2005 Call for Papers

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### 2005 Member Calendar

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

#### January

- **Annual Meeting**
- **Spring Board of Directors**
- **Program Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to Annual Meeting participants.**
- **Mid-Autumn regional meeting, Denver, CO.**
- **Midwest regional meeting, Chicago, IL.**
- **Regional Secretaries meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **Spring Board of Directors meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **Spring—May 1. Pacific Northwest regional meeting, Seattle, WA.**
- **April 8–9. Rocky Mountain—Great Plains regional meeting, Denver, CO.**
- **Midwest regional meeting, Chicago, IL.**
- **April 15, Executive Committee meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **April 15. Regional Secretaries meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **April 16-17. Spring Board of Directors meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **April 29—May 1. Pacific Northwest regional meeting, Seattle, WA.**
- **For more information on regional meetings, see www.aarweb.org/regional/meetings.asp.**

#### February

- **February 5–6. Committee on Teaching and Learning meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **February 5. Committee on Status of Women in the Profession meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **February 5–6. International Connections Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **February 15. Submissions for the May 2005 issue of Religious Studies News due.**
- **February 15. Nominations (including self-nominations) for committee appointments requested.**
- **February 25–26. Executive Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **For more information on AAR committee meetings, can be found at www.aarweb.org/meetings/meetings.asp.**

#### March

- **March. Book award nominations due from publishers.**
- **March 3–4. Mid-Atlantic regional meeting, New Brunswick, NJ.**
- **March 4–6. Status of Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **March 5. Religion and Disabilities Task Force meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **March 11–13. Southeast regional meeting, Winstons-Salem, NC.**
- **March 12–13. Southwest regional meeting, Dallas, TX.**
- **March 12–14. Western regional meeting, Tempe, AZ.**
- **March 19. Committee on Publications meeting, New York, NY.**
- **April 1. Notification of acceptance of Annual Meeting paper proposals by Program Unit Chairs.**
- **April 1–2. Upper Midwest regional meeting, St. Paul, MN.**
- **April 2–3. Academic Relations Task Force meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **Spring Board of Directors meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **April 6–7. National Humanities Day.**
- **January 21. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- **January 22. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- **March 1. Annual Meeting Registration materials mailed with RSN.**
- **May 1. Nominations (including self-nominations) for committee appointments requested.**
- **May 6–8. Eastern International regional meeting, Montréal, QC, Canada.**
- **May 15. Annual Meeting registration & housing opens for 2005 Annual Meeting.**
- **May 15. Registration for the Employment Information Services Center opens.**
- **May 30. Annual Meeting Additional Meeting requests due for priority consideration.**
- **June 1. New fiscal year begins.**
- **June 5. Submission deadline for the October issue of Religious Studies News—AAR Edition.**
- **June 15. Membership renewal deadline for 2005 Annual Meeting participants.**
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- **July 15. Submission deadline for the October issue of Religious Studies News—AAR Edition.**
- **July 31. Deadline for participants to request audiovisual equipment at the Annual Meeting.**
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- **August 1. Research Grant Applications due.**
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### October

- **Spotlight on Teaching Fall 2005 issue.**
- **October 1–31. AAR election period. Candidate profiles will be published in the October RSN.**
- **October 15. January 2006 Religious Studies News submission deadline.**
- **October 15. Excellence in Teaching award nominations due.**

### November

- **November 1. Research grant awards announced.**
- **November 17. Executive Committee meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **November 17. Fall Board of Directors meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **November 18. Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **November 21. Annual Business Meeting.**
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### December

- **December 1. New program unit proposals due.**
- **December 10. Program Committee meeting, Atlanta, GA.**
- **December 15. Submissions for the March 2006 issue of Religious Studies News due.**
- **December 31. Membership renewal for 2006 due.**
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### And keep in mind throughout the year...

Regional organizations have various deadlines throughout the fall for their Calls for Papers. See www.aarweb.org/regional/default.asp.

In the Field. News of events and opportunities for scholars of religion. In the Field is a members-only online publication that accepts brief announcements, including calls for papers, grant news, conference announcements, and other opportunities appropriate for scholars of religion. Submit text online at www.aarweb.org/publications/field/default.asp.

Openings Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion. Openings is a members-only online publication listing job announcements in areas of interest to members; issues are viewable online from the first through the last day of each month. Submit announcements online, and review policies and pricing, at www.aarweb.org/openings/default.asp.
Call for Papers

General Information

Meeting Location
The 2005 AAR Annual Meeting and Book Exhibit will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott and Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA, November 19–22.

Future Annual Meeting locations include:
- 2006 – Washington, D.C., November 18–21
- 2007 – San Diego, CA, November 17–20
- 2008 – Chicago, IL, October 25–28
- 2009 – Montreal, QC, November 7–10
- 2010 – TBA
- 2011 – San Francisco, CA, November 19–22

Registration and Housing
You must be registered for the meeting in order to secure a room in the Annual Meeting hotel at our specially negotiated hotel rates (which are often half the published room rate for the property). When you receive your preregistration information, the AAR will mail to you a Conferon New—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 coordinat ed 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 any questions you may have) should be sent to the individual(s) named in this Call.

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

Questions about the Annual Meeting
Concerns of a general nature may be sent to the AAR executive office to the attention of the Annual Meeting Program Director, 825 Houston Mill Road NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, USA; W: 404-278-3849, F: 404-273-7959, annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

Additional Meetings
Organizations, persons, or program units wishing to plan receptions and other meetings before, during, or after the Annual Meeting should go online to www.aarweb.org after March 15, 2005. This Web site will have information regarding guidelines, necessary forms, and costs to request additional Meeting space at the Annual Meeting and/or how to announce your event in the Annual Meeting Program Book.

Questions should be directed to Conferon, Inc. at 314-997-1509 after April 1, 2005. Written requests can be sent to Conferon, Inc., 4 Cityplace Drive, Suite 480, St. Louis, MO 63141-7062, or rb@conferon.com.

Deadline: The deadline for priority scheduling of Additional Meetings requests is May 30, 2005. Requests after that date will be accommodated as space allows.

2005 Calendar of Deadlines

March 1, 2005
Deadline for proposals, participant forms, and abstracts to be received by program unit chairs.

April 1, 2005
Notification of acceptance (or not of) proposals by program unit chairs. All program participants must renew/establish 2005 AAR memberships in order to participate in the program.

April 7, 2005
Program unit chairs submit session request information (Program Book copy, abstract, participant form) to AAR executive office online.

May 15, 2005

May 30, 2005
Deadline for submission of Additional Meeting request forms. Forms are available online at www.aarweb.org/annualmeeting starting May 15.

June 15, 2005
Deadline for participants to renew their AAR membership and be preregistered for the meeting. Names of participants not registered will be removed from the Program Book.

September 2005
Annual Meeting Program Books mailed to members.

November 19–22, 2005
AAR Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

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, 2005, or you may jeopardize your participation on the program in November.

General Guidelines

Participation at the Annual Meeting
All participants on the AAR program must be current (2005) members of AAR. Membership in SBL does not fulfill this requirement. All participants must also be preregistered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2005. Any participant who is not a current 2005 AAR member or preregistered for the Annual Meeting by June 15, 2005 will have his/her participation from the printed Program Book and will jeopardize his/her participation on the program in November.

N.B. All 2004 and 2005 members receive this Call. To inquire about your 2005 membership status, please see www.aarweb.org/membership.

Participation Limits
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, be a respon- dence person, preside over a session). The only exception is for business meeting presiders. Further, it is not appropriate to present the same material in two separate sessions, no matter the convention for describing them. If you are proposing the same idea to different program units, you must be prepared to choose in which you will present if you are accepted onto both.

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 two 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 disclose multiple submissions may well result in the rejection of all submissions, disclosure of multiple submissions will not jeopardize full consideration of each. The deadline for receipt of all submissions is March 1, 2005.

Proposal Requirements
You are required to submit both a proposal (not more than 1,000 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. Bear in mind 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 three types of sessions: paper sessions, panel sessions, and poster sessions.

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

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Evil and Negativity
Barbara E. Galli, McGill University
“Facing Evil. The Parable of the Ring in the Hands of Abraham Abulafrca and Gastaldh Eptamina Lesting

Prearranged 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 often than others (Religions and South Asia Section and Japanese Religious Group, 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-arranged sessions can either be for paper or panel sessions.

Submissions for a panel session should include a single proposal detailing the focus of the session, one abstract, and a single participant form (if desired). A separate participant form is not required when using OP3. Submissions for a paper session must include each.
Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

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We seek presentations that discuss philosophies and strategies for effective teaching and learning, and that model pedagogical creativity, analysis, and “best practices.” We strongly urge presenters to feature active and engaging methods of teaching in their sessions, to indicate in their proposals how they plan to do so. We particularly seek proposals on the following themes: 1) for a teaching and learning “street fast” or “marketplace,” we invite posters, exhibits, and/or interactive displays that will excite and educate others about a breakthrough moment in the classroom or a great course; 2) dealing with freedom, politics, pluralism, and “combustible issues” in the religious studies classroom (e.g., negotiating clashing political opinion in the classroom, fostering critical thinking in emotionally charged contexts); 3) comparative models and strategies of teaching and learning religion in other cultural settings (especially Eastern and Central Europe). 4) Proposals for a possible co-sponsored session, with the Wabash Center for Teaching and the Caucus of Teachers at Religiously Affiliated Institutions, on creative and effective course design and pedagogy when teaching a religious studies/theology course as part of an institution’s general education requirement. 5) Proposals for a possible co-sponsored session with the Religious, Medical, and Caring Professions at Religiously Affiliated Institutions on teaching religion and the media (e.g., teaching religion with or through the media, the media as a “religious text,” and/or the media as a mediating structure of knowledge/reception). 6) Finally, we invite new professors (those who have taught four years or fewer) to present on “What I wished they’d told me about teaching and how I learned better”—reflections on the implementation-surprise-change feedback loop that is so much a part of a living pedagogy.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA: wordprocessor

Artists, Literature, and Religion Section

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The Arts, Literature, and Religion Section invites proposals for papers and for pre-arranged sessions on the following topics: literature of trauma and/or suffering; literature of diaspora and/or expulsion, in urban settings; fiction and poetry from Central and Eastern Europe; postcolonial literature; aesthetics and sacramental theology; East and West Coast poetics; hip hop culture and the arts related to revolution, war, and pacifism; sacramental theology and aesthetics; Anglophone literature; film and theater versioning; creativity, analysis, and teaching and learning proposals on the following themes: 1) For a separate participant form is not required with OP3, as submission instructions. Separate 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 of the co-chairs. Fax Submit one (1) copy of the proposal, including abstract (with your name and institution listed). Submit one (1) copy of the proposal. 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 letterhead.
3. Use a computer and printer, preferably a laser printer. (Handwritten proposals cannot be accepted.)
4. Use the following format:
   a. Type title of proposal.
   b. On one copy of the proposal, below the title, type name of presenter, 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 1,000 words.
   d. 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 proposals. If you do not use e-mail, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with appropriate postage for the country from which the Program Unit Chair will send the notification regarding your proposal. See above under Submissions. Send one (1) electronic copy of your abstract to the same person to whom you are sending your proposal. See above under Abstracts.

