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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/award/teaching.asp.

February
February 7-8. Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion meeting, Atlanta, GA.
February 7-8. Committee on Teaching and Learning meeting, Atlanta, GA.
February 8-9. Committee on Status of Women in the Profession meeting, Atlanta, GA.
February 15. Submission deadline for May RSN.
February 22-23. International Connections Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.
February 28-March 1. Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.
(More information on the committees of the AAR can be found at www.aarweb.org/meeting/meetings.asp)

March
Religious Studies News—AAR Edition March issue
March 1. 2003 Annual Meeting proposals due to Program Unit Chairs.
March 1. Book award nominations due from publishers. For more information see www.aarweb.org/award/bookrules.asp.
March 1. Religion in the Schools Task Force meeting, Atlanta, GA.
March 13-14. Mid-Atlantic regional meeting, New Brunswick, NJ.
March 14-16. Southeast regional meeting, Chattanooga, TN.
March 15-16. Southwest regional meeting, Dallas, TX.
March 22-23. Eastern International Regional Meeting, Erie, PA.
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 examine professional issues in the field. Details are available. See the Annual Meeting Program through the year…

April
April 1. Notification of acceptance of Annual Meeting paper proposals by Program Unit Chairs.
April 4-5. Rocky Mountain-Great Plains regional meeting, Boulder, CO.
April 5-6. Midwest regional meeting, Chicago, IL.
April 11. Executive Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.
April 12-13. Spring Board of Directors meeting, Atlanta, GA.
April 25-27. Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, Moscow, ID.
April 25-26. Upper Midwest regional meeting, St. Paul, MN.
(For more information on regional meetings, see www.aarweb.org/regions/meetings.asp)

May
Spotlight on Teaching Spring 2003 issue. Registration materials mailed with RSV.
May 1. Nominations (including self-nomination) for committee appointments request ed. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/membership/volunteering.asp.
May 2. New England-Maritimes regional meeting, Andover, MA.
May 15. Registration for the Employment Information Services Center opens.
May 21-22. Eastern regional meeting, Erie, PA.
May 30. Annual Meeting Additional Meeting requests due for priority consideration. (For more Annual Meeting information, see www.aarweb.org/annualmeeting/2003/default.asp)

June
June 15. Membership renewal deadline for 2003 Annual Meeting participants.
June 17. EIS pre-registration.
June 19-21. Chairs Workshop at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

July
Annual Meeting Program goes online.
July 1. New fiscal year begins.

August
August 1. Research Grant Applications due. For more information, see www.aarweb.org/publications/relstudies.asp.
August 1. Regional development grant applications due to regional secretaries.

September
Journal of the American Academy of Religion

And keep in mind throughout the year...

Regional organizations have various deadlines throughout the fall for their Calls for Papers. See www.aarweb.org/regions/default.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 infofield@aarweb.org.
Openings: Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion Opening editions 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/openings/default.asp.
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**General Information**

**Meeting Location**
The 2003 AAR Annual Meeting and Book Exhibit will be held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel and the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, GA from November 22-25.

**Future Annual Meeting locations include:**
- 2004 - San Antonio, TX, November 20-23
- 2005 - Philadelphia, PA, November 19-22
- 2006 - Washington, DC, November 18-21
- 2007 – San Diego, CA, November 17-20

**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 rates (which are often half the published room-rate for the property). When you receive your preregistration information in the Mail or via 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 in 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 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 at:**
Suite 480, St. Louis, MO 63141-7062, or aarsbl@conferon.com

**Concerns of a general nature may be sent to:**
www.aarweb.org
**Meeting.**

**Future Annual Meeting locations include:**
- **2003 AAR Annual Meeting and Book Exhibit**
  - Atlanta, GA from November 22-25.

**General Information**

**2003 Calendar of Deadlines**

**March 1, 2003** Deadline for proposals, participant forms, and abstracts to be received by Program Unit Chairs.

**April 1, 2003** Notification of acceptance (or not) of proposals by Program Unit Chairs. All program participants must renew/establish 2003 AAR memberships in order to participate on the program.

**April 7, 2003** Program Unit Chairs submit session request information (Proposal Book copy, abstract, participant form) to AAR executive office online.


**May 30, 2003** Deadline for submission of Additional Meeting request forms. Forms available online at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet starting May 15.

**June 15, 2003** Deadline for participants to renew their AAR membership and be pre-registered for the meeting. Names of participants not registered will be removed from the Program Book.

**September 2003** Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to members.

**November 22-25, 2003**

**AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.**

**Guidelines For Submitting Proposals**

**Step 1:** Note acceptable method(s) of submission, and the persons to whom it should be sent.

**Step 2:** Submit all materials by one method only (if you submit your proposal via e-mail, you must not fax your participant form, the participant form must be sent via e-mail 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, 2003 or your 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 (2003) 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, 2003. Any participant who is not a current 2003 AAR member or pre-registered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2003, will have his/her name removed from the printed Program Book and will not participate on the program in November.

**N.B.** All 2002 and 2003 members receive 2003 AAR memberships in order to participate on the program. Each member may appear on the Annual Meeting program (AAR and/or SBL side) a total of two times in any capacity (e.g., present a paper, be a panelist, or preside over a session). The only exception is for business meeting presiders.

**Multiple Submissions**

To foster broad participation and to facilitate the work of unit chairs, the Program Committee allows but does not encourage multiple submissions of proposals. The total limit on such submissions is two. These may consist of the same proposal submitted to different program units, or two different proposals to two different units. A Program Participant Form must accompany each proposal, and the other program units to which you submitted proposals must be indicated. While failure to do so will result in disqualification of multiple submissions, will not jeopardize full consideration of each. The deadline for receipt of all submissions is March 1, 2003.

**Proposals Requirements**

You are required to submit both a proposal (not more than 1000 words) and an abstract (not more than 150 words) of your presentation. This holds regardless of your method of submission or the type of proposal you are making. Only proposals will be evaluated in the selection process, but if your proposal is accepted for the Annual Meeting, the abstract will be included in the Book of Abstracts.

**Proposals**

The proposal should state, as fully as you can, the proposal’s purpose and how the argument will proceed. Provide enough context to show that you are aware of the basic literature in the field and summarize the argument of your presentation. Be specific about what sort of contribution your proposal will make. Be sure to detail the nature of the program unit to which you are applying, particularly as reflected in the Call for Papers.

Failure to submit a proposal, an abstract, and/or participant form(s) may disqualify a submission from consideration. Further, submitting a proposal in a method other than those noted after each program unit’s call will result in disqualification.

**Paper vs. Panel**

**The Annual Meeting program has two types of sessions:** paper sessions and panel sessions. 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. Panel proposals are generally submitted as pre-arranged session proposals.

**Religion and the Social Sciences**

**Susan E. Henking, Hohart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding**

**Themes:**
- Critical Psychology and Its Critics
- Panelists
  - Naomi R. Goldberg, University of Ottawa
  - Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University

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.

**Anthropology of Religion**

**Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding**

**Themes:**
- *Experiencing Experience: Dilemmas in the Study of Religion*
- Julie S. Heath, Indiana University, Bloomington
- A Round Table: Unity and Differences in Fieldwork on Religious Practice

**Aryana Bates, Drew University**

**White Lesbian, Black Church: The Ethnographer as Participant in a Pluralistic Community**

**Car McEarchern, University of Stirling**

**Going Native in Academia: Studying New Religions from Insider and Outsider Perspectives**

**Pre-Arranged Session Proposals**

Members may wish to submit a prearranged session in its entirety, complete with a presider, respondent, and participants. You will note in the Call that some program units use this procedure more than others (Religious and Asian Section, for instance). Special considerations go into the submission of such a session. The coordinator of a prearranged session must submit a proposal that lists all the participants (presider, participants, and respondent [if desired]). Pre-arraigned sessions may be either for paper or panel sessions.

Submissions for a panel session should include a single proposal detailing the focus of the session, one abstract, and one participant form for all involved.

Submissions for a paper session must include each presenter’s original paper proposal and abstract in addition to the necessary forms (one participant form for each participant). Failure to send in a complete prearranged session proposal will result in disqualification of the entire unit. Units reserve the right to accept prearranged session proposals in full or in part.

**Abstracts**

Along with your proposal and completed participant form, you must submit an abstract of your proposed presentation in electronic format. Even if you are submitting your proposal via surface mail or fax you must also send one copy of your abstract electronically in addition to the print copies. If possible send the abstract in the body of an e-mail with the subject heading “Abstract for [supply your name].” Barring the body of the e-mail you may also send it virus-free on disk, or via e-mail as an attachment. Please note some program units will not accept attachments.

Use the following guidelines for format:
- WordPerfect, MSWord, RTF, PDE, or ASCII text format.
- For transcribed characters, please describe them to the best of your ability after the use of your program’s “capitalization” feature.

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(i.e. add macrons over the first and second “x” in Yōkōsa; put a slash through the “g” in Sareen). For non-Latin characters, please use universal encoded fonts.

• 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 if more than one school or campus bears the name) or city, 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.

Participant Forms

The Program Participant Form (see page 8) is designed to provide the information necessary to respond to your proposal and to organize the Annual Meeting. It is important that this form be filled out clearly and completely by the participant. Please use the participant form appropriately for your method of submission (see below). Ensure that the title of your proposal exactly matches the title you use on the participant form in order for the two to be positively matched.

