

Once a small settlement and a military base, today Chicago is one of the world's leading cities in business and the arts. From the fashionable department stores of Michigan Avenue to the impressive exhibits at world-renowned museums, from the history at Jackson Park to the dazzling modern architecture at Millennium Park, Chicago has something for everyone. Daytime sessions until 6:30 PM will be held in the McCormick Place Convention Center and the Hyatt McCormick Place. Evening sessions will be scheduled at the Hilton Chicago and Towers and the Palmer



House Hilton, which are located in the heart of downtown and are within walking distance of many local attractions, magnificent shopping, divine restaurants, and electrifying nightlife. We have a total of fifteen hotels spread throughout downtown with varying amenities and we're sure you'll be able to find one that suits your individual wishes. Since our hotels are spread out this year, we are offering a complimentary shuttle to those staying within our hotel block to and from all of the meeting sites. Be sure to book your room by October 24 to receive your shuttle pass!

[Registration and Housing](#) is open now!

**FAX:** 1-404-727-7959

**WEB:** [www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual Meeting/Current Meeting/registration.asp](http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/registration.asp)

**MAIL:** American Academy of Religion  
c/o AAR Housing Department  
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## Questions:

**TEL:** +1-404-727-7972 (inside and outside U.S. and Canada)

**E-MAIL:** This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

## Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership dues before you register or else you won't be able to get the lower member registration rates. If you are not certain about your current 2012 membership status, please see [www.aarweb.org/Members/Dues](http://www.aarweb.org/Members/Dues) or call 404-727-4707.

## Getting Around



The McCormick Place Convention Center and the Annual Meetings hotel are up to three miles away from each other. If you have made reservations in one of our Annual Meeting hotels through the AAR Housing Bureau by October 24, you will be issued an Annual Meetings shuttle pass. If you have made other arrangements, you may purchase the shuttle pass during the registration process for \$25. Most of the city is accessible through the city's rapid mass transit system, which is commonly known as the "L". [Find out more information about it here](#) . For more complete information, including getting to and from the airport and alternative transportation options to the McCormick Place Convention Center, [please click here](#)

## Additional Meetings

Requests for Additional Meetings space are being accepted through the new online Additional Meetings system. All requests are handled on a space and time-slot available basis. The Additional Meetings program, held in conjunction with the AAR Annual Meeting, is an important service to AAR members. All Additional Meetings participants are expected to register for the Annual Meetings. Be sure to read the instructions carefully before completing and submitting your space request. Questions should be directed to [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

## Employment Center



The AAR and SBL will jointly sponsor one Employment Center at the Annual Meetings. Members of both organizations will have the opportunity to register and use the Center onsite. This year's Employment Center will be located at the McCormick Place Convention Center. More information and details about registration and deadlines can be [found here](#).

## Childcare

AAR is proud to provide childcare service at the Annual Meetings for the convenience of our members. Childcare is available at an hourly or daily rate. It will be located in the McCormick Place Convention Center. Registration for childcare service will open in summer 2012.

## Disability Accessibility

AAR members with disabilities or who may have difficulty getting around the meeting are encouraged to note this during registration. AAR will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate you, whether by arranging special services such as sign language interpreters, assigning accessible hotel room space, or through the AAR's taxi reimbursement policy. Please contact the [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript](#)

enabled to view it if you have any questions.

## International Attendees

It is necessary for those entering the United States to clear customs and immigration. Visitors from Canada and Mexico must present a passport in order to enter the United States. Please be prepared. Non-U.S. citizens should inquire about possible visa requirements from their own country. Official letters of invitation to the Annual Meeting to support visa applications are available. E-mail [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it) with your name, address, and the full contact information of the consulate of your country.

## AAR Annual Meeting Online Services

At [www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual\\_Meeting/Current\\_Meeting](http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting) , you can:

- Register for the Annual Meeting
- Reserve your hotel room
- Find a roommate
- Request Additional Meetings space
- Register for the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings Employment Center
- View the complete AAR program
- Discover more about Chicago including tours, museums, houses of worship, restaurants, and much more