Sections are the most inclusive type of program unit, aimed at reflecting the major areas of academic interest of the members of the Academy and at addressing the continuing agenda of the various subfields within the study of religion. Attendence at sessions of (as well as any of the other program units) is open to all persons who are registered for the Annual Meeting.
Buddhism

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Papers are invited on the following topics (interested proposers are urged to communicate, at least initially, with the contact persons indicated): 1) Vinaya/discipline: old texts and recent regulatory and institutional manifestations. Contact Jeffery Samuelson, jeffery.samuelson@wku.edu or Tom Borchert, taborchert@uwyo.edu. 2) Buddhism in the southern land; Japan and kamakura developments of Nara Buddhism. Contact Robert Rhodes, rhodor@eecs.stonybrook.edu. 3) Seeing through a glass darkly. Contact Bruce Williams, williamsw@laney.berkeley.edu. 4) Rituals across traditions. Contact Bruce Williams, williamsw@laney.berkeley.edu. 5) The demonic, saints, and death in Buddhism. Contact Mariko Walter, mwalter@tdt.net. 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 area. Proposals must include a clear statement of the topic and the vision of God that emerges from it. Please contact the section steering committee through a blind refereeing process.

Christian Systematic Theology Section

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General theme: theological aesthetics in systematic perspective. We invite scholarly papers pursuing constructive work on the category of beauty within the classical systematic loci. Presenters are encouraged to include visual and/or aural representations of their argument. Five sessions are planned: 1) Revealed beauty: the revelation of God’s being and the work of the Holy Spirit (Emily A. Comb, University of California, Irvine); 2) created beauty: the revelation of God’s being and the work of the Holy Spirit (Peter N. Gregory, Indiana University); 3) human beauty (Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University); 4) created beauty: the revelation of God’s being and the work of the Holy Spirit (Kristin Johnston, University of California, Irvine); 5) historical theology. We seek proposals for paper presentations. Papers should be submitted via email to the section chair at Cunningham@hope.edu. CONTACT THE ORGANIZERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

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The Comparative Studies in Religion Section provides the opportunity for significant cross-cultural and/or cross-cultural inquiry. We seek proposals that provide occasion for comparative inquiry seriously engaging two or more religious traditions around a common topic and that also reflect critically on the conceptual tools employed in the inquiry. While we accept individual paper proposals, we strongly encourage constructive approaches to the comparative study of thematic sections (maximum four presenters, a presider, and a respondent) or as panels (maximum six presenters). Thematic paper session proposals must include both an abstract and individual paper proposals. Panel proposals must include a two-page abstract and a list of the panel members. The steering committee reserves the right to add individuals to any group proposal. Proposals must be submitted online unless alternative arrangements have been made with one of the co-chairs well in advance of the deadline. The 2005 meeting includes a focus on contributions from North and Eastern European scholars and scholars in the study of religion. Therefore, session organizers are strongly encouraged to consider such scholars and scholarship in their proposals. Themes proposed for the 2005 meeting, with organizers identified in parentheses, are: religions and human rights (Grace Kao, phreyne@uct.ac.za); ecumenism in comparative perspective (William LaFeber, lawfeber@stlawu.edu); rulers and religion (Mark MacWilliams, mwa@uwstout.edu); contemporary psychological approaches to the comparative study of religions (Shubha Pathak, gpathak1@uic.edu); rulers and religion (Mark MacWilliams, mwa@uwstout.edu); and comparative studies of the study of religion (Mary J. MacDonald, mwa@uwstout.edu). Please contact the organizer of the session in which you wish to participate.

Ethics Section

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The Ethics Section invites proposals from all religious traditions that provide ethical analysis and response to the following themes: 1) Papers that explore the relationship between specific rituals or expressions, judgments, and debates. Papers from all religious traditions are encouraged. This section is co-sponsored with the North American Religions Section. Proposals for co-sponsored sessions should be sent to both sponsors. 2) Papers that provide an ethical analysis of the effectiveness of the moral message of the religious left in public discourse. 3) Papers that provide an ethical reassessment of civil liberties in light of the war against terrorism, drugs, and crime. This theme may include an ethical analysis of torture. 4) Papers that provide an ethical analysis of the impact of current public policies on the moral agency of women: for example, policies related to welfare, housing, health, education, and so forth. 5) Papers that provide an ethical analysis of the political agency of black churches and governmental threats to that advocacy. Papers of particular excellence on other topics, particularly related to the role of religious and moral discourse in the public arena, are also invited.

North American Religions Section

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The North American Religions Section encourages the use of diverse sources and multiple approaches to the study of religions in North America. In most sessions, we seek to stimulate comparative discussion around particular themes across a range of traditions. Most years we also devote one session to new work on a particular religious tradition and another session to a recently published book of outstanding merit in the field. The section welcomes submissions for individual papers, panel proposals, or full paper sessions on any topic relevant to the study of religions in North America. We propose the following topics in particular for the 2005 meeting: 1) religion in Philadelphia, including papers or entire sessions on the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Father Divine, Reconstructionism, Quakers, Jewish Publication Society, abolitionism, Sun Ra, MOVE, the revival of 1858, and the Enlightenment; 2) religion and teenagers; 3) American religious discourses (and the social/cultural/political uses of these discourses) about terrorism/evil/moral values; 4) religion and human rights in the study of American religions; 5) The Civil War; 6) material culture; and 7) sessions that incorporate the study of North American religions with other topics.

History of Christianity Section

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The History of Christianity Section seeks to present innovative and engaging research on the history, culture, and development of Christianity from its origins to the present, while at the same time promoting interdisciplinary dialogue among the fields of history, ritual studies, art history, anthropology, and historical theology. We seek proposals for individual papers or group proposals on any of the following topics: theorizing the relationship between past and present — why study the history of Christianity? Christianity and empire; Christianity under hostile governments; Christian responses to non-Christian rituals; teaching global Christianity (co-organized with Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section); Christianity in Eastern Europe; holy wars, holy memories: pacific traditions; intermarriage in the history of Christianity; medicine and Christian bodies; Eastern Orthodoxy as other; the ideal of the early church in Christian history; decolonization and apostasy in Christian history; history of exegesis. We will consider proposals on other topics as well. Papers should be conceived for an effective 20-minute presentation. All proposals must be submitted online via OP3 and will be evaluated by blind peer review of the section steering committee.

Philosophy of Religion Section

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The Philosophy of Religion Section welcomes proposals for individual papers, panel sessions, or sessions related to the following topics: 1) questions of humanity and personhood in light of current science and technology; 2) political theology, religious violence, and the question of justice; 3) philosophy of religion and the work of Philip Quinn; 4) Islamic philosophy and philosophy of religion; 5) Martin Heidegger’s The Phenomenology of Religious Life; 6) philosophy of religion and thinkers from Eastern or Central Europe (e.g., Slavoj Žižek, Leszek Kolakowski); 7) new approaches to the comparative study of religions; 8) religious discourses and the social/cultural/political uses of these discourses about terrorism/evil/moral values; 9) other topics, particularly related to the role of religious and moral discourse in the public arena.

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

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Proposals are invited in relation to the following themes: 1) social scientific approaches to religion and race; 2) contemporary postcolonial approaches to the comparative study of religion; 3) social scientific analyses of religious discourse and religious participation in politics and the public sphere; 4) intersections of law, religion, and sexuality; 5) negotiating boundaries: religion and migration. Other proposals are welcome that employ social scientific methodologies in the study of religious or theological questions or that apply religious/theological methodologies to social scientific questions.

Membership Current!

You must be a current AAR member in order to participate on the program. You must also be registered for the 2005 meeting. Persons who do not meet the membership and registration requirements by June 5, 2005, will not appear in the Program Book. To renew your membership visit our website or go online to www.aarweb.org/submissions. Annual Meeting registration opens May 15th.
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Religion in South Asia Section

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We invite proposals for fully developed paper sessions or panels on any aspect of religions in South Asia, and especially welcome those concerned with parts of South Asia other than India are especially welcome. Given the special international focus of the 2005 Annual Meeting, we encourage contributions from colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe. Proposals must be made through the online system. Individual paper proposals are not accepted. Topics suggested for the 2005 Annual Meeting are listed below; this list is by no means exhaustive or definitive. Teaching Hinduism in the survey course (John Cort, j.cort@lancio.ac.uk); can Hindus talk to Muslims? (Phyllis Herman, phyllis.k.herman@duke.edu); is there a place for women in Hinduism? (Ann Marie Paton, annmarie.paton@ioway.org); and image and word in South Asian religions (Karline McLain, kmclain@ethelbert.edu).

Study of Islam Section

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The Study of Islam Section encourages paper proposals in all areas of Islamic studies, but successful proposals will reflect theoretical and methodological sophistication and self-awareness, as well as innovative examination of Islamic societies and texts. As in all years, we welcome submissions dealing with the Qur’an, Islamic law, Sufism, gender and sexuality constructions, engagement with modernity, teaching Islam, interfaith, and other areas of general interest. The focus of most papers: 1) Pedagogy and the challenges of teaching Islam from the point of view of various disciplines (for example, history, religious studies, anthropology, etc.). 2) Contemporary Muslim intellectual and Islamic thought. (Panel proposals about one or more specific thinkers, such as for example Sorouhi, are welcome.) 3) African-American Islam. 4) Islam in public discourses. The focus of papers can be on book publications, for example books by or about Islam being presented in the media. Are there ways for scholars of Islam to influence this discourse? 5) Developing shared conversational modes and the SBL, 7). In view of the 2005 AAR focus on Eastern Europe, all topics on Islam in Eastern Europe. 8) We also welcome proposals for book panels, for example on the latest scholarship in Qur’anic studies.

Study of Judaism Section

Randi Rashkovsky, York College of Pennsylvania, W: 410-415-5839, rashkovsky@ycp.edu; Martin Kavka, Florida State University, mkevak@fsu.edu. In keeping with the international focus on Eastern Europe at next year’s Annual Meeting, we invite proposals on Judaism in Eastern Europe, past or present, from any methodological approach or subfield in the study of Judaism. We also invite proposals on the following topics: 1) portrayals of Judaism in literature; 2) religious violence; 3) ancient Jewish sources and modern Jewish thought (either the use of ancient Jewish sources in modern Jewish thought or the constructive aspects of scholarship on ancient texts); 4) Judaism and space/territory; 5) Islamic interpretations of Jewish texts; 6) Orthodox Jewish feminism; 7) and the construction of Judaism in the thought of the Frankfurt School or psychoanalytic theory. Additionally, we are hoping to co-sponsor a panel with the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group on constructions of the religious “other” in 19th-century religious thought. As always, we are also eager to receive paper and panel proposals on other issues and topics.