Toping

Audio taping of Annual Meeting sessions is a service provided to members when affordable arrangements can be made. The media royalties received on the sale of the 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 not copy copyright. The copyright belongs to the presenter. 2) Tapes are available immediately at the Annual Meeting. 3) Order forms are available online at the Annual Meeting, in issues of Religious Studies News-AAR Edition, and online after the Annual Meeting at www.aarweb.org. 4)

Sessions are taped only when all participants (with the exception of the presider) in a given session agree to it.

Methods of Submission (Specific Guidelines)

Surface Mail

Unless otherwise instructed in the Call itself (in which case six (6) copies of the propos- al, 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 any- where on the proposal). You need only submit one (1) copy of the participant form. Be certain you include a current e-mail address on your participant form. Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out via e-mail.

1. Use plain white paper 8.5” x 11” (or A4) with one inch margins.

2. Do not use institutional or other letter- head.

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, a comma, and a complete name of institution (please include city name if more than one school or campus bears the name). Or, if you are not affiliated with any school, list city, state or province, or write “Independent Scholar”. Do not list this information on the other five copies of the proposal.
   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 e-mail address on your propos- al. If you do not use e-mail, 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 e-mail address on your participant form. Notifications of accept- ance/rejection will be sent out via e-mail.

1. Use plain white paper 8.5” x 11” (or A4) with one inch margins.

2. Do not use institutional or other letter- head.

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. Below the title, type name of presenter, a comma, and a complete name of institution. If there is no institu- tional affiliation, list city, state or province or write “Independent Scholar”. Do not list this information on the other five copies of the proposal.
   c. Type body of proposal double-spaced. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words.

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 packet to either one of the co-chairs. Remember to include an e-mail address on your propos- al. If you do not use e-mail, 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.

E-mail

Submit your 1000 word proposal and 150 word abstract within the BODY of ONE single e-mail. Locate the online "Participant Form for E-mail Submission" at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet for your participant form; this will require the use of MSWord. If you are unable to use MSWord or the "MSWord Form" online, please locate the “Participant Form for E- mail Submission” at www.aarweb.org/annual- meet for your participant form. Be sure you use the same exact title on the "Participant Form for E-mail Submissions" as you do on the attached proposal e-mail. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be dis- qualified. 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.

E-mail w/ Attachments

Submit your 1000 proposal word, 150 word abstract, and Participant Form as attachments in one single e-mail. Please locate the "Participant Form for E-mail Attachment Submissions" at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet for your participant form; this will require the use of MSWord. If you are unable to use MSWord or the "MSWord Form" online, please locate the “Participant Form for E- mail Submission” at www.aarweb.org/annual- meet for your participant form. Be sure you use the same exact title on the "Participant Form for E-mail Submissions" as you do on the attached proposal e-mail. Proposals received without the Participant Forms will be dis- qualified. 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.

OP3

Please go online to www.aarweb.org for full submission instructions. Separate partici- pant forms are not required with OP3 as your participant information is integrated in the online form. NB: Do not place your name or other identifying marks in the body of the proposal in OP3; this may endanger the blind review process of the unit and acceptance of your proposal may be jeopardized.

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

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We seek papers that discuss philosophies and strategies for effective teaching and learning and that model pedagogical cre- ativity, analysis, and ‘best practices.’ We urge presenters to incorporate audience response, conversation, and interaction in their sessions. This year the section particu- larly seeks proposals on the following themes: teaching as the craft of a public intellectual — how can the teaching and learning of theology and/or religious stud-
Buddhism Section

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Papers are invited on the following topics (interested proposers are urged to communi- cate, at least initially, with the persons named in parentheses): Buddhist aesthetic (Jeffrey Samuels, jeffrey.samuels@oku.edu); ethics/philosophy of merit transfer (Barbara Claytons, bclaytons@mta.ca); Buddhist practice in cave temples (Stephen Teiser, steister@princeton.edu); Buddhist responses to recent modernities (Juliane Schober, jschober@luse and Anne Blackburn, am24@cornell.edu); regional/religious minority Buddhism (Marko Wilner, mmwuelter@attbi.com); diaspora Buddhist communities (Amy Hoosler, ahooler@wlu.edu); Buddhist monasticism across traditions (Yifa, yifa@hitu.edu); the section co-chairs also welcome proposals for individual papers, panels, or full paper sessions on any other topic concerning the history, doctrine, practice, and culture of Buddhism in or across any geographical areas. All submissions will be considered by the section steering committee through a blind refer- encing process.

Ethics Section

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Proposals are invited for papers or panels in all areas of religious ethics. This year the section will consider papers on the following: race, class, and identity - who speaks for African Americans in the third millennium?; ethics and popular culture; trafficking of persons and the interplay between borders and globalization; poverty and inequality as problems for democracy; and rights and liberties in an age of terror- ism — are there universals? Persons who did not present papers at any session of the Ethics Section at the 2002 Annual Meeting will be given preference. Those proposing panels should have secured in advance commitments to participate from all partici- pants. Direct inquires to either co-chair, preferably by e-mail.

North American Religions Section


The North American Religions Section encourages the use of diverse sources and multiple approaches to the study of reli- gions in North America. In most sessions we seek to stimulate comparative discus- sion across a range of traditions around particular themes. Most years we also designate one session to a special inter- national perspective. Participants are invited to provide a paper or panels on any topic relevant to the study of religion in North America. The committee will consider constituting a panel of the best papers submitted on reli- gion in North America, regardless of topic. In addition, we propose the follow- ing areas for consideration: 1) religious intolerance/religious hatred in the United States; 2) media images of religion in the South; 3) a possible joint session with the Religion, Culture, and Communication Consultation; 3) critical approaches to narrativity in American religious history; 4) the body and performative; 5) Islam in America; 6) looking southward: religion in the Caribbean and the Southern hemi- sphere; 7) American law and religion; 8) Catholics in America. 

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

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Proposals are invited on the following themes: 1) soul and brain: psychology and religion in dialogue with neuropsychology and biological psychiatry; 2) the allure of violence: multi-disciplinary/ multi-media perspectives; 3) economies of mega-congregations; 4) a limi- tal age: between local fuels and the future (co-sponsored with the Religion and Ecology Group); 5) flags and voters: the changing role of American Christianity and the fields of history, ritual studies, art his- tory, anthropology, and historical theolo- gy; 6) looking southward: religion in the Caribbean and the Southern hemi- sphere; 7) American law and religion; 8) Catholics in America.
Religion in South Asia Section

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We invite proposals for fully developed paper sessions or panels on any aspect of religion in South Asia, including field research, textual studies, and pedagogy. Proposals with a multi-religious or inter-religious dimension are especially welcome. Proposals must be made through the online system. The overall theme is constructed. Presentations that are multidisciplinary or innovative in format, that seek proposals on the following themes: 1) postliberal, poststructural, postcolonial responses to globalization; 2) the ethics of theological reflection. What are the social/ moral/ cultural/ political spaces the theologian occupies, and how do they play a role in religious traditions and religiosity in South Asia? 

Study of Islam Section

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The section encourages proposals in all areas of Islamic studies, but successful proposals will reflect theoretical and methodological approaches that are expansively connected. Pragmatic issues such as text, translation, and religious tradition and at the present time we are especially interested in papers that take diversity into account when organizing their panels; respondents are expected. Innovative, interactive formats, and multimedia presentations are welcome. This year we especially interested in papers or panels on the following: pedagogical issues; progressive views of Islamic reading; Islamic texts; Qur’an and exegesis; sufism; gender and sexuality; Islam in Asian, African, and Asian American religions; Islamic states (including music, theater, and dance), and comparative issues.

Study of Judaism Section

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We invite proposals focusing on the following topics: Judaism and the visual arts; canonicity, the nature of Jewish ethics; teaching Judaism in non-Jewish environments; bodies and cuisine. Additionally, we are hoping to co-sponsor a panel with the Religion in Latin America and Caribbean Group and invite proposals on the theme of Jews and Judaism in Latin America and the Caribbean. While we are interested in the above topics, we are also open to proposals on alternative themes. With this year’s call we seek proposals that show promise of appeal and relevance to a wider AAR membership. Additionally, we encourage graduate students to propose paper panels. Be certain to complete participation and registration forms on time as well.

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

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The Theology and Religious Reflection Section invites paper proposals on the following themes: 1) posliberal, poststructural, postcolonial responses to globalization; 2) the ethics of theological reflection. What are the social/ moral/ cultural/ political spaces the theologian occupies, and how do they play a role in religious traditions and religiosity in South Asia? 

Women and Religion Section

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Individual and group (panel/paper) proposals are welcome on any aspect of the study of women and religion. Proposals should reflect critical awareness of the importance of, for example, ethnic/racial/class, sexuality, and/or nation to analysis on women and religion. The section especially invites proposals that address emerging areas of scholarship or public policy, such as the intersection of scholarship and activism are particularly encouraged. Proposals should specify to which area of the call, if any, they respond and should state the importance of the proposed subjects or approaches to the study of women and religion. This section especially invites proposals on the following themes (in random order): 1) holy terror: war, religion, and women’s resistance; 2) bodies and ceremonies. The intersection of scholarship and activism are particularly encouraged. Proposals should specify to which area of the call, if any, they respond and should state the importance of the proposed subjects or approaches to the study of women and religion. This section especially invites proposals on the following themes: 1) postliberal, poststructural, postcolonial responses to globalization; 2) the ethics of theological reflection. What are the social/ moral/ cultural/ political spaces the theologian occupies, and how do they play a role in religious traditions and religiosity in South Asia? 

