

Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award

The AAR Public Understanding of Religion Committee invites nominations and self-nominations for the Martin E. Marty Award for Contributions to the Public Understanding of Religion.

The award is intended to bring greater recognition to scholars whose relevance and eloquence speaks not just to scholars, but more broadly to the public as well. Nominees for this award do not have to be AAR members. For nomination details, [click here](#) or mail the name of the nominee, his or her affiliation, and any supporting information by

January 25, 2012

, to Marty Award, AAR, 825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30329.

Excellence in Teaching Award

The Teaching and Learning Committee seeks nominations for the AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the [AAR website](#). The deadline for nominations is

October 1, 2011

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Religion and the Arts Award

The award in [Religion and the Arts](#) is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the Academy and for a broader public.

Nominations are accepted from AAR members, though nominees need not be AAR members. Nominations must include a supporting letter (no more than 1,000 words), and any relevant supporting materials (images, DVDs, books, catalogs, etc.). Please, no self-nominations. To be considered for the 2012 award, nominations must be made by **February 1, 2012**, and sent to Brent Plate, Department of Religious Studies, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 13323, USA. Electronic submissions can be sent to [\[redacted\]](#). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Annual Book Awards

In order to give recognition to new scholarly publications that make significant contributions to the study of religion, the American Academy of Religion offers Awards for Excellence. The Awards honor works of distinctive originality, intelligence, creativity and importance, books that affect decisively how religion is examined, understood, and interpreted. Awards for Excellence are given in four categories: Analytical-Descriptive, Constructive-Reflective, Historical, and Textual. For more information about our Awards, [click here](#) . The deadline for submissions is March 20. In addition, there is a prize for the [Best First Book in the History of Religions](#) , comprising a wholly separate competition.

Ray L. Hart Service Award

The AAR Board of Directors invites nominations for the Ray L. Hart Service Award.

The Ray L. Hart Service Award, established by the Board of Directors in 1992, is given to persons whose dedication and service have made significant contributions to the AAR's mission of fostering excellence in the field of religion.

Prior awardees are as follows:

- Judith Berling (2005)
- Harry Buck and Robert V. Smith, given as "Founders Award" (2002)
- Peter Paris (2001)
- Robert Detweiler (1997)
- Austin Creel (1995)
- Raymond Williams (1994)
- Ray L. Hart (1993)

To submit a name for consideration, mail the name of the nominee, his or her affiliation, and any supporting information to:

Hart Service Award
American Academy of Religion
825 Houston Mill Road
Suite 300

Atlanta, GA 30329

Regional Development Grants

Have you considered applying for a 2012–2013 [Regional Development Grant](#) ? Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that promise to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events, and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Where possible, projects are designed so that they may be duplicated or transported to other regions.

Applications should include a narrative description of the project detailing how the project promises to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and the work of the region. Please include comments on how these projects or activities may be adapted to other regional groups. The application should state the time period covered by the project and provide a detailed budget (office expenses, travel expenses, honoraria, stipend, and other expenses). Institutional overhead costs should not be included in this budget. No grant will exceed \$4,000.

Research Grants

Did you know that you could receive up to \$5,000 in research assistance from the AAR? Since 1992, the Academy has awarded over \$580,000 to members for individual and collaborative research projects. The application deadline is **August 1st** of each year. For application information and eligibility requirements, see www.aarweb.org/programs/grants

International Dissertation Research Grants

Applications for the 2011–2012 International Dissertation Research Grants cycle will be accepted until **December 1**. These annual grants, designed to support AAR student members whose dissertation research requires them to travel outside of the country in which their school or university is located, are intended to help candidates complete their doctoral degrees by offsetting costs of travel, lodging, and other dissertation research-related expenses. For information and to apply, please [click here](#) .