Groups

African Religions Group

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Papers are invited on the following themes: 1) Issues in the historiography of African religions. Topics may include the historical dimension of African indigenous religions; representations of indigenous religions in historical studies of Africa; challenges, methodological and resources in the historiography of African religions. 2) African religions in the neo-diaspora. Topics can include religions in new African immigrant communities — religions such as Pentecostalism, Sufism, or African independent Christianity. We invite discussion of migration, globalization, and transnational and contemporary African religions. 3) With the Afro-American Religious History Group, we will co-sponsor a session on the American immigrant Episcopal Church and Africa. Topics may include AME missionaries in Africa; the importance of Africa in the vision of the

Annual Meeting AV Requests

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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. This year the section especially seeks proposals on the following themes (in random order): 1) women and religion in Philadelphia; 2) women and religion in Eastern Europe; 3) methodologies in the study of the Goddess; 4) interfaith dialogue on “authoritative” texts/texts; 5) women, sacrifice, and war; 6) Katherine of Siena and the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha; 7) women human rights; 8) women and religious performance. Proposals should reflect critical awareness of the importance of race, sex, ethnicity, religious identity, class, sexuality, and/or nation to analysis on women and religion. The section especially invites proposals that facilitate dialogue across religious traditions and/or among various groups or specialists in the study of women and religion, broadly construed. Presentations that are multidisciplinary or innovative in format, that address emerging areas of scholarship or public interest, or that concern the intersection of scholarship and activism are particularly encouraged. Proposals should specify 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.

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

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The Theology and Religious Reflection Section invites proposals for the 2005 program on the following themes: 1) The relationships between varieties of evangelicalism and social change. We hope to present a panel or set of papers in which the speakers will respond from various sectors of evangelicalism (conservative evangelicalism, Hispanic evangelicalism, Sojourner evangelicals, etc.). 2) In light of the rhetoric of recent religious-political discourse, the possibility that we are seeing the emergence of a new form of civil religion. 3) The relationship between violence and images of God, especially “beyond Girard.” perhaps considering the work of Eugen Drewermann, Walter Wink, Leo Lefebvre, and others. 4) The relationship between religious language and public discourse, or religious language and economics. The relationships between religion and empire. 6) Do the Religious Right and the Religious Left employ different aesthetics? How do they imagine the beautiful? 7) Progressive Christianity and the secular Left. 8) Langton address on Tillich and on Niebuhr, for a possible joint session with the Tillich Group. Please send proposals to both program units when responding to a joint call for papers. Additionally, the Theology and Religious Reflection Section welcomes paper and panel proposals which address the intersections of theological and religious reflection with philosophical and political issues, and with questions of literary, cultural, and critical theory.

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AIME, the works of A. G. Miller, especially Elevating the Race.
Consistent with AAR’s Eastern European initiatives, we invite papers for individual papers or full panels on the following general themes: 1) the American Methodist Episcopal Church and Africa; 2) black religions and the body; 3) the methodological contributions of Dalbo to African-American religious historiography; 4) sacred images: black religious iconography in and/or the African diaspora; 5) material culture within the African-American religious experience; 6) the historic relationship between African Americans and Quakers; 7) the violence/nonviolence debate within black religions. We encourage interdisciplinary presentations that incorporate the use of video, film, or multimedia formats. Submissions will be accepted via OP3 and e-mail attachment.

Anthropology of Religion Group
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This year we propose the general themes of displacement and re-placement. “Displacement,” from urban divination and New Age initiation rituals to Pennsylvania paga, considers religion dislocated from expected contexts. “Re-placement” encompasses the search for religious “roots,” including reap-propition and reconstruction of indigenous religious practices and historical traditions, as well as intellectual and familial genealogies. And what are the methodological considerations of displacement — what do we do when theory or data doesn’t fit? We also invite proposals for a co-sponsored session with the Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation addressing ethnographies of use and performance with media broadly understood. We encourage submissions from scholars using anthropology to study diverse traditions, regions, and eras; in 2005 we hope to contribute especially to the focus on Central and Eastern Europe.

Black Theology Group
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For 2005, the Black Theology Group is calling for papers that explore the implications that theories of existence have for furthering black theological discourse. We are particularly interested in papers that bring black theology into dialogue with process studies, deconstructionist theories (i.e., poststructuralism, postcolonialism, and postmodernism), and existentialism (i.e., Kierkegaard). Topics covered may include theology, construction of the body, aesthetics, and cultural representation. In addition to individual papers, we welcome proposals for full panels. We are co-sponsoring a session with the Kierkegaard Group.

Christian Spirituality Group
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We welcome proposals that explore the relationship between the academic study of Christian spirituality and its practice, as well as proposals that employ multidisciplinary perspectives. We invite proposals (including those for complete pre-arranged sessions) on the following themes: 1) the “Peaceable Kingdom”; the religious experiment among Quakers and other Christian groups in Pennsylvania history; 2) “I’m spiritual AND religious” (how Christian communities and institutions engage persons in the spiritual quest); 3) Christian practices of spiritual guidance (models, traditions, innovations); 4) spirituality of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (for the half-century of his death); 5) spiritual practices in Eastern Christianity (co-sponsored session with Eastern Orthodox Studies Group), with papers on the Jesus Prayer and Hesychasm especially welcome, also iconography, pilgrimage, liturgy, etc.

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaism Group
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This group seeks to bring together scholars of Hinduism and Judaism to generate responsible and insightful comparative conversation with the intention of developing an alternative paradigm to the Protestant-based paradigms that have tended to dominate the academic study of religion. For the 2005 sessions we invite papers on the following themes: 1) practices associated with death and dying; 2) mothers and mothering; and 3) representations of Hindu and Jewish religious identity in films (co-sponsored with the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group). Presenters need not have expertise in both Hindu and Jewish traditions.
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**Confucian Traditions Group**
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The Confucian Traditions Group welcomes proposals on all aspects of the Confucian tradition. For the 2005 meeting, proposals concerning archaeological texts, novel directions in Confucian studies, and the relevance of Confucianism to contemporary issues (including nativism or Chinese nationalism, issues of human rights and democracy, and attitudes toward economic concerns) are particularly welcome. Full paper session or panel proposals are preferred.

**Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group**
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We invite submissions for two sessions that address any of the Mediterranean or Near Eastern religious traditions of late antiquity: 1) “The Uses of Comparison: Within, Across, and Beyond the Mediterranean World” asks how we speak about Western vs. Eastern, or regional religious forms (like Egyptian vs. Syrian, or Babylonian vs. Palestinian), by means of comparison, as well as how scholars have drawn on modern comparanda (from anthropology or European history) to understand ancient materials. 2) “Rituals of Reading,” will cover the various liturgical, commercial, prosopological, magical, and contemplative rites that surrounded the public and private reading of texts in antiquity: what did it mean to “read” a text, to oneself or others, and in what types of performative or gestural contexts did reading take place?

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**
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Submissions are invited on the following themes: 1) gender, war, and nationalism; 2) religion and the senses (the place of smell, touch, etc., limitations of visuality, anthropology of the senses); 3) Tomoko Masuzawa’s *The Invention of World Religions;* 4) reflections on the academic/media discourses that framed religion’s role in the 2004 election; 5) contested science: the plurality of forms of knowledge (religious vs. scientific claims, art/literature/experience as knowledge, etc.). Consistent with the international focus of the 2005 meeting, proposals addressing Central and Eastern European issues and approaches are especially welcome.

**Evangelical Theology Group**
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The theme for 2005 is “Evangelical Engagement with Scripture in Relationship to Theological and Ethical Issues.” Proposals can be submitted in two topical areas: 1) “Evangelical Ethics and Values.” Proposals should reflect how evangelical interpretations of scripture formulate and inform Evangelical ethics in relationship to family, social, and political values. 2) “Evangelical Theology and Scripture.” Proposals should address the use of scripture in developing an evangelical systematic theology, or how evangelicals use scripture to interpret or refine traditional biblical theologies. We also solicit proposals for potential joint sessions on evangelicalism and theology in Asian North American contexts (Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group) and worship and popular culture among Evangelicals, vis-à-vis Tillich’s theology of culture (Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group).

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**
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The Eastern Orthodox Studies Group invites proposals for papers on the following three topics: 1) all aspects of the thought and life of 20th-century Orthodox theologians from Eastern Europe; 2) theology, history, and practice of Patristic and Byzantine hymnography; and 3) spiritual practices in Eastern Christianity (co-sponsored session with Christian Spirituality Group), with papers on the Jesus Prayer and Hesychasm especially welcome, as well as papers on iconography, pilgrimage, liturgy, etc.

**PARTICIPANT FORM 2005**
(PREARRANGED SESSION)

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**Session Organizer Contact Information**

Name ___________________________
Institution _______________________
Mailing Address ___________________________
City ____________________________ State/Province ______ Country ____________
Office Phone ______________________ Home Phone ______________________
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1. PROPOSED THEME OF SESSION:

2. PROGRAM UNIT to which you are submitting this proposal:

3. PLANNED PARTICIPANTS for this session, in order of appearance:

4. AUDIO-VISUAL REQUIREMENTS for the entire session (note number needed):
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5. SCHEDULING NEEDS due to religious observance, if any:

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Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
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Papers and panel proposals are invited that critically engage feminist theory and religious reflection. Preference is given to proposals with substantial argument, and to those engaging cross-cultural perspectives, especially Eastern Europeans. We invite, in particular, papers and panels on the following: 1) feminist possession of self: autonomy, choice, control, consent; 2) subjectivity vs. agency: theories of religious being; 3) examining feminist redemption; 4) imagining, claiming, and envisioning moral values: strategies of feminist prophecy post-November 2004; 5) the steering committee will convene a panel on the topic “what is feminist theory for religion scholars?” The panel will consist of invited and submitted statements. Submissions of 500-word statements to this panel will be considered. Submissions Accepted Via: OP3

Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
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The Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group explores the intersections of gay male experience and religion, broadly conceived. This year, we are particularly interested in receiving proposals for papers on the following topics: 1) the potentially queer intersections of religious post-coloniality and gay male relationships, or the globalization of commodified queer desires; 2) ethnographic and/or phenomenological investigations of the rinalized or otherwise “religious” aspects of gay male sexuality; 3) Asian/Pacific Islander and especially Chinese religious traditions; 4) queer approaches to Islamic traditions; 5) rhetorical or cultural analyses of the role religion plays in the construction of queer sexualities and gender performances in public/political discourse. We also welcome proposals for topics not listed here and from all religious traditions. Proposals from Eastern European scholars are especially encouraged. Submissions Accepted Via: OP3

PARTICIPANT FORM 2005
(INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS)

Each presenter, panelist, respondent, and presider must fill out a form in its entirety. It is very important that the participant fill out this form. Name and institution will appear in the Program Book as indicated below (please include city name if more than one school or campus bears the name). If you are not affiliated with an institution, list city, state, or province, or write “Independent Scholar.” (Please Print in Blue or Black Ink.)

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1. TITLE OF YOUR PROPOSAL (If presenting a paper):

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2b. OTHER PROGRAM UNIT to which you are submitting this proposal, if any:

2c. OTHER PROGRAM UNIT to which you are submitting another proposal or in which you are participating, if any:

(Compiled participant form(s) must accompany each submission.)

