unrestricted net assets | 4,601,923 | 2,609,412 |
- Temporarily restricted net assets | 1,717,995 | 1,144,674 |
- Permanently restricted net assets | 1,768,072 | 1,770,847 |

**Total net assets** | **$8,087,990** | **5,524,933** |

**Total liabilities and net assets** | **$8,932,096** | **$6,272,927** |
Distribution of Expenses

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<th>Expenses</th>
<th>2001</th>
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<td>General Administration</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Research/Publications</td>
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<td>Member Services</td>
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<td>Professional Development Services</td>
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<td>External Relations</td>
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Statements of Activities, June 30, 2001 and 2000

Changes in unrestricted net assets:

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<td>Membership dues</td>
<td>$571,031</td>
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<td>Annual Meeting</td>
<td>705,133</td>
<td>705,045</td>
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<td>Employment information services</td>
<td>94,716</td>
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<td>Advertising and publications</td>
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<td>Book sales</td>
<td>31,286</td>
<td>65,847</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>11,530</td>
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<td>Royalties</td>
<td>4,303</td>
<td>6,400</td>
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<td>Investment income (loss)</td>
<td>(170,280)</td>
<td>211,971</td>
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| Total unrestricted revenues and gains          | $1,326,651| $1,691,565|
| Net assets released from purpose restrictions  | $740,728  | $266,198  |

Total unrestricted revenues, gains and support: $2,067,379, $1,957,763

Expenses:

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<td>94,202</td>
<td>240,394</td>
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<td>255,060</td>
<td>182,372</td>
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<td>Professional development services</td>
<td>431,965</td>
<td>237,254</td>
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<td>External relations</td>
<td>394,451</td>
<td>59,285</td>
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<td>Annual Meeting</td>
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<td>150,347</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>36,370</td>
<td>16,596</td>
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| Total expenses                                 | $1,868,184| $1,507,407|
| Increase in unrestricted net assets            | $199,195  | $450,356  |

Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:

| Contributions/grants                           | $1,205,000| $81,780  |
| Investment income                              | $62,907   | $383,950 |
| Net assets released from restrictions           | $(740,728)| $(266,198)|

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<td>Net assets</td>
<td>$526,779</td>
<td>$(170,929)</td>
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Changes in permanently restricted net assets:

| Investment income (loss)                           | $(252,775)| 46,560   |

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| Increase in net assets                               | $473,199 | $325,987 |
| Net assets, beginning of year                         | $5,524,933| $5,198,946|
| Transfer of share in Luce Center property and endowment funds, net of debt assumed | $2,089,858| |

| Net assets, end of year                               | $8,087,990| $5,524,933|

Cash flows from operating activities:

| Increase in net assets                               | $2,563,057| $(325,987)|
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operations: |          |          |
| Depreciation on equipment                            | 20,659    | 10,089   |
| Loss on disposal of equipment                        | 4,601     |          |
| Allowance on book inventories                        | 25,000    |          |
| Realized gain on marketable securities                | (26,502)  |          |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on marketable securities       | 548,145   | (170,991)|
| Transfer of share of Luce Center assets, net         | (2,089,858)|          |
| Change in assets and liabilities:                    |          |          |
| (Increase) decrease in:                             |          |          |
| Accounts receivable, net                            | 81,780    | 383,950  |
| Grants receivable                                  | (816,960)| 840,868  |
| Prepaid expenses                                  | (1,273)   | 3,268    |
| Book inventories                                   | 12,405    | 51,032   |
| Increase (decrease) in:                            |          |          |
| Accounts payable                                  | 7,385     | 38,555   |
| Accrued vacation                                  | 29,099    | 20,082   |
| Deferred revenue                                  | 59,628    | 28,915   |

| Total adjustments                                   | $(2,144,389)| 1,204,266|
| Net cash provided by operating activities            | $(418,688)| $1,530,253|

Cash flows from investing activities:

| Acquisition of equipment                            | (15,344)  | (17,578) |
| Purchases of marketable securities                  | (160,496) | (967,151) |
| Proceeds from sales of marketable securities        | 47,807    |          |

| Total net cash used in investing activities         | $(175,840)| $(936,922)|
| Cash flows from financing activities:               |          |          |
| Principal payments on debt                          | (220,833) |          |

| Net cash used in financing activities               | (220,833) |          |

Net change in cash and cash equivalents: 21,995, 593,331
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year: 777,657, 184,306

| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year              | $799,632  | $777,637 |

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