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Annual Meeting AV Requests

Every attempt will be made to meet all AV requests for all AV equipment. However, due to the high cost of technical electronic AV equipment, (computers, LCD projectors, Internet, software, etc.) only presentations which necessitate the use of such equipment will be granted one computer, one overhead projector, and one AV request at the time of your proposal. AV requests received after the March 1, 2003 deadline cannot be accommodated.

Afro-American Religious History Group

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The overall theme for the group is the Social and Institutional Dynamic of the Black Religious Experience. The group solicits papers that commemorate the anniversary of the publication of W. E. B. DuBois’ The Soul of Black Folk as well as those exploring the contributions of Vincent Harding to historical scholarship.

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The group invites proposals that explore Islamic in the Afro-Diaspora, the role of women and religion in the Civil Rights Movement, the religious role of black colleges, and the responses of African American religious communities to issues of war and peace. Panel proposals related to these topics are welcomed along with presentations that utilize multimedia. The session on DuBois will be jointly sponsored with the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
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We invite proposals on the following top- ics: 1) rites of passage in Asian American religious life and their inscriptions of fam- ily, gender, and sexuality (for a session to be co-sponsored with the Ritual Studies Group); 2) theoretical keywords that inform the study of Asian North American religions (e.g., hybridity, post- coloniality, orientalism, justice); 3) new media technologies and representations, and their role in the on-going develop- ment of trans-Pacific Asian American religious communities; 4) Asian American ethno-religious groups in Atlanta and in the Southern U.S., with special attention to post-1970s Asian South Asian and Southeast Asian immigrant communi- ties; and 5) historical research on early Asian North American religion.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Bioethics and Religion Group
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Health Care, Human Rights, Moral Obligations. We are soliciting papers on ethical, bioethical, and religious perspec- tives on health care as a human right; on the role of women and religion in the Civil Rights Movement, the religious role of black colleges, and the responses of African American religious communities to issues of war and peace. Panel proposals related to these topics are welcomed along with presentations that utilize multimedia. The session on DuBois will be jointly sponsored with the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Black Theology Group
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We invite proposals on two areas: 1) The existence of competing religious claims makes it impossible to think of the- ologians as necessarily Christian or church based. We encourage papers exploring the nature of black theology and the theolo- gian emerging from this complex terrain, and also papers addressing theoretical and/ or methodological sensibilities that should inform the resulting theological enterprise; 2) We seek proposals exploring Vincent Harding’s historical writings and how they inform and challenge: a) the doing of theo- logy and theological perspective (the black) public (intellectual) tradition; and/ or, b) understandings of black religiosity (co-sponsored with the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group). Send proposals on this theme to the chairs of both groups.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
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We invite proposals on a variety of themes in conversation with Bonhoeffer’s life and thought. We are especially interested in presentations on the use of Bonhoeffer as a path for critical reflection in a time of global- al conflict and appeals to national security. These presentations may cover topics relat- ed to justice, global politics, the church’s response to ending atrocities, or the church’s response to the contemporary situation. We also invite presentations on Bonhoeffer’s use of Scripture in theological formation. Does Bonhoeffer offer fruitful avenues for contemporary constructive theology or hermeneutics? We are also interested in treatments of Bonhoeffer’s work, Act and Being. Panel proposals on other topics will also be considered.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Chinese Religions Group
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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 or closely related paper proposals have a greater chance of accept- ance. For 2003, we welcome proposals relating to common religious themes bridg- ing the ‘three religions’, cross-cultural com- parative studies, critical reviews of new books or new discoveries in the field, and critical perspectives on the teaching of these religions. We are also encouraging to coordinate with other pro- gram units of the AAR.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Christian Spirituality Group
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We invite proposals on the following themes: 1) spiritualities of resistance and reconciliation; and 2) the tensions and intersections between doctrine and experi- ence in Christian spirituality (we are par- ticularly interested here in proposals which focus on key figures and texts). We will also co-sponsor a panel with the History of Christianity Section on Paulist Press’s Classics of Western Spirituality. We welcome proposals which explore the relationship between the aca- demic study of Christian spirituality and its practice as well as proposals which employ multidisciplinary perspectives. Proposals should reflect familiarity with the field of Christian spirituality and its methodologies.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Confucian Traditions Group
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Coherent, complete panel proposals on any aspect of the Confucian tradition are welcomed, but topics of particular interest are the ‘new wave’ of Confucianism in mainland China (including changes in the relationship between capitalist productive- ty and traditional values); temple worship; views of sanctioned violence and war; newly emerging Confucian movements such as Guoxue or Shanghai materials; evolving views of strangers or the cultural ‘other’; and Japanese scholarship on Confucianism.

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CONVERGENCE OF TRADITION AND MODERNITY: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF VENITIAN CATHOLICISM

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Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

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Submissions are invited on the following themes: 1) religion as communication: do we need a new paradigm? (between Niklas Luhmann’s ‘communicational turn’ and Hartmut Esser’s ‘situational logic’); 2) forgotten classics: reappraising neglected approaches (e.g., Simmel, Veblen, Achim, Tzonel, C. W. Mills); 3) relations between cognitive and neuro-physiological approaches to religion; 4) potential contributions of Bruno Latour (actor-network theory); 5) Talal Asad’s ‘formations of the Secular’. Consistent with the international focus of the 2003 meeting, proposals addressing Japanese issues in and approaches to the study of religion are especially welcome. Please see www.acriticaltheory.org.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

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The Eastern Orthodox Studies Group invites proposals for papers on the following two topics: The ‘ Thesis/Divinization in Western Christian Theology ’ and ‘ Maximus the Confessor ’.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group

Sarah Ies Johnston, johnston20@usa.net.

This group seeks to foster a discussion of Late Antiquity (ca. 200-800 C.E.) that crosses traditional religious designations. This year, we invite submissions for two different sessions. One examines the category of ‘popular’ or ‘folk’ religion. A. Mennigmann, P. Brown, etc. have questioned the distinctiveness or usefulness of this category — whether it can be distinguished from ‘elite’ or ‘official’ religious belief or practice. Papers are invited that approach this problem in light of particular late antique religious phenomena. The other session will examine the use(s) of demons and demonologies in the ancient world: when did people invoke specific beliefs in or rituals against demons? What tensions did they express and what world-views do they reflect?

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Evangelical Theology Group

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The theme for 2003 is identity and boundaries. For session one, we solicit proposals on evangelicism as a regional identity: Are there ‘regional’ aspects to the theological identity of evangelicals in the North American or broader global context that expand or contract definitions of evangelicalism? We especially invite proposals on evangelicism and evangelical theology in the American South. For session two, we solicit proposals for papers or panels on the theological boundaries of evangelicism. What are the boundaries? What happens to loyal opposition? How are disputes resolved in denominations, professional societies, colleges, etc.? How does the reordering of boundaries of evangelical theology affect evangelical education and theological discourse? For both sessions, we invite historical, analytical, and constructive proposals.

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Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

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A session titled Globalization and Its Discontent: Indigenous Religion and Responses to Contemporary Globalization will examine indigenous responses to theory and the practice of globalization. It will emphasize various ways local indigenous traditions resist and challenge global socio-cultural hegemony. Among other issues are the ways which transnational networks of indigenous people are providing new meaning and identity to preserve and sustain indigenous traditions in a globalized world. Another session will focus on indigenous educational systems and religion. Here, education is defined in the widest sense to include formal and informal education, forms of knowledge, modes of learning and socialization in indigenous societies, e.g., rites of passage, child rearing, and schooling. We encourage papers on indigenous languages as forms of pedagogy and the effects of literacy.

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Japanese Religions Group
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The Japanese Religions Group invites proposals for paper sessions or panels on the following themes: Shinto and ritual; social space and visual culture; divination and oracles; religion and bioethics; Dogen studies; and religion and violence. We also welcome proposals for a joint session with the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group on Hiroshima/Nagasaki and the Shoah; possible topics for proposals include Buddhist, Shinto, or other religious responses to Hiroshima/Nagasaki and issues surrounding war memory and commemoration. Submissions on other topics will also be considered. Proposers are strongly encouraged to propose whole sessions.

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Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
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Proposals are invited on the following topics: 1) Kierkegaard and Fundamentality; 2) Kierkegaard and Exegetical Forms of Terror. The first topic may address scriptural literalism, theological orthodoxy, or doctrinal essentialism in a philosophy as well as Christian context; the second may be widely construed to include millenialism, apocalypticism, or any form of mass violence that threatens the future of humankind.

Proposals will also be accepted on 1) the Individual and Social Responsibility in Kierkegaard; 2) Kierkegaard on the Relation of Church and State, Politics and Religion. The first topic may range over any or all of the three stages of existence; the second may extend from explicit treatments in the later religious writings to the subtle or nearly implicit treatment in earlier works.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Korean Religions Group
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The group seeks papers on ethics, values and society in contemporary Korea, especially in the public realm. While traditional systems of thought, including Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shamanism continue to play a central role in shaping Korean culture, a variety of Western philosophical and religious discourse, by no means limited to Christianity, are also having a vital impact. We welcome proposals dealing with the effect of traditional, modern and postmodern philosophical and religious discourses on contemporary Korean society in the private and, most especially, the public realms. For a few examples, papers could address the role of religion and/or philosophy in formulating public policies; in defining the appropriate relationship between government and occupation; in redenifying Korean self-identity to keep pace with the rapid modernization.