3. YOUR ROLE in this session:

- Presiding
- Presenting (title paper)
- Responding
- Panelist (untitled presentation)
- Presiding at a Business Meeting

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Hinduism Group
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We invite panel proposals on any aspect of Hinduism in the world. We welcome proposals from scholars in other fields who wish to enter into dialogue with Hinduism based on their research. We equally encourage scholars of Hinduism to widen their dialogic perspectives. We also welcome proposals for joint sessions with other AAR units. Proposals must be made through the online system.

Individual paper proposals are not accepted. Topics suggested for the 2005 meeting are: how to speak for Hinduism (Balu Balagangadhara, bala@agsent.be); Hinduism and science (Jonathan Edelmann, jonathan.edelmann@theology.oxford.ac.uk); Bankimcandras Anandamath (Rachael McDermott, rmcdermott@barnard.edu); Basham’s ‘The Wonder That Was India’ (Sushil Mittal, mittals@jmu.edu); Hindu occidentalism (Sushil Mittal, mittals@jmu.edu); Madhva dialectics (Deepak Sarma, deepak.sarma@case.edu); diaspora of yoga practice (Frederick Smith, frederick.smith@uuw.edu); and Bhagavata Purana (Kenneth Valpey, kvalsey@uchicago.org).

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA: OP3

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
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The Indigenous Religious Traditions Group invites proposals on: 1) Categories and models scholars use to study indigenous religion. Often Western categories are inadequate to explore the deeper meanings of indigenous religion. This panel will explore the relevance and limitations of Western-derived categories and new categories derived from indigenous traditions, language, and experience. 2) Issues of violence and aggression, war, peace, and justice, as they relate to indigenous worldviews, culture, and contemporary society. Indigenous people are often the bellwether of these issues. How do the issues of war and peace relate to the contemporary life and society of indigenous peoples? What relates these traditions to the changing culture and society of our contemporary world that takes cognizance of indigenous religions and social policy?

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Islamic Mysticism Group

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The Islamic Mysticism Group encourages proposals in all areas that broadly fall under the rubric of Islamic mysticism. These include, but are not limited to, Sufism, Iṣma‘īlī, and broader Shi‘ī esoteric thought; some aspects of Islamic philosophy, and allegorical interpretations of the Qur‘ān. The group welcomes papers covering all geographical areas and all chronological periods. We encourage proposals and presentations that incorporate critical discussions of research methodologies current in the field. This year we are particularly interested in papers or panels on the following subjects: 1) Sufism and the modern; 2) contemporary studies of hadithology; 3) mysticism and aesthetics; 4) mystical metaphysics; 5) Sufi psychology; 6) Sufi reform doctrines and networks; 7) techniques of mystical pedagogy; and 8) Sufism and modern Muslim relations.

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Law, Religion, and Culture Group

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The Law, Religion, and Culture Group invites papers concerning, but not limited to, the following topics: 1) religion and the judiciary; in the U.S. and elsewhere, given heightened attentiveness to the role of religion in secular states; and 2) the project of a “genealogy of the secular” as it pertains to law, human rights, and juridical discourse. This may include comparative explorations of any historical or contemporary legal secularisms in any culture, e.g., the emergence of secularism as a juridical discourse in the modern West; the relationship between secular law and secularization more broadly, or the notion that secularism may itself be a “religion.” We are especially interested in interdisciplinary, historical, and cross-cultural work.

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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 2005 on: 1) shared mystical experiences (individual or community); 2) mysticism in Central and Eastern Europe; 3) mystical experiences: natural or unnatural?; 4) how are mystical experiences transmitted?; 5) mystical marriage; and 6) late 19th-/early 20th-century approaches to mysticism, East and West; for a session co-sponsored with the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group. For a full description of the co-sponsored session and the focus of papers desired, which can include, amongst others, gender and cultural politics, religion and gender and political culture, religion and cultural politics, religion and cultural politics, and religious experiences transmitted?

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Native Traditions in the Americas Group

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We invite individual paper and group proposals on any aspect of Native traditions of the Americas. On the occasion of the meeting in Philadelphia, we especially encourage proposals exploring: 1) Haude noutsa wa (Iroquois) Studies, including studies of Native peoples and the Constitution; 2) sovereignty, patriotism, the nation state, and Native American political traditions of peoplehood and governance; and 3) a critique of modern Western analytic conventions.

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Japanese Religions Group


The Japanese Religions Group invites proposals on the following topics: 1) Japanese religions in the media; 2) teaching Japanese religions; 3) material culture; 4) performance arts; 5) narrative genre. Proposals that integrate theoretical and methodological discussions of their work that might appeal to a broader cross-section of the academy are highly encouraged. Submissions on other topics will also be considered and we are open to co-sponsorship of panels appropriate to our unit’s mission. Creative formatting (not just 20-minute oral presentations) is encouraged. Proposals are encouraged to propose whole sessions but individual papers will certainly be considered. Please submit all proposals online.

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Kierkegaard, Opera, and Culture Group

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Two sessions are planned, one of which is to be a joint session with the Black Theology Group. Session one: We invite papers that explore Kierkegaard from the perspective of contemporary virtue ethics or contemporary virtue ethics from a Kierkegaardian perspective. This might cover unity of the virtues, relations of act to position, weakness of will, and emotions and passions. Session two: We invite proposals that under Kierkegaardian and black theology conceptions of existence to explore human suffering and the problem of evil. For example, a paper using a Kierkegaardian approach might focus on Toni Morrison’s Beloved through the lens of anxiety or despair. This joint session is meant to be a conversation; proposals might consider an ethics or a difficulty of such a venture. For this session, contact Marcia Robinson (above) and Stephen C. Ray (Black Theology Group), Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista RD, Louisville, KY 40205, USA; W: 502-992-9376; raye@ltts.org.

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Korean Religions Group

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Korean Religious Group invites papers on “Religion and Politics” which can include, but is not limited to, the topics of religion and reunification, religion and war, religion and cultural politics, religion and international politics, and religion and gender politics in the context of Korea. The topic can also include political implications of religious rituals, spiritualities and politics, religion and student movements, and Korean religions and globalization. Papers on other topics and panel proposals are also welcome.

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Latino/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

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Paper and panel proposals are invited on the following two themes: 1) political, liberatorion, cultural, or post-colonial theology; assessing the fundamental commitments of U.S. Latino/a theology; and 2) sexual diversity and Latino/a religious communities/traditions. The first session allows for proposals that critically and creatively analyze tensions regarding the nature/character of Latino/a theology or the fundamental guiding commitments of this theology (e.g., in political vision, in theoretical commitments, in methodologies, in political theology, and social justice, economic, gender, and religious impacts on the project of a “genealogy of the secular” as it pertains to law, human rights, and juridical discourse. This may include comparative explorations of any historical or contemporary legal secularisms in any culture, e.g., the emergence of secularism as a juridical discourse in the modern West; the relationship between secular law and secularization more broadly, or the notion that secularism may itself be a “religion.” We are especially interested in interdisciplinary, historical, and cross-cultural work.

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Men’s Studies in Religion Group

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Submissions are sought for two sessions: 1) “Religious Reflection on Masculinities in Context.” Responses to Soft Patriarchies, New Men: How Christianity Shapes Fathers and Husbands are especially encouraged. Papers from those who study religious traditions engaging masculinities and nationality, race, class, sexual orientation, social roles, etc., also sought. Possible themes: war, empire, age, embodiment, fathering, sports, and global economies. 2) “Masculinities and Disabilities” (joint session with the Religion and Disability Studies Group). This session will explore issues related to the intersections of religion, disability studies, and the critical study of men and masculinities. Possible themes: men, disabilities, and religion; the disabled male body and theologies of embodiment; constructions of devalued men within religious traditions; gendered images of disability; religious impacts on mal/disabled identity; implications of the “Disabled Christ.”

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applied to Native traditions; and/or 4) migration, environmental racism, ecology, and Native lands (for a possible joint session with the Religion and Ecology Group). Proposals must be submitted electronically either by OP3 or by e-mail w/attachment to both co-chairs.

**New Religious Movements Group**
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Proposals are invited on the following topics: 1) NRMs in Central and Eastern Europe; 2) NRMs in Pennsylvania, and particularly in Philadelphia; 3) the overlap of, tensions between, or historical emergence of Neopagan and New Age movements; 4) NRMs and science fiction/fantasy, especially children's literature; 5) NRMs and their sacred texts; 6) new religions and Tantras (to be cosponsored with the Religion and Popular Culture Group). Please consult the officers so as to submit both to us. Also, we welcome papers on all aspects of the study of NRMs.

**Nineteenth-Century Theology Group**
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1) "Ernst Troeltsch as Historian of Protestantism": papers exploring the significance of his "Protestantische Christentum und Kirche in der Neuzeit," "Protestantism and Progress," and Troeltsch's shorter essays on Luther, Calvin, and the Reformation. Walter Wyman serves as the contact for this session.
2) "Judaic Interpretations of Christianity/Christian Interpretations of Judaism" (joint session with the Study of Judaism Section): on how major figures of 19th-century religious thought formulated the religious "other." Mark Hadley serves as the contact for this session.
3) "Late 19th-/Early 20th-Century Approaches to Mysticism, East and West" (joint session with Mysticism Group). See groups’ websites for expanded call. Neal Douglas-Klotz and Harvey Hill both serve as the contacts for this session.

**Person, Culture, and Religion Group**
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Please do not contact PCR chairs directly to submit papers — use OP3 system only. Proposals are invited on 1) the psychodynamics of religious violence. Topics might include the psychodynamics of aggression; otherness, hybridity, and the role of the other; war and holy war; etc. 2) the psychodynamics of anomalous experience and the non-unitive self. How, historically and in current theory, has psychology attempted to explain the unexplainable? Proposals might engage classical and relational psychoanalysis; self psychology and intersubjectivity theory; Jungian and transpersonal psychology; psychotherapy; etc. 3) (co-sponsored with Wesleyan Studies) Proposals employing social-scientific, historical, and/or theological approaches to such categories as conversion, sanctification, social holiness, and/or other transformations in Wesleyan traditions (see, for example, Haarmann's new preliminary study Watching and Praying). Other proposals on psychology and religion welcome. For contact information and details, please consult the PCR Web site: pca-aar-home.att.net.

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**
Willemien Otten, Utrecht University, W: +31-31-30-253-1843, wotten@geo.uu.nl. Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, W: 508-565-1355, gshaw@stonehill.edu.

"Neoplatonism, Dead or Alive: Is Neoplatonism a Living Tradition?" Scholarly consensus agrees that Neoplatonism begins with Plotinus (3rd century CE), but there is no agreement as to its end. Did the closing of the Athenian school under Damaascus (6th century CE) mark the demise of Neoplatonism in the strict sense, forcing it to survive solely in Christian, Jewish, and Muslim expressions? Or did the tradition go underground, surfacing only when cultural conditions allowed? Or does a combination of these scenarios apply? We invite papers that address the question of whether Neoplatonism constitutes a living tradition today, either within the dominant religions of the West or in new, lesser known communities or individuals that have claimed a direct link with the neoplatonic teachers of late antiquity.

