

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION AAR/SBL/ASOR CALL FOR PAPERS 2012

The on-line system will be a little different this year as AAR is upgrading the system we have used in the past. Paper Proposals will be submitted through Oxford Abstracts (OA). You may need to copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://aareligionpnw.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=2984&language=en-uk>

A link to the OA site is also posted on the PNW Region's webpage (<http://pnw-aarsbl.org/>).

American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)

The Pacific Northwest Region of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) invites submission of papers detailing original research in all aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology.

In addition, ASOR is participating in a poster session at the meeting. Topics in aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology are welcome.

Students are especially welcome to present dissertation and paper research in either category. Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions can be directed to the chairperson, Roger Anderson, rwander48@comcast.net.

Poster Session

ASOR will co-host a Poster Session with *Women and Religion* and *Arts and Religion*. Please refer to the **Poster Session** Call for Papers below for details.

Arts and Religion

The arts have always played a part in world religions and spiritual traditions through the use of image, symbol, ritual, music, percussion, dance, poetry, theatre, story-telling (myth and folklore), architecture, and geomancy. This session welcomes individual paper or panel proposals on any topic, from ancient to contemporary, which explores the arts and religion. Papers exploring traditional institutionalized religions as well as world spiritual traditions (including indigenous and oral traditions) are welcome.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the session can be directed to Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies, susangailcarter@yahoo.com, and Louise M. Pare, Independent Scholar, mpare849@aol.com.

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Asian and Comparative Studies: Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the session can be directed to the chairperson, Nicholas F. Gier, ngier@uidaho.edu

Hebrew Scriptures: Papers are welcomed in any topic related to Hebrew Scriptures. Early proposals are especially welcome with the goal of organizing a panel discussion for a regional scholar's recent work

and/or organizing a special topic session. Grad students are encouraged to send full copies of papers for consideration. This year we especially invite interdisciplinary topics related to the reception history of texts from the Hebrew Bible or intertestamental literature in early Christian and Jewish literature. Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the session can be directed to the chairperson, Elizabeth Hayes, erussell.hayes@gmail.com.

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Papers are welcome in any area of the History of Christianity and North American Religions. Proposals are especially invited on the following themes:

- 1) Papers that consider the history, theology or social impact of documents written by Christians who have been – or are – imprisoned.
- 2) Papers on historical theology for a joint session with “Theology and Philosophy of Religion.”
- 3) Papers related to the history of Christianity (any era).
- 4) Papers related to the history of North American religions.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts; questions about the session can be directed to the co-chairs, Charles J. Scalise, Fuller theological Seminary, cscalise@fuller.edu, and Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University, ihssenbl@plu.edu.

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions: We welcome papers reflecting the research endeavors of New Testament and Hellenistic Religions scholars in the Pacific Northwest. All topics relevant to these fields are invited. This year we especially invite interdisciplinary topics related to the reception history of texts from the Hebrew Bible or intertestamental literature in early Christian and Jewish literature.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. We are also interested in conducting a book review panel for a book by a participant in the New Testament and Hellenistic Religions section that has been published during the year between the 2011 and 2012 regional meetings. Book suggestions may be sent directly to the chairpersons: Amy M. Donaldson, amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com and Kent L. Yinger, kyinger@georgefox.edu.

Religion and Society: All topics related to ethics, contemporary social issues, and social scientific perspectives on religion are welcome. We especially invite papers offering academic perspectives on current events and recurring themes in our session's discussions: war and violence, religion and ecology, religion and science, and religion and memory.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the session can be directed to the co-chairs, Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West, brucehiebert@shaw.ca and Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, obrien@plu.edu.

Theology and Philosophy of Religion: The Theology and Philosophy of Religion Section welcomes proposals for papers or panels concerning any aspect of theology and/or the philosophy of religion. Proposals that address one or more of the following topics are especially encouraged:

- a) Green Theology, Green Religion: Ecology and the Environment in Theology and Religion
- b) Religion, Media, Culture, and Politics
- c) Theology of Religions/Religious Pluralism/Interreligious Dialogue
- d) Pedagogy and Teaching Religion
- e) Historical Theology (The Theology and Philosophy of Religion section will coordinate with the History of Christianity section in jointly presenting a session of historical theology papers if there are enough submissions)

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the session can be directed to the chairpersons, Mari Kim kimma@plu.edu and Michael Zbaraschuk, mzbara@uw.edu. If the presenter would prefer to avoid a particular time due to religious observance (e.g. Friday night or Sunday morning) please include this information in the proposal and we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

Women and Religion

AAR: We invite individual papers or panels on any aspect of the study of women and religion. This section especially welcomes proposals that facilitate cross-disciplinary and/or religious traditions in the **study** of women. Papers exploring feminist pedagogy are also welcome.

SBL: We invite proposals on topics that explore the intersections between religious ideas and constructions of gender and/or sexuality. Studies on the role of women in ancient religion are also welcome.

Visit our newsletter/blog online at <http://pnwwomenandreligion.blogspot.com/> for general information.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. If you have any questions about the session, please contact the co-chairs, Ardy Bass, bassa@gonzaga.edu and Valarie Ziegler, vziegler@depauw.edu.

Poster Session

Women and Religion will co-host a Poster Session with *Arts and Religion* and *ASOR*. Please refer to the **Poster Session** Call for Papers below for details.

Poster Session

Women and Religion, Arts and Religion, and ASOR will co-host a joint poster session. We welcome proposals in any area (see separate call for papers for each). Conventional posters as well as short video presentations are acceptable. Students are especially encouraged to submit proposals. Please consider this venue for presenting your research. The poster session will be held on Saturday afternoon. Each participant will be given a 4' x 8' space for their presentation. They must be present during the entire session.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. If you are interested in learning more about a poster session, please consult Fraser D. Neiman, "[A Poster Primer: A Few Tips for Planning Your Poster Session](#)," *SAA Bulletin* 12.1:13–4, which is available for download in PDF format

at this link:

[http://www.archaeological.org/pdfs/annualconference/SAA_Bulletin_12\(1\)_Poster_Primer_A5S.pdf](http://www.archaeological.org/pdfs/annualconference/SAA_Bulletin_12(1)_Poster_Primer_A5S.pdf)

Special Topics: Islam

Proposals for papers or full panels are welcomed for our third year of Special Topics sessions in the Study of Islam. We encourage proposals investigating any aspect of historical or contemporary Islam, including but not limited to Islamic texts, practices, law, history, and theology. This year we especially invite paper proposals related to post-classical intellectual traditions. We also seek participants for our annual pedagogy roundtable, focused this year on teaching Islamic Law.

Paper and panel proposals should be submitted electronically through Oxford Abstracts. Questions about the sessions can be directed to the chairperson, Jocelyn Hendrickson, hendrij@whitman.edu. Please contact the chair by e-mail (hendrij@whitman.edu) if you are interested in participating in the pedagogy roundtable; specialists as well as interested non-specialists are welcome.