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Latino/a Religious, Culture, and Society Group
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Paper and panel proposals are invited on the following themes: 1) the history and experience of Islam in Latin American and Caribbean countries; 2) the doctrine of revelation and theological method via engagement with Latino/a theological and cultural themes. How do these matters of postcolonial shape the broader project of systematic theology? (Joint session with the Christian Systematic Theology Group; send proposals to chair of both groups); 3) religion and Latino/a communities in the New South, particularly in and around Atlanta; 4) call for papers querying the approaches, contents and theorizing of religions in Latino/a communities; 5) we will also co-sponsor a panel with the Black Theology Group on Pan African and Latin American Theologies.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
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Individual paper and panel proposals are invited in a variety of areas relating to lesbian-feminist experience and religion, particularly for a co-sponsored panel with the Study of Judaism Section on the topic of lesbian and feminist engagement in peace movements in the Middle East, Europe and North America. Other key topics include: notions of home and safety in an era of ‘homeland security’; family values and the rhetoric of the discourse of tolerance; convergence and discord among categories of race, gender, class, social orientation, and abled/bodiedness, especially within and between queer theory and political praxis; civil religion and boundaries of belief; globalization, suspension and the shifting ‘other’; queer theories of being and performance; configurations of race and gender and religious discourse.

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Mens’s Studies in Religion Group
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Individual and group proposals are welcome on any aspect of Native American religious traditions. We are especially seeking papers in the following areas: Native American relationships to land including cultural, legal, or economic concerns; diaspora and religion; Native American spirituality and mascots; and comparative studies of the academic study of religion and theology as two ways of questioning or understanding Native American religious traditions. We are also seeking papers for a joint session with the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section on Native American literature, especially that which addresses new thinking or interpretations of Native American responses to Christianity in the historical period. The group also invites papers that address issues of concern to native people in the geographic area.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

New Religious Movements Group
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Proposals are invited on the following themes: New Religious Movements in the South; New Religious Movements and their legal and political contexts; New Religious Movements, science fiction, fantasy, and horror; New Religious Movements in Asia. Also, proposals on all aspects of the study of New Religious Movements are welcome.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Mysticism Group
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We focus on the philosophical, theological, psychological, historical, theoretical, comparative, cross-cultural, and transnational nature of mysticism, religious experience, and spiritual practice. Creative, imaginative, and scholarly proposals with a clear methodology are invited for 2003 meetings:

1. Mysticism and Mystics ‘Within’ and ‘Without’ Formally Recognized Spiritual Traditions;
2. Form and Formlessness in World Mysticism;
3. Mystical Art and Visionary Imagination;
4. The Academic Training of the Teaching of Mysticism;
5. Mysticism from a Feminist Perspective.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
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Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
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Session #1: the religious/theological views of one or more of the Left-Wing Hegelians and their significance, or an examination of the roots of their alienation, or their influence on theology for a session on The Left-Wing Hegelians and Alienation from Religion. Send proposals to David Ratke, Lenoir-Rhyne College, PO Box 7210, Hickory, NC 28602-7210; W: +1-828-328-7183, ratked@lrc.edu.

Session #2: Major Historians of Theology in the Nineteenth Century. Papers are invited on a historian of theology (e.g. R. Baur, Moehler, Harnack, Troeltsch, Schaff). What were the guiding principles for this historian of theology? What were the methodological and methodological approaches? Send proposals to Darrell Jodock, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 Campus Drive, Mendham, MN 56062-1498, USA; W: +1-507-933-7472; djodock@gustavus.edu. More information: http://oak.conncoll.edu/~ncent/. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

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**Person, Culture, and Religion Group**
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We invite papers addressing: 1) psyche, soul, and self (teasing out the definitions, implications, and relationships of these categories); 2) practicing theory and theorizing practice (personal accounts of achieving this vital balance in healing, teaching, preaching, etc.); and 3) psyche in film. Papers on all of these topics may include theoretical, therapeutic, theological, or other perspectives. We also welcome papers on other themes dealing with person, culture, and religion. To learn more about the group, please visit our website at http://home.att.net/~pcaar. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

**Reformed Theology and History Group**
Robert Sherman, Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union Street, Bangor, ME 04401, USA; R Sherman@bangor.edu

The Reformed Tradition and The Enlightenment: Continuity or Conflict? Many contemporary theologians proclaim ‘the end of the Enlightenment Project.’ The group invites proposals on: 1) The Religious Experience of Families with a Disability: Robert Orsi’s 1994 essay, ‘Mildred, Is It Fun To Be a Cripple?’; The Culture of Suffering in Mid-Twentieth-Century American Catholicism,’ will serve as touchstone for examination of the religious and spiritual experience of families with disabilities and/or the experience of family and related members with disabilities within the home and faith community; 2) Disability and the Cosmic Order: Works of literature, art, or film that represent disability as part of a religious-cosmic order. Topics: disability in canonical texts; inversions of the conventional disability/ability hierarchy; the implicit theology of monstrosity in western literary texts; and the role of literature or the arts in the self-understanding of disabled persons. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**
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The Platonism and Neoplatonism Group invites papers relating to myth, imagination, and ecstasy in Platonic and Neoplatonic thought. Traditional Classical Myth, Philosophical Myth, e.g., Plato’s, Chaldaen Oracles, Orphic (and other ‘mysteries’) and Abramic scriptures are all acceptable. Imagination may include the technical philosophical idea of the ‘image making’ Phantasia. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**
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We are seeking papers this year that address any of the following topics: approaches to race from pragmatic perspectives; the pragmatic ‘canon’; in the one, and if so, who should be included in it and why; empiricism in relation to pragmatism; the centrality of democracy for American religious thought; Dewey’s contributions and their contemporary relevance; Dewey and Whitehead. We also request proposals for a possible joint session with the Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group on pragmatism and Tillich. Other proposals relevant to pragmatism and empiricism in American religious thought, as well as panel proposals, are also welcome. Please complete proposals online, or send to both co-chairs.

**Religion, Pluralism, and Science Group**
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The group will consider proposals on the following topics: new sexual mythologies; violence and terror; satire and the academy; popular music; youth culture; religion in the news; celtic identities; southern culture in global perspective; the haunted South; and anything else that seems promising.

**Religion and Science Group**
Peg Peterson; gpeterson@ilstu.edu; Lisa Stemmark, lstemmark@earthlink.net

Recent years have seen a proliferation of religion and science books. To mark this, the Religion and Science Group is welcoming papers or panel recommendations on four new works: Mindung God by Gregory Rupp; Race and Cosmos by Barbara Holmes; God, Life, and Cosmos edited by Muzaffar Iqbal, Ted Peters, and Syed Naqvi; and The Quantum and the Lotus by Marietje Ricard and Trinh Xuan Thuan. Papers responding to the contents of these works, building on the themes of these works, or comparing these works are encouraged. Panel proposals on other recent works on religion and science may also be considered.

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**
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Religion, Racism, and Empire: We welcome proposals that explore the links between religion, including discussions about religion and the racialization of peoples in the context of empires-building (including neo-imperial ventures) from the sixteen century to the present. Jews and Judaism in Latin America and the Caribbean; Latin America and the Caribbean studies as well as explorations of Jewish thought in Latin America from the sixteenth century to the present are sought. Papers on inter-religious conversations and debates are also welcome (co-sponsored with Study in Judaism Section). Religion and Violence. Papers sought analyzing the history and debates concerning inter-religious violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Caribbean. Historical religious traditions concerning the emergence of different forms of violence (state, spiritual, revolutionary, etc.).

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**
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Religion and Disability Group invites proposals on: 1) Religious Experience of Families with a Disability: Robert Orsi’s 1994 essay, ‘Mildred, Is It Fun To Be a Cripple?’; 2) Disability and the Cosmic Order: Works of literature, art, or film that represent disability as part of a religious-cosmic order. Topics: disability in canonical texts; inversions of the conventional disability/ability hierarchy; the implicit theology of monstrosity in western literary texts; and the role of literature or the arts in the self-understanding of disabled persons. SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

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**Prearranged Paper/Panel Session Proposals**

- Proposal being sent via proper method
- Current 2003 Memberships for all participants including presider
- Completed Pre-Arranged Session Participant Form listing all participants including presider
- Proposal (1000 words or fewer, double spaced)
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- Abstract(s) in an electronic format (150 words or fewer)

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Ritual Studies Group
Nikki Bado-Frielick; nikki@paristate.edu; Dona Seaman; seawater@golden.net.

We invite proposals on the following topics: 1) ritual and pedagogy: challenges in the ritual studies classroom; 2) ritual and ethnographic film: filming rituals; 3) rites of possession and trance; 4) rites of passage in the American life and their inscription of gender, family, and sexuality; 5) exploration of theory and method in ritual studies; 6) ritual and the Pentateuch. All papers should attend to issues of theory and method in the study of ritual. We are open to co-sponsorship of panels appropriate to our unit's mission.

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Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Jeffrey Bloechl, Department of Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross, One College St, Box 153A, Worcester, MA 01610, USA; jbl@holycross.edu.