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**
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We are seeking papers or panel proposals for 2005 that take up the following topics (in no particular order): 1) reevaluating classical pragmatism: the critiques of Royce and Santayana; 2) pragmatism, empiricism, and evolution; 3) pragmatism, empiricism, and critical science; 4) pragmatism and pluralism (religious, ontological, epistemological); 5) the relevance of Brandom to contemporary pragmatism and religious thought. Other paper or panel proposals relevant to pragmatism and empiricism in American religious thought are also very welcome. We extend the complete proposals online, or e-mail to both co-chairs.

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**
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Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, nmt@uchile.berkeley.edu; Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, jsolano@fullerton.edu
1) Religion, politics, and activism: reflections on the role of religion in politics today, especially but not uniquely in Cuba, Brazil, and Venezuela. Sub-topics include: activist spirituality and egalitarian movements; new reflections on Mon. Romero’s activism and legacy. 2) Sexuality, religion, and health. Topics related to the connection between sexual morality and the religious ideology behind them, and the lived expression of this relationship in the health of Latin Americans. Race as factor. 3) Liberation in non-Christian traditions in Latin America and the Caribbean. 4) Rethinking popular religion. Critical readings of popular religious rites in Latin America and/or their transnational reception in the U.S. 5) With Latin/o/a Religion, Culture, and religion. 6) Science and religion; cognitive science, evolution, or complexity pragmatist and empiricist approaches to religion and science; 5) dark side of the sacred; 6) religious primitivism and religion and legislation. This year we welcome. Papers should attend to theory and method. This year we are encouraging papers that seek to continue the conversation on this topic.

Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group
The Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group invites proposals on all aspects of the relationship between religion and the state, both domestically, internationally, historic and contemporary, and employing a diversity of methods. Possible topics include religion and politics (including political discourse); religion and the courts (including court decisions); religion and legislation. This year we especially seek proposals addressing two topics: 1) religion and the politics of values; and 2) American empire and religion (see the Open and Relational Theologies Consultation call for papers for more on this co-sponsored topic). Submissions generally will focus on issues related to the political dimensions of religion in the U.S. and will be considered in any religious tradition or in the context of any legal, political and/or social setting.

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Marla Selvidge, Central Missouri State University, marla.selvidge@cmsu.edu. Susan Whitehead-Saoust, Department of Religion and Women’s Studies, University of Minnesota, swwhiteley@umn.edu.
We invite paper proposals on two topics: 1) religions working together toward peace and justice. We seek proposals presenting contemporary case studies on specific social conflicts, and how the conflict addressed has been actively engaged by two or more religious groups joining forces. The conflict addressed in the case study and analysis may be civil, local, regional, international, or transnational in nature. 2) Christian mystical theology and social activism: how does Christian mysticism warrant the public engagement of social activism? We invite both methodological and systematic reflections on this issue. This session will be co-sponsored by the Christian Systematic Theology Section.

Religion and Science Group
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, gpeterson@sdstate.edu; Lisa Stenmark, San Jose State University, jsolano@fullerton.edu
The Religion and Science Group is inviting proposals for panels on the following topics: 1) globalized popular cultures; 2) politics, patriotism, and the culture of fear; 3) religion and parody; 4) animals; 5) dark side of the sacred; 6) religious dimensions of technology; 7) class analysis and popular culture; 8) religion and dance; 9) other interesting topics. 

Religious Studies Group
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The group is committed to examining the religious dimensions of the Holocaust and/or other episodes of genocide in all their manifestations. Keeping in mind that 2005 marks both the 60th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, we are interested in proposals exploring how narratives of moral and political responsibility both reinforce and challenge dominant collective memory narratives. The group encourages proposals for individual papers or full sessions concerning testimony/testifying and/or the social construction of memory.

Ritual Studies Group
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We invite proposals on the following topics: pedagogy in the ritual studies classroom (in non-sectarian university settings); ritual and the courts; negotiating and planning rituals; civic rites; symbols, texts, and visual literacy in ritual; ritual and imitation/ritual and mimetic action; ritual life in Central and Eastern Europe. Individual paper and panel proposals are welcome. Papers should attend to theory and method. This year we are encouraging papers that seek to continue the conversation from 2004 and set forth issues for future research.

Schleiermacher Group
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This will be the second year of the group’s reexamination of Schleiermacher’s magnum opus, The Christian Faith. In 2004 we focused on Part I. This year we shall focus on Part II. We particularly encourage proposals on topics typically included in the “article” (e.g., God, the human person). We will consider papers on any issue in the Christian Faith.

Society Group
Tony S. L. Michael, University of California, Berkeley, tml@berkeley.edu; Lisa Stenmark, San Jose State University, jsolano@fullerton.edu.
With Latina/o Religion, Culture, and religion. Critical readings of popular religious rites in Latin America and/or the connection between sexual politics, patriotism, and the culture of fear; 3) religion and parody; 4) animals; 5) dark side of the sacred; 6) religious dimensions of technology; 7) class analysis and popular culture; 8) religion and dance; 9) other interesting topics.

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Tillich Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

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Papers using the theology/philosophy of Paul Tillich (or relating to his thought) are invited on these themes: 1) public theology and democracy; 2) God, being, and God beyond being; 3) Langdon Gilkey on Tillich and on Niebuhr (possible joint session with the Theology and Religious Reflection Section); 4) worship and popular culture, including among Evangelicals, vis-à-vis Tillich’s theology of culture (possible joint session with Evangelical Theology Group); 5) black and/or womanist theology; 6) academic teaching and the study of religion. Tillich-related papers on other themes will be considered, with specific themes for sessions determined by the merit of proposals received. A winning student paper will receive the $300 Annual Tillich Prize. Please respond to both program units when proposing a paper for a joint session.

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Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

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We invite proposals that consider the contributions of continental philosophy to theologies concerned with radical democracy and/or bearing witness in a time of political upheaval. Proposals might address these issues through a response to questions of borders and boundaries, nomadism and sedentarism, or theory and activism, among others. Proposals from scholars working in any religious tradition are welcome. We particularly solicit proposals that consider these topics (or others that link religious thought and continental philosophy) via engagement with Islam.

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Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

José I. Cabestín, University of California, Santa Barbara, jcabestin@religion.ucsb.edu. Kurtis R. Schauff, University of Alabama, kschaeff@bama.ua.edu.

The mission of the Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group is to create an environment that promotes conversation between different approaches to the study of Tibetan and Himalayan religions. Five panel proposals for the 2005 meeting were suggested at the business meeting of the 2004 meeting: 1) Buddhist kingship in Tibet; 2) divination in Tibetan religion; 3) conceptions of Tibet as sacred place; 4) the impact of Indian material culture on Tibetan religion; 5) contributions of foreign visitors to Tibetan religion. Paper submissions to the above panels are welcome, as are complete panel proposals or individual paper proposals on other topics relating to Tibetan and Himalayan religions. Please address queries to José I. Cabestín and Kurtis R. Schauff.

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Scriptural Reasoning Group

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Sessions of the Scriptural Reasoning Group bring together Jewish, Christian, and Muslim thinkers for reflection on a theme through the study of scriptural texts. Each paper should present in detail a single, brief scriptural passage (drawn on both textual scholarship and the scripture’s reception history) and suggest how it addresses the contemporary reader’s interest in the theme. Participants will be expected to submit draft papers in July, and to revise their papers in conversation with each other. This year we invite proposals in the following areas: 1) prophecy and the rejection of prophecy; 2) scripture and democracy; 3) learning and teaching (possibly, but not necessarily, developing ideas from our 2004 session).

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Wesleyan Studies Group

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The group is open to any proposals providing historical or constructive engagement with the Wesleys or Wesleyan/Methodist traditions. This year we particularly solicit papers in these areas: 1) joint session with Person, Culture, and Religion Group; Papers are invited which explore conversion, sanctification, social holiness, or other forms of transformation in Wesleyan traditions from social scientific, historical, and/or theological perspectives (see, for example, Keith Haarman’s new psychoanalytic study, Watching and Praying). 2) pan-Methodism: Papers are invited which study the relationship between the AME, CME, AME Zion, Union American ME, and UMC. Examples include but are not limited to distinctive doctrinal emphases, the relation between Wesleyan and black theology, historic divisions, and possibilities and/or obstacles to union.

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American studies, art history, history, history of religions, literature, philosophy, religious studies, sociology, and the full range of academic disciplines and fields that bear upon this area of study. Because the AAR will be meeting in Philadelphia, close to Bryn Athyn, we welcome papers dealing with Swedenborgians and related currents. Consistent with the international focus of the 2005 meeting, proposals addressing Central and Eastern European issues and approaches are especially welcome.

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group

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The group invites papers or panels exploring 1) black women’s religious experience; 2) interdisciplinary implications on black women’s religious experience; 3) womanist sacred texts in literature and performance; 4) the black body as icon; 5) violence and metaphysics; and 6) reflections on the life of Alice Walker.

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Zen Buddhism Seminar
Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Department of Religion and Philosophy, 700 College DR, Decorah, IA 52101, USA; kopfj@luther.edu. Jin Y. Park, American University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20016, USA; W: 202-885-2919; F: 202-885-1094; jypark@american.edu.

Topic: Zen thought. What is Zen thought or Zen ideology? How are Buddhist concepts of dependent co-arising, causality, karma, or enlightenment interpreted in Zen Buddhism? Is enlightenment sudden or gradual? What is Buddha nature or one mind? What is Zen ethics? How do we evaluate the legacy of Suzuki or Critical Buddhism?

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Papers are invited on the theme “Augustine and Community.” We are seeking a diversity of approaches, including but not limited to historical, sociological, and theological analyses of Augustine’s communities: 1) the Church (especially in Africa), monastic life, family, friendship; 2) Augustine’s thought on the common good, on the civitas, on the “massa”; 3) receptions of Augustinian notions related to community, both historical and contemporary, including questions of historiography (especially in recent work by Peter Brown).

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Augustine and Augustinianisms Consultation

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We invite proposals for the following sessions:
1) “Orphans and Adoption as Matters of Sex, Race, and Poverty: Interfaith Perspectives”- explorations of diverse religious perspectives on orphans and adoption by scholars from all areas, with possible focus on Christian or Jewish grounds for adoption; Modern care of orphans and prohibition of adoption; foster care; the role of gender or race in adoption; market aspects of U.S. adoptions from developing countries; wanted and unwanted children.
2) “Children, Women, War, and Politics” (co-sponsored with Women and Religion Section): Theoretical and practical religious explanations for and responses to children and women as victims, inheritors, and perpetrators of warfare, including such topics as child soldiers; inheritance of hatred and violence; war orphans; and healing of various wartime traumas.

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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 speak not just to scholars, but more broadly to the public as well. Nominees for this award do not have to be AAR members. Nominate online at www.aarweb.org/awards/marty or mail the name of nominee, his or her affiliation, and supporting information so that it is received by January 21, 2005, to Marty Nominations, AAR, 825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, USA.

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**Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation**

Christopher Moreman, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 525 Rear School ST, Indiana, PA 15701, USA; e_moreman@hotmail.com; Kathleen Garcia-Foley (University of California, Santa Barbara), 610 Dulce DR, Oxnard, CA 93036, USA; kgarcia Foley@hotmail.com.

