



2011 Western Regional Meeting

**March 26–28, 2011
Whittier College
Whittier, CA, USA**

Conference Theme: Current Religious Thinking

Previous annual meeting themes have taught us what happens when we see our field through spacial and geographic metaphors. This year we invite members to conceive of religion and its study as complex and ongoing flows. Our substantive areas are not cut-and-dried; look closely and they dissolve into each other. And our methodologies, likewise, are not merely contiguous, but constantly interfuse, blend, and add their own cross-currents to others without end. Like Heraclitus's ever-new river, religion is the living water of life.

This year we encourage proposals that celebrate and critique religion's myriad and ever-changing currents — that trace them to their sources and plumb their mixed and maybe muddied depths. We hope to receive proposals that address questions like "How do religions flow from region to region?," "How have theology or ritual deepened when new tributaries flow into traditions?," or "How do we dive into the waves caused when scholarly disciplines clash and trouble the waters of academe?" Similarly, we hope this call opens you to new confluences in your own work. We encourage the outflowing of new studies, where your disciplinary thought streams into new channels or where you invite new disciplinary streams into your ancient streambeds. And, simultaneously, we encourage the inflowing of collaboration, where two or more scholarly streams combine — in panels, book celebrations, symposia, etc. — to nourish the same ground in concourse.

Proposals are due to Section Chairs by September 30, 2010. Our meeting is open to any AAR member from any region or country. In addition to our conference, the Western Region sponsors several competitive awards with prizes for papers from graduate students and independent scholars. We encourage you to submit papers and to plan to attend the conference. For complete information on the Call, themes, and submission guidelines, visit the region's website at <http://regions.aarweb.org/Western/index.php>. Note that the full Calls are being uploaded as they arrive from the Section Chairs, so please check in frequently over the

next few weeks. Following is a list of Sections offering sessions at our meeting with the Section Chairs' contact information.

Buddhist Studies Section

Kenneth Lee, California State University, Northridge, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Ecology and Religion Section

Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Education and Workshops Section

Bret Lewis, Arizona State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Ethics Section

Kelly Fitzsimmons Burton, Arizona State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Brandon Crowe, Arizona State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Goddess Studies Section

Laura Truxler, California Institute of Integral Studies, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Annette Williams, California Institute of Integral Studies, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

History of Christianity Section

Marianne Delaporte, Notre Dame de Namur University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Dyron Daugherty, Pepperdine University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Indigenous Religions Section

Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha, California State University, Northridge, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Islamic Studies Section

Souad Ali, Arizona State University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) , and Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Jewish Studies Section

Emily L. Silverman, Graduate Theological Union, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Latino/a and Latin American (U.S.) Section

Theresa Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Nineteenth Century Section

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) , and Natalie Fawcett, University of California, Santa Barbara, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Philosophy of Religion Section

Hester Oberman, University of Arizona, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) , and Jason Smick, Santa Clara University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) .

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Section

Franz Metcalf, Forge Institute, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots.](#)

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Queer Studies in Religion Section

Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Raedorah C. Stewart, Pasadena, CA, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Religion and Social Sciences Section

Siroj Sorajjakool, Loma Linda University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Jill Snodgrass, Clinebell Institute, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Religion and the Arts Section

Dirk von der Horst, Claremont Graduate University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Religion in America Section

Philip Boo Riley, Santa Clara University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Religion, Literature, and Film Section

Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Religions of Asia Section

Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Toby B. Johnson, University of California, Riverside, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Womanist/Pan-African Section

Paula McGee, Claremont Graduate University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Women and Religion Section

Ann Wertman, Arizona State University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

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