Paper proposals are sought for two sessions: 1) Continental thinkers interested in Abrahamic traditions are divided between those who envision a religious form of post-modernist spirituality, and those who propose a renewal of dialogue between philosophy and those traditions, with their spiritualities. Papers should seek the exploration of these different trends; 2) Recent theology and continental philosophy can be studied from a rich variety of perspectives: phenomenological historical-ethical-practical, etc. Celebrating the Tercentenary: Worship and Spirituality invites papers that examine a range of issues: liturgy, sacraments, ritual, worship/ doctrine, spiritual resurrection-spiritual formation, love, fears, baptism, communion, icons/ symbols, etc. Symbolizing the Tercentenary: Mission and Evangelism invites papers that study a range of issues: ecumenism, pluralism, globalization, secularism, dicaloical dimensions, conversion, Good News, Protestants-Catholics, Muslims-Christians, etc.

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Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
José Cabézon, University of California, Santa Barbara; jcabezon@ucsb.edu. Curtis SChafer; cschafer@hanna.ua.edu.

Subjects proposed for the 2003 meeting include: 1) the therapeutic and medical dimensions of Tibetan religion; women in Tibetan and Himalayan religious life, the construction of lineage, and social-historical aspects of Tibetan religions. Complete panel proposals are encouraged on these or other relevant topics. Individual submissions will be welcome in all areas of Tibetan and Himalayan religions.

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Religion, Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group
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The religious freedom group invites proposals on all aspects of the relationship between religion and the state, both domestic and international, historic and contemporary, and employing a diversity of methods. Possible topics include: understanding religious freedom; understanding the role of the church in state/society relations; religious liberty and local church autonomy; freedom of conscience; the labyrinth of religious liberty; religious freedom and education; and religious freedom and the courts (including court decisions). We especially seek proposals addressing

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Schleiermacher Group
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We invite proposals on: 1) Schleiermacher and Romanism. Possible topics: his relationships with other Romantics; 2) Schleiermacher's Dialogics. Possible topics: examination of his Dialogik; the critical edition of which has recently been published in the KGA; his dialectical method in relation to his theology; historical context of his Dialogico; examination of key issues in Dialogik; Dialogic = e.g., epistemology, feeling, concept and judgment formation, God-world relation.

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Tillych: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Papers are invited on these themes: 1) Tillich as a bridge between modernity and postmodernity; for example, Tillich's theory of symbol as a bridge between concept and narrative; 2) Tillich and womanist, feminist or other liberation theology; 3) Tillich and Teilhard, with interest in science and religion; 4) Tillich and the Dynamics of the charismatic, including the 'Other' in Levinas, Buber, and others; and 5) Tillich and pragmatism (possible joint session with Pragmatism-Empiricism Group). Tillich-related papers on other themes will be considered, with specific themes for sessions determined by the meeting's efforts to propose. Electronic sub- missions will be accepted for both co-chairs. All paperwork should be sent to Robinson B. James. A winning student paper will receive the $300 Annual Tillich Prize.

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We are especially seeking papers addressing the visual; 5) Japanese film and culture, especially commercials and videos.

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**CONSULTATIONS**

**Animals and Religion Consultation**
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We invite proposals on the following themes: 1) distinctions, differences, and dialogue between the ecology movement and the animal protection movement in any country or cultural sphere; 2) spiritual direction and animals, or animals and religious well-being; 3) movement/image as reflected/embodied in religion and animal themes; 4) sacred texts and animals; 5) religion-ethical status of animals as individuals; 6) vegetarianism as a choice and the religious, spiritual, and/or ethical issues of relevance to the practice or study of religion. We emphasize a diversity of approaches to the study of animals and religion. For more information visit www.animalreligion.org/consultation.

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Consultation**
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This consultation promotes the historical and constructive study of issues concerning the thought of Augustine, bringing together diverse methodological, disciplinary, and theological perspectives. Papers are invited especially on two themes: 1) the many Augustines: the ‘Christian Julien’s’ Augustine, the historians’ Augustine, the radical orthodox Augustine, the philosophers’ Augustine, the medieval Augustine, the psychologists’ Augustine, etc.; 2) Augustine, Gender, and Interpretation—co-sponsored with Arts, Literature, and Religion Section: please submit proposals to both units. Papers that encourage both historical and constructive engagement are especially welcome.

**Zen Buddhism Seminar**
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**Constructions of Ancient Space Seminar**
Jon L. Berquist; jberquist@ual.com

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**Religious History of the Academy**
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Relics and Sacred Territory (Space) Consultation

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scotnoegel@uwashington.edu.

This consultation provides a forum for an interdisciplinary investigation on the topic of relics and sacred territory (space). The following theme will be discussed: types of relics – toward a typology and location. This session will focus on establishing the various types of relic veneration in the world’s religions (ancient and modern) and on their relationship to particular configurations of space (e.g., relicary placement, burials, the movement of relics, their size, etc.). The latter could entail presenting archaeological evidence. Presenters should aim to establish broad typological paradigms and to locate the distinguishing characteristics of the various forms, meanings, and functions of relic veneration in their specific religious/cultural matrices. Please submit two copies of both the proposal and abstract.

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Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Consultation

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The transformations of former Soviet societies have shifted the priorities of religion in the public sphere: from human rights and survival within hostile environments to public engagement for reconciliation and conflict resolution in pluralistic civil societies. Religious communities in East-Central Europe (ECE) are redefining their relationships with Western Europe and North America. We seek papers addressing such questions: What challenges do ECE...
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Consultation
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We invite proposals addressing the theme ‘The Arts of Healing.’ Topics should include ways in which the arts are part of religious traditions of healing. Examples may be historic and/or ethnographic and contemporary, and may derive from any of the world’s religious traditions. ‘Arts’ can include music, dance, painting, performance, clothing, altars, etc. We encourage attention to cosmological and epistemological issues, and to borders between traditions. Examples may include interactions between traditions. We will also co-sponsor a session with the African Religions Group, ‘Practices of Healing in African Religious Traditions,’ covering traditions in the continent and/or in the Diaspora. In both sessions, preference will be given to papers demonstrating strong attention to theoretical and methodological dimensions. Women and minority scholars encouraged to apply.

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Consultation
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We invite proposals on: 1) Can religion be the forgotten key to peace in the Middle East? If so, how? We ask for papers critically examining one (or both) of the following books: Marc Gopin’s Holy War, Holy Peace: How Religion Can Bring Peace to the Middle East (Oxford, 2002), and Charles Kimball’s When Religion Becomes Evil (Harper San Francisco, 2002). Both authors will attend and respond. We appreciate papers from a variety of perspectives and religious backgrounds, and hope to move discussion toward whether these books may be lenses for examining the conflict dynamics in Israel-Palestine, the U.S. and Iraq, the Sudan, etc; 2) We are also co-sponsoring a session, ‘Non-Violence Across the Disciplines,’ with the Religion and Social Sciences Section. See their call for information.

Religion, Culture, and Communication Consultation
Michele Rosenthal, Department of Communication, University of Haifa, Mr. Carmel, Haifa, 31905, ISRAEL; mroen@research.haifa.ac.il.

The consultation invites submissions of proposals that further our theoretical understanding of religion, mass media and culture. Although any relevant papers and panels will be considered, this year we are particularly interested in the following areas: 1) Media and the Religious ‘Other’: Reflections on Racial, Ethnic, Sexual, and Gender Formations (submissions that draw on non-US data are especially encouraged); 2) Media Representations of Religion in the South (for possible co-sponsorship with North American Religions Section); 3) Transnational, Translocal, Global and the Local: On the International Dimension of Religion and the Media; 4) Consumer Spirituality and the Internet and/or Religious Commodification and the Media, more generally; 5) Sacred Text/ HyperText: A Comparative Perspective (for possible co-sponsorship with the SBL Ancient and Modern Media Group).

Religion, Ethics, and Society in Contemporary East Asia Consultation
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Individual paper proposals and panel proposals (either partially or fully organized) are welcome on the overall topic of East Asian ethical and religious responses to a range of contemporary global issues related to science, technology, and the environment. Suggested topics include: Environmental ethics and traditional Asian spirituality; Chinese, Korean, or Japanese views of nature and ethical responses to environmental issues; technological and biological transformation of nature and Asian ethical-religious responses; geo-engineering and Asian values; are East Asian traditional concepts of nature being transformed by the globalizing forces? Online submissions get priority.

Religious communities face in relations with other religious, social and political entities at home and abroad? How is women’s participation being redefined within ECE religious communities? What are the prospects for constructive exchange and mutual benefit between religious studies in ECE and the West? We invite submissions from various possible perspectives: sociology, philosophy, church-state studies, ecumenism, as well as religious studies and theology.

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A MYTH ABOUT FACULTY members at CIC colleges and universities is that, while they are effective and dedicated teachers, they are not productive scholars. On some campuses, the strong emphasis on teaching does overshadow scholarly work, but the myth may explain why many faculty members do not submit applications to major fellowship competitions; and in the headquarters of the fellowship competitions, it offers a handy explanation for why most awards are to faculty members at research universities. An opportunity to test this misconception arose recently when CIC announced a new seminar, cosponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. All CIC chief academic officers were encouraged to nominate historians to a seminar at Columbia University on the historiography of slavery, led by David Brion Davis, the retired Yale professor who is perhaps the world expert on the subject. For those accepted, all expenses of participation were covered. Eligibility was limited to faculty members at CIC member colleges and universities. The nomination process allowed deans to put forth candidates on the multiple grounds of scholarly promise, teaching, and institutional service. By covering all positions of institutional responsibility, including one chair of the faculty, one dean, and one president. The letters of nomination frequently cited the nominee’s scholarly leading curricular reform, chairing a department, or—given the subject of the seminar—carrying major responsibility for a campus program in race relations.