The focus of this consultation is broad, encompassing all aspects of the study of death, including, but not limited to: rituals of death and dying; beliefs in the afterlife; ethics; bereavement; psychology of dying; anomalous experiences with the afterlife; comparative studies of beliefs and/or rituals. The theme for 2005 is “Continuities and Discontinuities in Approaches to Death.” Proposals examining questions such as how approaches to death have shifted historically and into the modern age; discussions of contemporary approaches to death and dying; the changing roles of medicine, science, and religion in the death process; or comparative studies across cultures or historical periods will be considered. Papers relating to any aspect of the study of death from any religious tradition or methodological approach will also be considered.

**Open and Relational Theologies Consultation**

Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, goord@nmu.edu.

For our session, “Theologies of Mision in a Pluralistic Age,” we seek proposals considering the contributions open and relational theologies might make to interreligious dialogue. Are there limits to how “open” an open and relational theology should be to other traditions? What might an open and relational theological apologetic be in a pluralistic age? We are also cosponsoring the session “American Empire and Religion” with Religious Freedoms, Public Life, and the State Group. We encourage descriptive and prescriptive proposals. Does the United States act as an empire? If not, how not? If so, in what ways is it imperialistic? Upon what resources might religious traditions draw to answer these questions? Does religion in America embrace or oppose global domination?

**Foucault Consultation**

Tom Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Religious Studies Department, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053, USA; tbeaudoin@scu.edu.

The Foucault Consultation welcomes proposals for papers or panels in two primary areas: 1) Exploring Foucault’s work on Islam, especially in the context of his writings concerning Iran; we also welcome more general engagements with Islamic studies that are informed by Foucault. 2) On constructive philosophies and theologies of religion “after” Foucault; for example, how scholarship in philosophy or theology of religion proceeds from perspectives strongly informed and animated by Foucault. In addition, papers or panels on any topic that relate Foucault to religious or theological inquiry will be considered.

**Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation**

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The Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation invites proposals for papers that explore the intersections of LGBT studies and queer theory with the study of religion. We are especially interested in the following topics: 1) comparisons across genders in LGBT religious studies; 2) applications of queer theory to any aspect of the study of religion; 3) the potential impact of religious studies on the future development of queer theory; and 4) developing bisexual and/or transgender studies in religion.

**Religion and Sexuality Consultation**

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We invite proposals on religion and sexuality, broadly conceptualized but focused on questions of why and how sex matters to religious persons, communities, or traditions. Topics may be historical or contemporary, and we especially encourage interdisciplinary approaches, interest in gender (broadly defined), and strong attention to theoretical and methodological issues. A multiplicity of topics and practices will be considered, examples of which may include polygamous relationships and complex marriage; debates over “free love” and celibacy; LGBT communities producing religious life; sex in religious practice; various forms of sex work; sex mysticism; censorship; pornography; erotica; sexual abuse scandals; or other current controversies in religion and sexuality. We welcome innovative program formats that allow for in-depth discussion, such as a round-table panel on the state of research in the area of religion and sexuality, or cross-cultural approaches to the topic.
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Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation
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The Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation invites proposals for papers and panels in three broad areas for 2005: 1) the role of media and transnational media flows in interreligious conflicts and peace building efforts; 2) ethnographies of performance and audience, with media broadly understood, for a possible co-sponsored session with the Anthropology of Religion Group; 3) teaching religion with and through the media, teaching about the media as a “religious text,” and/or the media as a mediating structure of knowledge about religion, for a possible co-sponsored session with the Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section. While we prefer proposals on the above themes, the consultation will also consider proposals or panels that focus upon any aspect of the intersections between religion, media, and culture.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED VIA:

Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation
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“Map and Reality: Evolving Sacred Spaces in Asia.” This consultation solicits various methodological approaches to topics such as: 1) UNESCO World Heritage Sites (especially their early modern history and religious context before WHS designation, conservation, the effects of international recognition, contemporary economics and relations amongst males/females, pilgrims, tourists, vendaks, clerics, local communities, government officials). Other relevant areas of inquiry will also be considered. 2) Issues of authenticity and authority. What constitutes a “real” religious site in Asia and who decides? 3) Projecting Asia (the use of Asian sacred space in classic and contemporary film, television, or other popular media). 4) Recycled, reconfigured, or reconstructed sacred spaces in Asia or other host countries.

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Dear AAR colleagues,

During my term as president I have been privileged to serve with generous and productive colleagues who devote much time and attention to the advancement of scholarship and the organization. Over and over, in chairing meetings of the full Board of Directors as well as those of the Academy’s Executive Committee, I have been struck by the deep and abiding dedication that our colleagues bring to this important collegial service.

This year the American Academy of Religion has continued to move forward with the implementation of its Centennial Strategic Plan. One aspect of that implementation, the April 2003 Board decision to hold independent annual meetings after 2007, offers all of us an opportunity to rethink the structure and format of our yearly gathering. We are all familiar with the limitations of the current system, a planning format that builds the program on the basis of time slots that can accommodate four or five sequential papers or presentations. Do we want to reframe this format into the future? Or do we want to experiment with other formats? In the last decade, pressure on program space has mounted every year. The growth of existing program units has been constrained and new initiatives struggle to find a place on the program. With the additional space offered by stand-alone meetings, can we relieve some of this mounting pressure? Can we also plan prospectively to expand our programming into previously underrepresented areas of our field?

These questions and concerns prompted the Board to authorize the formation of a Task Force on the Annual Meeting. As I undertook the work of creating this Task Force, I felt supremely fortunate in being able to attract a major scholar in our field and a past AAR president, Judith Berling, to the leadership of this initiative. In consultation with the Executive Committee and our Executive Director, Judith and I solicited the participation of a superb group of colleagues: Jon Brockopp, Frank Clooney, Bill Dyrness, Kwok Pui Lan, Steve Tipton, and Emily Townes. The Task Force has proven to be remarkably productive and their creative and insightful report will be the subject of wide discussion within our Academy. As this discussion proceeds, I look forward to the fullest possible participation of our membership.

Two other goals of our Centennial Strategic Plan seek (a) “to advance publication and scholarly communication in the field” and (b) “to contribute to the public understanding of religion.” Work toward the realization of these goals is already well launched. The various forms of scholarly and professional communication that our organization supports continue to grow and to reach new audiences. Our arrangements with Oxford University Press have offered an enhanced distribution for successful series and contributed to their further expansion. As we thank Glen Yocum for his years of editorial leadership, our Journal of the American Academy of Religion moves now through its transition to a new editor in January 2006, Charles Mathews. Our quarterly newsletter, Religious Studies News, draws members and AAR staff into a collaborative venture that spans all scholarly areas and professional venues of our field. The semi-annual Spotlight on Teaching, under the able editorial direction of Taos Nusum, has energized pedagogical exploration and development. A more recent online venture, ReligionSource (www.religionsource.org), has garnered widespread acclaim from journalists and quickly achieved an impressive usage record as a database of experts in the many areas and aspects of the study of religion. These various forms of communication afford us opportunities for both scholarly exchange and the broader dissemination of our multiple areas of expertise. They increase our ability to connect with an audience well beyond that of our students and colleagues.

All of these new and continuing initiatives attest to the vitality and the visibility of our Academy. They draw us together in collaborative ventures that advance our field and that support our vocations as scholars and teachers. None would be possible without the volunteer leadership and service demonstrated by so many of our colleagues and without the superb professional support that Barbara DeConcini and her staff unstintingly provide. We owe them our gratitude and appreciation and, in the name of the entire membership of the AAR, I would like to end this letter and my year as president with a very sincere word of thanks to them all.

Jane Dammcn Mculiffe

A Message from the President

Centennial Strategic Plan 2004–2009

Vision

The American Academy of Religion (AAR) is the preeminent scholarly and professional society in the field of religion, recognized as the field’s leader in critical scholarship; teaching and learning about religion; and resources for pedagogy, programs, the professoriate, and the public understanding of religion.

Mission

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.

As a learned society and professional association of teachers and research scholars, the American Academy of Religion has over 9,500 members, most of whom teach in more than 1,500 colleges, universities, seminaries, and schools in North America and abroad. The Academy is dedicated to furthering knowledge of religions in all their forms and manifestations. This is accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, research support, publications, professional development and outreach programs, and member services.

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

Goals

To accomplish this mission, the AAR sets forth the following goals:

1. To promote research and scholarship in the field of religion.
2. To foster excellence in teaching and learning in the field.
3. To facilitate our members’ professional development.
4. To develop [programming and participation] in AAR regional groups.
5. To advance publication and scholarly communication in the field.
6. To contribute to the public understanding of religion.
7. To welcome into our conversation the various voices in the field of religion and to support and encourage diversity within the Academy.
8. To enhance awareness of the international context for the study of religion and to increase involvement in the AAR by scholars and teachers from around the globe.
9. To advance and secure the future of the academic study of religion.

Strategic Objectives

As we prepare for the Academy’s centennial in 2005, 100 years from the founding of its predecessor organization, we identify the following strategic objectives. The attention given to these objectives simply highlights them for special focus within the AAR’s continuing commitment to current and ongoing programs and services.

1. To attract new members to the AAR.
   The notable growth of the AAR membership over the past ten years still leaves many scholars and teachers in the field of religion unaffiliated with the AAR. Both the field and the Academy will be stronger and intellectually richer if these colleagues choose to join our ranks.
2. To enhance the role of the AAR in the profession.
   As a professional association, the AAR includes among its primary responsibilities collecting and analyzing data about the field; monitoring trends in the profession that affect individuals and departments (e.g., the increasing use of adjunct teachers, the tension of tenure, the growing corporate culture in college and university administration); keeping members apprised of such developments; and taking action whenever appropriate on behalf of the field and its professors.
3. To enhance the identity of the AAR within the larger scholarly community.
   As the field of religion continues to develop and to change its contours, there is growing interest and need to relate the field to cognate fields. At the same time, we have not yet made a thoroughly convincing case for our field within the liberal arts setting, among college and university administrators and colleagues.
4. To clarify the identity and mission of the AAR vis-à-vis other scholarly societies in religion, holding stand-alone annual meetings beginning in 2008.

Currently the number of scholarly societies dedicated to the study of...
My words of greeting in the Annual Report usually address one of the major activities of the past year. This year, I am taking as my inspiration Jane McAuliffe’s generous words about the AAR’s Office staff. Many, if not most, of our members identify the AAR with the Annual Meeting. But, as these annual reports aim to display, the AAR is engaged in a broad array of programs and services for members. The 12 people I recognize and celebrate here are the folks who make it all happen. They are the unsung gold medalists of the Academy, the cream in our coffee, the salt in our stew—you get the idea. So let me introduce you to the extraordinary and extraordinarily devoted members of the executive office team.

Kyle Cole is Associate Director of Religious Studies, a position he has held since 2001. He is our chief media officer. Before joining the AAR staff, Kyle was a journalism professor at Baylor University, having earned a Master of Journalism degree at the University of Missouri. A Texan by birth, he has lived in Atlanta for the past three years. When he is not working, Kyle is an outdoorsman. He’s also enjoying being a newlywed.