In addition to enhanced teaching as the main reason for wishing to participate, a large number of those nominated also listed impressive records as scholars. Sixteen of 22 full professor nominees have published a book, ten within the past five years. Thirteen have more than one book, and 12 publish an article on average at least once a year. Of the associate professors, more than half have published a book. These include some highly significant publications—a book nominated by Oxford University Press for the Pulitzer Prize in Biography, and winners of the Organization of American Historians’ Frederick Jackson Turner Award, New York State’s Kerr Prize, and the Conference on Latin American History’s Prize (for an article in the prestigious Journal of Interdisciplinary History). The individuals in the nominee pool have not been very well supported with grants and fellowships. Their achievements are all the more impressive for having been made while carrying full workloads on campus. Only seven professors mentioned any support from external sources (including the Virginia Historical Society, NEH, Lilly, Fulbright, and Pew). Associate professor nominees were only slightly more successful: nine of 17 associate professor nominees mentioned outside support (Mellon, Fulbright, James Wilson James, NEH, Rockefeller Archives Travel Grant, and a Gilder Lehrman Institute fellowship). Only 12 of the 39 full and associate professors appear to have received multiple awards of external support throughout their careers. Nor have home institutions of nominees provided much support for travel, research fellowships, or teaching improvement grants. Only seven out of 39 nominated professors and associate professors mentioned any kind of special institutional support.

How representative is this group of nominees of all faculty members at smaller institutions? My view is that it is reasonably representative. The procedures and selection criteria for this seminar would not have skewed the pool by leading many potential nominees to conclude it was not worth the trouble to apply or that they could not be competitive. American history is taught at every American college. The typical history department in a small college has only one or two U.S. historians on the faculty and they are routinely expected to teach a wide array of subjects. Teaching loads are heavy and opportunities for sabbaticals, travel, and research support are few. Only some colleges are located near major libraries and archives.

Several lessons are suggested by this quick analysis. The first is that teaching and research, far from being opposites, tend to work well together in the lives of many faculty members. According to the nominators, many of the individuals were notable in both arenas.

The second is that colleges should try to support faculty development because it does produce results in both scholarly achievement and in fulfillment of such institutional objectives as improved teaching and program development.

The third is that foundations, government agencies, and fellowship organizations should recognize that such support is being done by a large number of faculty members at institutions that do not offer much financial support for faculty members’ scholarly or curricular projects. And if the PhD “glut” of the past generation has led many superbly prepared PhDs to accept jobs in institutions that cannot offer much support, more support will likely make these faculty members even more effective teachers, leaders of major programs and curriculum development, and producers of high-quality scholarship. At least a few would surely produce work that is equal to the work of former graduate school colleagues who have had the benefit over the years of frequent institutional and external support.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute and CIC are both very pleased with the results of the seminar, and intend to offer additional seminars in the future. I hope that other funders will grasp the importance of nurturing high-quality work by doing more to support faculty members of CIC colleges and universities. A few already have. And I hope that the myth about the roles of teaching and research in the professional lives of faculty members at smaller institutions will soon disappear.

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ELECTING AAR LEADERS

THE AAR NOMINATIONS Committee seeks your good advice about our procedure. Our practice has been to nominate two candidates for each of three positions: vice president, student director, and secretary. This year the Board placed on the ballot two excellent candidates for vice president: Clark Gilpin and Hans Hillebrand.

The suggestion has been made that in the future the committee should nominate only one person for each position. The reasons are these: (1) So few members vote that the elections are not truly contested. The Nominations Committee is pleased to interpret this as general satisfaction members have with both candidates. (2) It is inevitable that one excellent candidate for each position loses the election and is not available for nomination for at least several years.

You may be interested to know that many of our sister organizations in the ACLS nominate only one person for each position. Democratic participation in the election occurs during the nomination process in which the entire membership is invited to recommend candidates. The selection of the candidate is turned over to the nominating committee whose member-

ship is drawn from the society itself. We invite you to participate in the process for 2003 by sending nominations to Raymond B. Williams (williamr@wabash.edu). Our committee decided to ask AAR members to give us your wisdom. One question about this will be posed in the electronic survey following the Annual Meeting: “Should the AAR Nominations committee place on the ballot one person or two persons for each of these three offices?” We urge you to consider this issue and respond to this question in the survey, which will influence the recommendation the committee will make to the AAR Board of Directors. Most important, however, is that you exercise your right to vote in AAR elections.

Best wishes.

Raymond B. Williams
Chair, AAR Nominations Committee

Rebecca Chopp
Member of the Committee as Immediate Past President of the AAR

EASTERN INTERNATIONAL REGION

CALL FOR PAPERS

AUTHORITY AND ITS DISCONTENTS

The Eastern International Region of the AAR announces the 2003 Call for Papers for the annual regional conference to be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA, March 21-22. The theme, “Authority and Its Discontents,” invites papers examining the nature, structure, and patterns of authority, including its consolidation, legitimation, and transmission in the world’s religions, as well as resistances to authority by reformers, iconoclasts, pros-
testors, and others on the margins of cultural religion. The conference’s theme welcomes papers from all disciplines, including history of religions, anthropology of religion, sociology of religion, philosophy, and theology, among others. Proposals on other topics are also welcome. Papers need not be limited to the conference theme. Mercyhurst is located in northwest Pennsylvania, about two hours from Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. Please forward abstracts to Tom Forsthoefel, Department of Religious Studies, Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA 16546-0801 (or tforsto@mercyhurst.edu). Deadline for Abstracts: January 15, 2003.

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 31 to Marty Nominations, AAR, 825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, or to aar@aarweb.org.

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 balewoczyni@aarweb.org.
Departments and programs enrolled in the Academic Relations Program receive resources for strengthening the study of religion. These include:

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Because Every Student Deserves an Education that Includes the Study of Religion
A Message from the President, November 2002

In the last year, we have heard in sever-
ately that the calendar rapture on September 11 and how the world will never be the same. As members of our community, we have also worked with our neighbors and with the nation, we were soon called upon to commemorate these tragic events. Without the luxury of distance brought by location or time, we were asked to reflect and to theorize on the violence that became associ-
ated in many minds with religion. Soon after the tragedy, the AAR issued a statement expressing our grief and horror at the events. In the immediate aftermath, executive director Barbara DeConcini on the basis of extensive conversations with the Executive Committee and concerned members, we urged our members “to find appropriate edu-
cational responses to these events and their aftermath in our classes, our colleges and uni-
versities, and our communities, and to serve as resources in the national conversation on a range of issues that have been foregrounded by this tragedy: suffering and evil, human rights and religious liberties, international order and justice, democracy and the common good.”

We particularly asked our members to encour-
age and to be engaged in conversation on campuses and in communities because such debates and conversations would be “appropri-
ate to the Academic’s vocation to foster reflec-
tion upon and understanding of religious tra-
ditions, issues, questions, and values, by bring-
ing the teaching and scholarship of our mem-
bers to bear on the public understanding of religion and religions.”

And, indeed, this has been a year where our members have been working in several reg-
isters to explain and shed some light on var-
ious facets of 9/11. There have been contri-
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A Board of Directors comprised of officers elected by the entire membership (5), regionally-elected directors (10), chairs of standing committees (currently 7), a student member, the ACSL 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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**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 religious 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 inside and outside the boundaries of belief and practice — and seeks to enhance its broad public understanding.
AAR membership has grown substantially since 1992, with 2001 membership figures over 40% higher than at the beginning of this ten-year period. The small decline in membership in 2000 was probably related to the dissolution of Scholars Press and, with it, the joint AAR/SBL membership on a single form. Regular membership accounts for about 65% of the total, student membership, 29% and retired membership, 6%.

The survey was conducted by the Center for Survey Research at Indiana University and was a random sampling of 1,000 regular and retired members, balanced for demographics and membership category. The results are still coming in, but what we have already received is a statistically valid sample (margin of error, +/- 3%, with a equaling, approximately 688).

Some salient points from the preliminary data about experiences in AAR:

- Respondents tend to view the AAR as important or very important to their professional identity and professional relationships (questions 1a, 1d, 1e).
- Respondents tend to view the AAR as important or very important in keeping up with the field (question 1f, 1h).
- Both JAAR and RSN-AAR Edition are heavily read (79% and 66% respectively read it often or very often), although few respondents have published in either one (1–2% and 2% respectively).
- Most institutions (over 66%) encourage participation in the AAR, and about 60% provide financial assistance to do so.
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- About 10% of respondents have made financial contributions to the AAR often or very often in the past five years.
- Over half (55%) respondents describe themselves as active or very active members of the AAR.

Some salient points from the preliminary data about society membership and employment:

- Membership in scholarly societies is on the increase. About 78% of respondents belong to more than one scholarly society. Respondents report that five years ago, about 72% belonged to more than one society; ten years ago, it was 63%.
- About 71% of employed respondents work in higher education, and 8% work in non-profit organizations. Of those in higher education, about 2% work in community colleges.
- About half (52%) of the respondents employed in higher education have tenure, and of those who do not, about 55% are in a tenure-track position.
- Of those employed in higher education, 34% are professors, 23% are associate professors, and 25% are assistan professors; about 10% are adjuncts.