Joe DeRose is Director of Membership and Technology Services, a position he has held since 1999. He manages all AAR data, emergency communications with our members, and technological solutions. He came to the AAR from Emory University’s Department of Medicine, where he worked on a much smaller scale for the Board Review Course in Internal Medicine. A native Atlantan, Joe earned the BA in Political Science (Emory University) and the JD (Atlanta). He is self-taught (or perhaps a direct infusion by the BA in Political Science (Emory University) and the JD (Atlanta)).

Ina Ferrell is Accounting Manager. She joined the AAR in February 2000. Ina earned the Certificate of Directors, Accounting at Mercer University. Before coming to AAR, she worked in the accounting department at Scholars Press; at the Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance Company (25+ years) as rating specialist, audit examiner and supervisor; and at Rich’s Department Store (10+ years) as bookkeeper. At the AAR, her responsibilities include the full range of financial operations for an annual budget in excess of $2 million. Ina is a native Atlantan. In her spare time, she likes to dabble in writing and enjoys doing fun things with her family.

John Harrison is our Director of Finance and Operations. Before realizing that religion and industry have much in common, John worked for ten years in the pulp and paper industry as a conference planner and director of international activities. Prior to that, he was a YMCA district director (five years). John grew up in Atlanta in the 1960’s, attended high school in Germany, earned the BS (biology and psychology) from the University of Georgia, and the MBA at Georgia State. John teaches an occasional Sunday school class, but, apart from that, he likes to spend time with his wife and two young children.

Steve Herrick manages the AAR’s government and media relations in his role as Director of External Relations and Religious Resources. Before joining the AAR staff in 1994, he worked for Amnesty International in New York City and Atlanta, managed food stores in Oregon, and taught middle school social studies in Dallas. He earned the MA in political science, focusing on religion and law, and the BA (Texas Christian University) in history and German. He enjoys swimming in lakes and reading literary nonfiction.

Myesha D. Jenkins is Administrative Supervisor, a position she has held since 2002. She’s the one who manages all our administrative support operations. She’s staff liaison for the Task Force on Student Planning, Student Liaison Group, and Bookstore Juries. Before joining the AAR, Myesha worked as a lead client advocate and volunteer manager at two metro Atlanta domestic violence shelters. She currently holds the BA (SFS) in political science (Emory University) and the MA in Political Theology (Princeton Theological Seminary). Myesha is currently pursuing a degree in Nursing at Georgia State University. Her research interests include the interface between religion and health and ethical issues in death and dying. She has lived in Atlanta all her life and loves the city’s wonderful foliage and diversity. When not working, she enjoys family, school social events, and general six-year-old daughter, Vashri, and her loving and supportive husband, Larry. She finds time to volunteer in the inpatient unit of the local community hospital’s cancer center.

Aidlin Jones has been the Annual Meeting Program Director since January 2002. She manages the myriad logistical, planning, and programming details that go into coordinating a meeting for 8,800 attendees. Aidlin is a graduate of the University of Georgia (public relations) and is currently completing her dissertation for the PhD in Religious Studies (University of Stirling). Before returning to graduate school, she was a Web developer for IBM. A rare beast known as the native Atlantan, Aidlin is pleased that working at the AAR allows her to live near her family and friends. In all of her spare time, Aidlin is interested in travel, greyhound and fine cuisine, sewing, and other crafting projects.

Allya Macdonald has been working as an Administrative Assistant for the AAR since 2003. She has a BA in religion and philosophy from the University of Georgia. Before coming to the AAR, Allya worked at Borders Books & Music and Emory University Bookstore. She is currently completing an anthropology in pottery at the Clovis Fine Arts Center in Atlanta. She is planning to pursue a MFA degree in ceramic arts in 2006.

Shelly Roberts is the Academic Relations Program Manager. She works primarily on the production of Religious Studies News—AAR Edition and on directing the annual Employment Information Services Center. She is from Tallahassee, Florida and earned a BA at Florida State University in International Affairs, with a concentration in international studies. She worked for five years as the office manager of Young Actors Theater, also in Tallahassee, before she came to the AAR two years ago. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, hiking, and creating nonfiction books, garden, and cook gourmet meals.

Susan Snider joined the AAR in 2001 as Administrative Assistant for the Religious Resources scholar database and Web site. Before joining the AAR, Susan worked for Scholars Press, owned an antiques business, and worked in banking. She’s a graduate of Wesleyan College, with a BA in philosophy and religion and theater. Born in Florida, Susan moved to Atlanta in 1980.

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Barbara DeConcini
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Kathryn Kleinhaus, Warburg College
Laurie Louise Paron, Emory University
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University
Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton

Employment Information Services Advisory
Carey J. Gifford, Chair, American Academy of Religion
Debra Mukadoshi, Beloit College
Wade Clark Roof, University of California, Santa Barbara

Independent Annual Meeting
Judith Berlin, Chair, Graduate Theological Union
Jonathan E. Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University
Francis X. Clooney, Boston College

Religion in the Schools
Marcia Beauchamp, Chair, California Institute of Integral Studies
Betty DeBerg, University of Northern Iowa
Bruce Grele, California State University, Chico

Religion and Disabilities
Kerry Wynn, Chair, Southeast Missouri State University
Kent A. Eaton, Bethel Seminary, San Diego
Mary Jo Inzio, Barry University
F. Rachel Magdalene, Appalachian State University
J. Eric Pridmore, Drew University

Awards for Excellence
M. David Ekel, Coordinator of Juries, Boston University

Analytical–Descriptive Studies
Catherine M. Bell, Santa Clara University
Martin Riesebruch, University of Chicago

Constructive–Reflective Studies
Lindell E. Cady, Arizona State University
Julia A. Lamp, Georgetown University
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College

Historical Studies
Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University
Bruce W. Lawrence, Duke University

Best First Book in the History of Religions
Alan F. Segal, Chair, Barnard College, Columbia University
John Carman, Harvard Divinity School

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**Access and Disability Issues**

The AAR benefits from its Task Force on Religion and Disabilities, which was chartered by the Board in 2002 to advise the organization on issues of accessibility. At its 2003 meeting, the AAR Board extended the tenure of the Task Force until 2006.

The AAR also benefits from executive office staff who are familiar with disability issues, including one who is disabled and two others who have worked with disabled persons for many years.

While this report focuses on the AAR's broad commitment to accessibility issues as well as recent innovations, a page containing detailed information about specific aspects of the AAR's work is maintained separately from this report, and can be found at www.aarweb.org/policies/accessibility/default.asp.

**Improvements in 2004**

The AAR redoubled its efforts to ensure Annual Meeting accessibility to persons with disabilities by sending the chair of the Task Force on Religion and Disabilities, along with the staff liaison to that task force, to San Antonio this spring. Their trip was intended to identify accessibility problems and to familiarize themselves with the environment. This expedition resulted in recommendations to the Annual Meeting Program Director that will benefit members with disabilities.

The AAR also augmented Annual Meeting information online with a page that describes the accessibility environment in San Antonio: www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2004/accessibility.asp. This page details the AAR Taxi Reimbursement Policy, provides disability-specific transit information, and lists services that may be important to persons with disabilities. It is expected that this will be a regular part of the Annual Meeting pages in the future.

**Communications with Members**

The AAR has found many virtues in online communications with members, including the benefit to the environment (avoiding the waste of paper) and the lower cost (keeping dues down and focusing resources on areas that benefit members). Prime among these benefits, however, is that persons with visual impairments can access materials as easily as nondisabled members. Further, while many members continue to be produced in print because print versions remain useful to our members, duplication of those materials on the Web site directly benefits AAR members who are visually impaired. We are pleased to report that all AAR print publications — JAAR, Religious Studies News—AAR, Spotlight on Teaching, the membership directory, and the Annual Meeting program book — are available online at or before the time of publication.

The AAR has established policies pertaining to its Web site to keep it accessible to persons with visual impairments.

The AAR has advised its front-office staff on receiving calls via telecommunications devices for the deaf (TTDs).

**Recycling**

The AAR participates in all available Emory University recycling programs, including white paper, colored paper, and magazine/newspaper recycling. On its own, the AAR collects and recycles aluminum cans. And toner cartridges are returned to the manufacturer for recycling.

**Alternative Transportation**

As an affiliate of Emory University, the AAR is eligible to participate in the Emory University Alternative Transportation Program. Several of the AAR's 13 employees participate in one or more alternative transportation programs, including carpooling, telecommuting, using public transportation, and bicycling. Another employee drives a hybrid car to minimize his impact on the environment.

Additionally, the AAR has set up IT infrastructure to make it easier for employees to telecommute; several AAR employees telecommute one or more days a week.

Through 2004, AAR employees who are enrolled in alternative transportation programs have been eligible to use the Emory University fleet of Ford Th!nk electric vehicles. Where possible, office strainers have been completed using these vehicles.

**Membership Trends**

AAR membership has grown substantially since 1994, with 2003 membership figures over 35 percent higher than at the beginning of this ten-year period. A small decline in membership in 2000 (probably related to the dissolution of Scholars Press and, with it, the joint AAR/SBL membership on a single form) was reversed in 2001. The 2003 membership was the highest in the AAR's history. Regular membership typically accounts for about 64 percent of the total; student membership has been steady at or near 30 percent; and the remainder of the membership is in the retired category. AAR memberships run for the calendar year.

**Infrastructure**

The American Academy of Religion is headquartered at the Luce Center, which the AAR owns jointly with the Society of Biblical Literature. During the building's planning and construction, the AAR worked with the architects to create an environment that is functional, attractive, and of low impact to the environment.

This is the first of what is expected to be an annual report on the AAR's commitment to, and progress on, environmental issues as they affect our operations. It is hoped that this report will provide us with benchmarks for improving this commitment, as well as information on progress we have made.

**Communications to Members and Others**

The AAR has made the decision to benefit the environment by prioritizing member-ship communications in electronic format — Web site updates and e-mail notices — in lieu of printed communications. To that end, we do the following:

• The AAR Web site provides as much interactivity as possible, allowing members to retrieve and update information without using paper. (Paper options for membership records still exist, of course, for members who lack access to the Internet or who simply prefer to use paper.)

• Communications that are not of long-term interest are produced online, such as Openings and In the Field. (Publications that members might wish to read at their leisure are printed on paper and mailed.) The AAR uses a monthly e-Bulletin to communicate timely information to members without exhausting any nonrenewable resource.

• For 2004, we inaugurated a system of sending the first membership renewal message by e-mail, with follow-up when necessary by surface mail. It is hoped that this will substantially reduce our use of paper in this membership cycle.

• Openings In the Field

• Corporate Culture Reducing and Reusing

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• For print versions of the membership renewal mailing, we use materials with an eye on environmental responsibility:

  • All paper used in the inserts and envelopes contains some recycled content.

  • All links used in the printing are soy based.

  • The envelopes do not contain the cel-lophane window, so they can be recy-cled in regular white paper bins.