Members

**Membership Trends**

During the summer of 2002, the AAR commissioned a membership survey, based on an American Council of Learned Societies model, to determine what aspects of the AAR are important to members.

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**AAR Member Survey**

**I. Membership in the American Academy of Religion**

1. How important is your membership in the important important important important apply AAR for each of the following?
   - a. To express my professional responsibility and identity Very Important Somewhat Important Not very Important Not Important Does not apply
      37% 45% 11% 6% 1%
   - b. To present papers at AAR-sponsored conferences
      29% 36% 21% 10% 3%
   - c. To publish my work in a refereed AAR-sponsored publication
      8% 23% 38% 25% 9%
   - d. To maintain and establish professional relationships
      57% 34% 5% 3% 1%
   - e. To keep abreast of research and methodology in my field
      42% 41% 12% 4% 0%
   - f. To provide an opportunity for reading and discussion across disciplines or in more than one field
      34% 45% 14% 6% 1%
   - g. To represent my field to the wider public
      18% 38% 26% 14% 3%
   - h. To improve my pedagogical skills
      11% 26% 34% 24% 5%
   - i. To involve and/or to acculturate my students in the profession or field
      8% 26% 27% 22% 19%
   - j. To help me in finding employment
      17% 18% 16% 23% 26%

2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding membership and agree disagree apply participation in the AAR?
   - a. My institution encourages me to participate in the AAR
      Strongly Agree Agree Slightly Disagree Strongly Does not apply
      19% 48% 12% 4% 17%
   - b. My institution provides me with financial assistance to participate in the AAR
      23% 37% 14% 12% 13%

**II. Activities in the American Academy of Religion**

3. How about often in the past five years have you engaged in the following activities often apply related to the AAR?
   - a. Obtained information from its website
      Very Often Often Rarely Never Does not apply
      16% 37% 36% 10% 1%
   - b. Reviewed a directory of its members online
      5% 16% 42% 37% 0%
   - c. Reviewed a directory of its members in print
      3% 24% 53% 10% 0%
   - d. Used its resources to locate fellowship or grant opportunities
      1% 12% 38% 45% 3%
   - e. Used its employment information services
      13% 20% 22% 37% 8%
   - f. Used its resources to locate information regarding ethical standards for the profession of field
      0% 3% 22% 72% 0%
   - g. Read its newsletter (RSN-AAR Edition)
      33% 46% 17% 4% 1%
   - h. Submitted items for its newsletter
      3% 2% 9% 88% 1%
   - i. Read an AAR sponsored publication
      2% 9% 68% 9% 4%
   - j. Published an article in JAAR
      0% 1% 9% 88% 1%
   - k. Published a book review in JAAR
      0% 1% 14% 83% 1%
   - l. Served as an editor, or in an editorial capacity, of an AAR-sponsored publication
      1% 2% 3% 92% 2%
   - m. Organized a session at an AAR Annual Meeting
      4% 12% 13% 68% 2%
   - n. Organized a session at an AAR Regional Meeting
      2% 6% 12% 79% 1%
   - o. Presented a paper or served as a discussant at an AAR Annual Meeting
      11% 25% 26% 38% 1%
   - p. Presented a paper or served as a discussant at an AAR Regional Meeting
      6% 13% 27% 52% 1%
   - q. Attended an AAR Annual Meeting without being on the program
      22% 40% 24% 13% 1%
   - r. Attended an AAR Regional Meeting without being on the program
      5% 10% 25% 57% 3%
   - s. Voted in elections
      11% 30% 35% 25% 1%
   - t. Nominated someone for a position in the AAR
      1% 2% 13% 82% 2%
   - u. Served as a member of an AAR committee or task force
      2% 8% 9% 79% 2%
   - v. Served as a program unit chair or steering committee member for an AAR Annual Meeting
      6% 10% 7% 75% 2%
   - w. Served as a program unit chair or steering committee member for an AAR Regional Meeting
      3% 5% 6% 84% 2%
   - x. Served as an elected officer of the AA
      0% 1% 1% 95% 3%
   - y. Served as an elected officer of an AAR Regional
      2% 3% 4% 89% 5%
   - z. Made financial contributions to the AAR other than required membership dues or registration fees
      4% 6% 14% 75% 1%
The AAR Annual Meeting is the largest scholarly conference on religion and, for the four days of the conference, the largest religion "bookstore." The meeting is large both in size and in 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-nine groups, five seminars, and twelve consultations, for a total of eighty program units. Plenary lectures, arts events, business meetings, professional development sessions, and a whole range of special events for various constituencies enhance the program.

Sixteen scholarly organizations have formal ties with the Academy, and some eighty-five others hold their meetings at the AAR conference.

### Regional Meetings 2003

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/regions/meetings.asp.

- **Eastern International**
  March 21–22, 2003
  Mercyhurst College
  Erie, PA

- **Mid-Atlantic**
  March 13–14, 2003
  Hyatt Regency New Brunswick
  New Brunswick, NJ

- **Midwest**
  April 5–6, 2003
  DePaul Center, DePaul University
  Chicago, IL

- **New England-Maritimes**
  May 2, 2003
  Andover Newton Theological Seminary
  Andover, MA

- **Pacific Northwest**
  April 25–27, 2003
  University of Idaho
  Moscow, ID

- **Rocky Mountains-Great Plains**
  April 4–5, 2003
  University of Colorado, Boulder
  Boulder, CO

- **Southeast**
  March 14–16, 2003
  Clarion Hotel
  Chattanooga, TN

- **Southwest**
  March 15–16, 2003
  Harvey Hotel, DFW Airport
  Dallas, TX

- **Upper Midwest**
  April 25–26, 2003
  Luther Seminary
  St. Paul, MN

- **West**
  March 23–24
  University of California, Davis
  Davis, CA

### 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.**
- **To advance publication and scholarly communication in the field of religion.**
- **To contribute to the public understanding of religion.**
- **To welcome into our conversation the various voices in the field of religion and to support and encourage diversity within the AAR.**
- **To help to advance and secure the future of the academic study of religion.**
AAR's publishing alliance with Oxford University Press began in 2000. Oxford publishes JAA and monographs in five AAR series. AAR-OUP publications enjoy excellent reviews, and publication processes among AAR editors and staff and Oxford editors and staff run smoothly. AAR’s inventory of books published through Scholars Press continues to sell well (available directly from Oxford and via a link on the AAR website). We invite and encourage members to contact our editors about your research projects and publishing plans. The editorships in our series are for five-year terms of service, so occasionally there are openings. Please contact the chair of the Publications Committee for information on upcoming opportunities. The AAR also offers a grant program to fund translation projects for publishing in the Texts & Translations Series. For information about these grants, contact Mark Csikszentmihalyi, Texts & Translations Series editor (below).

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### Books under Contract

- **Carol Anderson**, editor. *Teaching about Women and Religion*.
- **Nikki Bado-Fralick**. *Coming to the Edge of the Circle*.
- **Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley**. *The Mandaeans: Ancient Texts and Modern People*.
- **M. Gail Hamner**. *Americanization: A Religious Genealogy*.
- **Diane Jonte-Pace**, editor. *Teaching Freud*.
- **Marc A. Krell**. *Intersecting Pathways: Modern Jewish Theologians in Conversation with Christianity*.
- **Sara L. Rappe**, translator. *Damasius’ Problems and Solutions Concerning First Principles*.
- **Randall W. Syres**. *The Dark Other: The Significance of Magic in Modern Western Thought*.
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Grants and Awards

Research Grant Awards
Since 1992, the Academy has awarded over $400,000 in research grants to members. Here are this year’s competition’s awardees.

Individual Grants
Robert E. Alvis, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Memory, Place, and Ideology in Postwar Poland
Mary Jane Haemig, Luther Seminary
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany: Text, Message, and Seasonal Experience among Lutherans and Roman Catholics in Sixteenth-Century Germany
Carol Harris-Shapiro, Gratz College
From Theology to Garland: American Jewish Discourse of Belief, Faith, and Spirituality
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
Ritual Functions and Authority of Biurim in Early Historic India: The Creation of a Trans-Regional Cultural Elite
Jeanne Olson, Rhode Island College
Galaeazion Karacaciolo and His Biographies: A Protestant from the Diaspora of the Italian Reformation
Lucinda Peach, American University
The Impact of Religious Influence of Public Line for Women’s Status in India and the United States: A Comparative Analysis
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
Documenting the Emergence and Development of a Hindu Pilgrimage Center
Martin Perry, University of Sheffield
From Movement to Church: A Study in the Atrophy of Christian Charismatic Renewal
Leela Prasad, Boston University
The Poetics of Conduct: Moral Discourse in Performance in Srinageri, South India
Waild Saleh, Middlebury College
Islamic Apocalyptic Iconography
Collaborative Grants
Richard McGregor, Project Director, The Lecture Series in the History of Religions
Institut Francais d’Archéologie Orientale
Urban Sufism in Egypt in the Mamluk Era
Institut Francais d’Archéologie Orientale
Walid Saleh, Middlebury College
Islamic Apocalyptic Iconography

Book Awards
Awards for Excellence

Constructive-Reflective

Historical

Excellence in Teaching Award
William C. Placher, Wabash College

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award
Diana Eck, Harvard University