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### Future AAR Annual Meeting Dates and Sites

- **2005** Philadelphia, PA, November 19–22
- **2006** Washington, D.C., November 18–21
- **2007** San Diego, CA, November 17–20
- **2008** Chicago, IL, October 25–28
- **2009** Montreal, Canada, November 7–10
- **2010** TBA
- **2011** San Francisco, CA, November 26–29

### Outreach

#### Resources for Media


The AAR promoted Religionsource at seven annual conventions of various journalist associations, and Religionsource has been added to the search engine directories of Google.com, Axon.com, Any Search Info (search-info.com), InternetResources.com, NetServe.com, Just-Religion-Links.com, and LTN.net (Spanish-language search engine).

At the annual meetings of the AAR, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Religionsource provided workshops on how scholars can serve as good sources for journalists.

#### Public Advocacy

Nine AAR members and staff participated in Humanities Advocacy Day, meeting with members of Congress representing Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin to advocate increasing the National Endowment for the Humanities budget.

Executive Director Barbara DeConcini serves on the Board of Directors of the National Humanities Alliance, whose mission is advocacy for the humanities and social sciences at the federal and public policy levels.

For the third year in a row, 18 professors on a Fulbright program sponsored by the University of California, Santa Barbara Religion Department visited the AAR executive offices in Atlanta for an orientation to the evolution of the field of religion in North America and the role of the AAR in the field. The professors were from faculties of law, language, and the humanities at universities in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe.

The AAR has developed plans for an enhanced government relations program aimed at increasing policy makers’ understanding of and appreciation for the field and the work of religion scholars.
The AAR editors invite and encourage members to contact them about research projects and publishing plans. Grant funds are available to support translation projects.
Grants and Awards

Research Grant Awards
In the past 12 years, the Academy has awarded well over half a million dollars in research grants to members. Here are this year’s awards.

Paula Ara, Carleton College
Healing Buddhist Women: Japanese Rituals of Transformation
Robert M. Baum, Iowa State University
Messengers of God: Ebola Women Prophets in a West African Religious Tradition
Gudrun Buhmehn, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Tantric Iconology of Nepal
Jacob Paul Dalton, McMaster University
Beyond Anonymity: Palaeographic Analyses of the Dushabhanga Manuscript
Nicola Denzey, Harvard Divinity School and York University, Toronto
Gendering the Journey: Women’s Lives and Deaths from the Catacombs of Rome 200–400 CE
Paul C. Kemeny, Grove City College
The First Moral Majority: The New England Watch and Ward Society and

Book Awards
The American Academy of Religion offers Awards for Excellence in order to recognize new scholarly publications that make significant contributions to the study of religion. These awards honor works of distinctive originality, intelligence, creativity, and importance; books that have a decisive effect on how religion is examined, understood, and interpreted.

Awards for Excellence 2004

Analytical–Descriptive

Historical

Best First Book in the History of Religions

Constructive–Reflective

Excellence in Teaching Award
Timothy Renick, Georgia State University

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award
Huston Smith, Syracuse University, emeritus

Media Awards

News Outlets over 100,000 Circulation
First Place Laurie Goodstein, The New York Times
Second Place G. Jeffrey MacDonald, Religion News Service
Third Place Ron Grossman, Chicago Tribune

News Outlets under 100,000 Circulation
First Place John Darr, Christian Century
Second Place Julie Marshall, The Daily Camera
Third Place Jane Lampman, Christian Science Monitor

Opinion Writing
First Place Douglas Todd, Vancouver Sun
Second Place Steven Waldman, Beliefnet
Third Place Bill Tammeus, Kansas City Star

The Department

Academic Relations Program

Guides to the Study of Religion
With the support of the Lilly Endowment, we completed five guides to promote, interpret, describe, and map the undergraduate and graduate study of religion. All are posted on the AAR Web site.

❖ The full results of our graduate survey of academic doctoral programs in the U.S.; the resultant data and extensive analysis, along with several analytical articles published in RSN.

❖ The full data and comprehensive analysis of the undergraduate survey, together with several analytical articles published in RSN. The second survey of undergraduate programs will be conducted in 2005–2006.

❖ A comprehensive online searchable database of over 100 programs in the U.S. and Canada offering academic doctoral degrees in religion and theology. The guide is searchable by institution type, type of doctoral degree, fields of study, religious affiliation, Carnegie classification, key word, AAR region, and state or province. This promises to fulfill the need of undergraduates to familiarize themselves with religious programs available to advise their students regarding advanced study in the field.

❖ An online finding list of nearly 900 undergraduate departments and programs of religion at accredited colleges and universities in North America.

Leadership Workshops
The Academic Relations Task Force sponsored a workshop on Scholarship, Service and Stress: The Tensions of Being a Chair at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Twenty-three chairs discussed these topics with the panelists:

• Identity and Leadership: Laurie Patton, Emory University
• Professional Identity: Ellen Armour, Rhodes College; Joel Geno-Boll, Arizona State University; Patricia Killen, Pacific Lutheran University
• Leadership Styles and Department Cultures: Terence Tilley, University of Dayton; Karen Jo Tenjesen, Claremont Graduate University

• Discernment: Laurie Patton, Emory University

In San Antonio the Task Force will sponsor a workshop on Being a Chair in Today’s Academic Culture: Navigating in the Knowledge Factory. Our panelists will be Elizabeth Say, Gerald Vigna, William Mahony, Steve Friesen, Robert Neville, and Carol Anderson.

In the spring of 2005 we will be conducting chairs workshops at the Eastern Regional and Rocky Mountains–Great Plains regional meetings.

Teaching and Learning

Spotlight on Teaching
Virtual Teaching and Learning Center
The Center posts articles on pedagogy (AAR, the Carnegie Foundation Perspectives, Advocacy in the Classroom: Problems and Possibilities) and several new resources from the Web site. Click here for more information.

This year’s two issues of Spotlight on Teaching address Teaching about Religions, Medicines, and Healing, and Teaching with Site Visits. These issues are available on our Web site along with the full publication run of the series.

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The Job Market in Religion

The AAR administers the Employment Information Services for the field, providing opportunities for communication between employing institutions and candidates through Openings Online and the EIS Center at the Annual Meeting.

Openings Online appears monthly, offering the most comprehensive listing available of faculty and administrative positions. The EIS Center serves hundreds of interested candidates and employers by centralizing information about position announcements and candidate qualifications onsite at the Annual Meeting. The Center also facilitates the interview process by providing semi-private space in the Interview Hall, arranging access to private interview rooms, administering a message center for communication between job candidates and employers, and mounting programs on career development.

The 2003 EIS Center saw 405 candidates and 98 employers register, looking to fill a total of 121 positions. The ratio of registered candidates to registered positions was 3.35:1.

Each year, AAR gathers statistics on the use of the Center. Candidates and positions registered with the EIS Center do not represent all jobs in religion, nor even all jobs advertised in Openings. They do, however, provide some indicator about the state of the job market.

The EIS Center has always requested that registered candidates and employers select job classifications from a provided list. Candidates select the classifications that they consider to be their specialties, and employers select the classifications that best fit the description of the available position. Beginning in 2003, we required that candidates and employers designate one classification as the primary choice. Now, by including only the primary choice in the annual EIS statistics, we are able to report more accurately. This revised method of reporting means that the 2003 job classification statistics are not comparable to the EIS statistics of the past.

The AAR attempts to gather data on the results of searches that participated in the EIS Center. These data include whether the position was filled, whether the appointee was interviewed at the EIS Center, and the rank, position type, education, gender, and ethnicity of the appointee. Analysis of the resulting data will form a picture of the religion job market beyond the interview process. These data are still being collected and are not yet available for publication.

### Analysis

As can be noted in the previous charts, the five subfields with the most positions available (in descending order) are:

- Early Christian Literature/New Testament
- Hebrew Bible
- Catholic Theology (all areas)
- Islam
- Christian Theology (general or not listed separately)

The five primary subfields of candidates (again in descending order) are:

- Hebrew Bible
- Early Christian Literature/New Testament
- Christian Theology: Systematic/Constructive
- Christian Ethics
- History of Christianity/Church History

Also noteworthy are some of the ratios of employer classifications to candidate classifications. However, it is important to remember that only primary classification choices are shown. Many jobs fall under classifications that candidates are less likely to use to describe their primary field, but may well select as a secondary or tertiary specialization (e.g., World Religions or Christian Studies). The classifications with the highest job to candidate ratio are:

- World Religions
- Preaching/Ministry
- Missiology
- Administration
- Christian Studies

### EMPLOYERS

| Total Registered | 98 |
| Preregistered    | 76 |
| Registered Onsite| 22 |
| Positions Available | 121 |
| Ratio of Positions to Candidates | 3.35 |

### CANDIDATES

| Total Registered | 405 |
| Preregistered    | 331 |
| Registered Onsite| 74 |
| Female Participants | 144 |
| Male Participants | 261 |
| Ratio of Female to Male | 1.18 |
Independent Accountant’s Report

To the Finance Committee
American Academy of Religion
Atlanta, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2004, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the American Academy of Religion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Academy’s June 30, 2003 financial statements and, in our report dated August 28, 2003, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the American Academy of Religion as of June 30, 2004 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The additional information on page 14 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

August 27, 2004
Jones and Kolb, Certified Public Accountants

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### Change in net assets

- **Before investment gains**: $358,187 (2004), $(23,482) (2003), $334,705, $203,242
- **Investment gains**: $256,188, $153,925, $410,113, $51,655

### Net assets

- **Beginning of the year**: $5,167,927, $1,237,642, $1,100,000, $7,505,569
- **End of the year**: $5,782,302, $1,368,085, $1,100,000, $8,250,387, $7,505,569

### Cash flows from operating activities

- **Change in net assets**: $744,818 (2004), $254,897 (2003)
- **Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities**:
  - Depreciation: $69,498, $69,930
  - Unrealized (gain) loss on investments: $(410,113), $(57,761)
  - Change in marketable securities: $(10,959), $(31,127)
  - (Increase) decrease in receivables: $(201,357), $244,735
  - (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses: $(5,178), $26,994
  - Increase (decrease) in accounts payable: $(27,146), $(12,503)
  - Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation: $5,036
  - Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue: $42,337, $47,984

### Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

- $206,936, $543,149

### Cash flows from investing activities

- **Acquisition of equipment**: $(10,476), $(26,061)
- **Purchase of marketable securities**: $(252,819), $(1,973,653)
- **Proceeds from sales of marketable securities**: $1,706,358

### Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities

- $263,295, $293,356

### Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

- $56,359, $249,793

### Cash and cash equivalents

- **Beginning of year**: $1,065,629
- **End of year**: $1,009,270
- $815,836

### Sources of Revenue

- Annual Meeting: 37%
- Membership dues: 25%
- EIS: 6%
- Marketing: 5%
- Book Sales: 1%
- Contributions: 24%

### Distribution of Expenses

- Annual Meeting: 26%
- External Relations: 20%
- Professional Dev. Service: 26%
- Member Services: 11%
- Research and Publications: 12%
- Fundraising: 3%
- General and Admin: 12%
- Luce center: 6%

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