Media Awards
Best In-Depth Reporting on Religion
New Outlets with over 100,000 Circulation
First Place Peter Smith, Louisville Courier-Journal
Second Place Michael Paulson, Boston Globe
Third Place Dave Gibson, (Newark) Star-Ledger

New Outlets with under 100,000 Circulation
First Place Beth McMurrich, Chronicle of Higher Education
Second Place John Dart, Christian Century
Third Place Jane Lampman, Christian Science Monitor

Opinion Writing Award
Deborah Caldwell, Beliefnet

Special Leadership Award to Co-Founders
Harry Buck
Robert V. Smith

American Lectures in the History of Religions

Jean-Claude Garcin, Université de Provence
Erik Geffroy, Université de Strasbourg
Emil Homerin, Université of Rochester
J.-Y. H Hopital, Université de Renne
Julien Loiseau, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales/ Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale
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Tetsuya Ohtoshi, Kyushu University
Megan Reid, Princeton University
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Giuseppe Scattolin, Dar Comboni, Cairo
Gino Schallenberger, Leuven/Netherlands Flemish Institute in Cairo
Nicholas Warner, independent researcher, Cairo
Stephen Prothero, Project Director, Boston University
An Anthology of African-American Euseriedism
Collaborator:
Jarett Kobek, Boston University
Fabian E. Udoh, Project Director, University of Notre Dame
New Views of First-Century Jewish and Christian Self-Definitions: An International Conference in Honour of E.P. Sanders
Collaborator:
Mark A. Chancey, Southern Methodist University

Oxtoby took his B.A. at Stanford University in philosophy and humanities, and the M.A. and Ph.D. at Princeton University in Middle Eastern Studies, with work on both the ancient and Islamic Middle East. His doctoral thesis was on pre-Islamic Arabian inscriptions; and as part of his graduate study he spent two years in Jerusalem, one of which was with the team working on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Oxtoby is best known as the editor of, and a major contributor to, two introductory text volumes published in 1996 (second edition, 2002) by Oxford University Press, World Religions: Western Traditions and World Religions: Eastern Traditions. He is currently preparing two volumes of Sources of Middle Eastern Traditions for Columbia University Press.

The lecture series operates under the auspices of the AAR’s History of Religions Jury, which is also responsible for awarding the Best First Book in the History of Religions prize. The lectures will be presented in calendar year 2003. For reservation forms, full abstracts of the lectures, and more information on the lecture series, please see www.aarweb.org/about/alhr.

The most recent ALHR series published through Columbia University Press is Bruce Lawrence’s New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life. This title is the seventeenth volume of the series.
Our Philosophy

The American Academy of Religion uses its Internet presence to provide a wide range of information and services to its members, and indeed, to the academy and public at large. We have built the website within this framework. AARWEB.ORG (not case-sensitive) clusters more than 700 pages into eight areas which correspond to the Academy’s major programs and services: About the AAR, Members, Meetings, Publications, News Media, The Profession, The Department, and Other Resources. The site receives more than 750,000 hits annually. The website also includes a Frequently Asked Questions page.

Our Policy

Because our website is often a point of first contact for new and potential members, we have structured it to serve a dual purpose: to provide as much information as possible to the site visitor and to contact the Executive Office staff. This is a strategy that has served us well. Members in Japan, for instance, are pleased that they can retrieve their member ID, renew membership, request journal replacements, or hook up with a colleague without having to make an expensive international telephone call. Members who are US residents appreciate that we make our member-only information easy to find, especially in the context of a trend among some agencies to trade customer service for hiding behind their websites.

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Traffic

Of the eight areas of the site, the Meetings pages were the most visited during the past year, followed by the Publications and Members pages. The Annual Meeting online registration page and the searchable program book added to the Meetings pages served us well. Members in Japan, for instance, are pleased that they can retrieve their member ID, renew membership, request journal replacements, or hook up with a colleague without having to make an expensive international telephone call. Members who are US residents appreciate that we make our member-only information easy to find, especially in the context of a trend among some agencies to trade customer service for hiding behind their websites. The Academy created and operates Religionsource, which provides referrals to journalists seeking sources on religion topics. At the Religionsource website, scholars can find tips on how to be an effective source, and journalists can find sources among the more than 7,000 scholars and 1,400 topics listed. Searchable by topic, scholar name, or location, the database includes titles of the scholars’ recent publications, as well as faculty rank, department, institution, and contact information.

Searchable Program Book

Unique to the Academy’s website is a fully searchable version of the Annual Meeting Program Book. Members can browse through the various program offerings, see all the sessions in a given time period, look at a specific session number (“A-Number”), or search the program for keywords. For instance, if one is interested in women and religion, simply search for the word “women” and the in-house search engine will return a listing of all sessions in which “women” appears in the theme or paper title. In addition, one can then read the abstract for that paper or session. Members who are logged in can see a map for the hotel in which the session is located.

Virtual Teaching and Learning Center

The AAR, with the support of the Lilly Endowment, Inc., is gathering and assessing the concrete products of nine AAR teaching workshops and other AAR teaching initiatives from the past decade. The online data bank has consolidated many AAR curriculum and pedagogic resources developed over the years and made them available and useable in digitized form. This rich resource includes projects from teaching workshop participants, hundreds of syllabi, the Spotlight on Teaching publication series, guidance for evaluating teaching and learning in religion and assessing departments and programs, and links to other useful websites like the Wabash Center and the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The site is creating a community around pedagogy by becoming the principal AAR location for collecting and disseminating teaching resources. It supports members by advancing the common work. The teaching workshop on The Global Village: The Shape of the Field and its Impact on Teaching Religious Studies and Theology, has its own website at http://grad.cgu.edu/~ammonl/lillyfacet.

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During the year, the AAR has responded to more than 450 queries from journalists, referring them to more than 400 scholars. The news outlets involved include the Associated Press, Chicago Tribune, Globe and Mail, Los Angeles Times, National Public Radio, Newsweek, New York Times, Public Broadcasting Corporation, Time, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal.
Financial Highlights

The Academy's financial operations continue to be healthy despite investment losses from market decline. Our investment diversification and low management fees helped contain the investment portfolio loss to about 8% in fiscal year 2002. As usual, the Academy's operations ran in excess of expenses.

The following is the official 2002 External Audit Summary, prepared by the accounting firm of Jones and Kolb, CPA. In accountant language, an "unqualified opinion" is a "clean opinion," i.e., there are no negative findings.

Statement of Financial Position, June 30, 2002 and 2001

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<td>Accrued vacation</td>
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Commitments and contingencies

Net assets:

| Unrestricted net assets | 4,781,287 | 4,601,923 |
| Temporarily restricted net assets | 951,116   | 1,717,995 |
| Permanently restricted net assets | 1,518,269 | 1,768,072 |
| **Total net assets**      | **7,250,672** | **8,087,990** |
| **Total liabilities and net assets** | **$8,067,525** | **$8,932,096** |

Sources of Revenue

Distribution of Expenses
Changes in unrestricted net assets:

Revenues and gains:
- Membership dues $566,742 $571,031
- ARP dues 5,200
- Annual Meeting 746,801 705,133
- Employment information services 85,739 94,716
- Label sales 64,230 63,783
- Advertising and publications 11,016 15,149
- Book sales 28,905 31,286
- Contributions 16,846 11,530
- Luce Center rental income 121,588
- Investment income (loss) (236,410) (170,280)

Total revenues and gains 1,410,657 1,322,348

Expenses:
- Research and publications 138,972 88,419
- Member services 283,039 255,060
- Professional development services 230,480 431,965
- External relations 535,324 394,451
- Annual Meeting 498,998 416,218
- Luce Center expenses 121,826
- General and administration 224,668 239,918
- Fundraising 46,454 36,370

Total expenses 2,079,761 1,862,401

Change in unrestricted net assets 179,364 200,675

Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:

Contributions/grants 520 1,205,000
Investment income (loss) 87,871 62,507
Royalties 1,184 (1,480)

Total revenues 89,575 1,207,507
Net assets released from restrictions (848,468) (740,728)

Change in temporarily restricted net assets (758,893) 526,779

Change in permanently restricted net assets:

Investment income (loss) (257,789) (252,775)

Change in permanently restricted net assets (257,789) (252,775)

Change in net assets:

Net assets, beginning of year 8,087,990 5,524,933
Transfer 2,089,858

Net assets, end of year $7,250,672 $8,087,990

Cash flows from operating activities:

Changes in net assets $(837,318) $473,199

Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operations:
- Depreciation 70,966 20,659
- Loss on disposal of equipment 4,601
- Unrealized loss on investments 580,329 548,145
- Change in endowment accumulated interest (6,636)
- (Increase) decrease in receivables 454,915 (735,180)
- (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses (60,202) (1,273)
- (Increase) decrease in inventory 12,450 12,405
- Increase (decrease) in accounts payable 34,412 7,385
- Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation (3,349) 29,099
- Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue (58,316) 59,628

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities 187,251 418,668

Cash flows from investing activities:

Acquisition of equipment (11,312) (15,344)
Purchase of marketable securities (587,735) (160,496)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities 428,000

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities (171,047) (175,840)

Cash flow from financing activities:

Principal payments on debt (220,833)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 16,204 21,995
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 799,632 777,632
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year $815,836 $799,632

Total adjustments 1,024,569 (54,531)
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