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This is just a gentle reminder that the Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting is occurring now!

March 13–15, 2013
Sheraton Baltimore Center City
Baltimore, MD, USA

The theme for the 2013 annual meeting is "Religious Experience Through the Senses." We invite members to explore religion through the various ways it is expressed through sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell.

The program includes:

- MAR-AAR members in all stages of education are invited and encouraged to attend a [Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#) workshop on Wednesday evening, March 13. This workshop is specially designed to assist with the creation and design of introductory courses in theology, biblical and religious studies, and related fields. Wabash consultants will present strategies for designing learning aims and course goals, crafting assessments, and relating the introductory course to institution-specific demands. The cost of the workshop and dinner are already included in the conference fee. Please indicate your plans to attend in your conference registration

- Assessment Workshop. For current faculty, the meeting will include a mini-workshop on understanding, defining, and using assessment in your courses. As we are under increased pressure to assess our courses, it is important that faculty have an opportunity to: 1) Identify questions and concerns; 2) Understand strategies to implement good assessment that supports teaching and learning; and 3) Hear about best practices from colleagues

- A dynamic plenary from S. Brent Rodriguez-Plate, Hamilton College, who will present aspects of his current research and book on the subject of religious experiences and the senses

- Several networking events for all members of the region, from senior scholars to graduate students

Sections at the Regional Annual Meeting

- Christian History and Theology
- Contemporary Theology (Nineteenth Century to Present)
- East Asian Religion
- Global Religion and Pluralism
- Philosophy of Religion
- Psychology and Religion
- Psychology and Religion
- Religion and Art
- Religion and Ethics
- Religion and Leadership
- Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
- Religion in America
- Religion, Pop Culture, and Media
- Scriptural Reasoning

Mid-Atlantic Regional Awards

As has become our custom, MAR–AAR will award the Kate Connolly-Weinert Prize of \$200 to the most innovative group session (or panel) dealing with peace issues or women’s studies.

To help foster graduate student participation, the Executive Committee of the MAR–AAR will again award the Robert F. Streetman Prize of \$200 for the best student paper presented at the conference by an AAR regional member.

Preregistration

Online preregistration is now [available online](#) . Please utilize the AAR website for registration, as it saves paper and helps the region fulfill our national AAR mandate to promote environmentally sustainable gatherings. Preregistration for the meeting using a paper form is no longer available.

Registration fees are as follows:

Between January 16–March 1:

Students: \$80

Non-Students: \$95

After March 1st/onsite registration: \$100

Your registration includes the following:

- Access to the Wabash workshop on Wednesday evening
- Breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings
- Thursday Graduate Student Lunch
- Coffee Breaks/Snacks

Hotel Information

[Sheraton Baltimore City Center](#)

101 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-752-1100
Fax: 410-385-6865

The Sheraton Baltimore City Center offers [online hotel room registration here](#) . The discounted hotel rate of \$129 may no longer be available as only a limited number of discounted rooms were reserved.

Alternatively you may call the Sheraton at 410-752-1100 to reserve rooms. Please indicate that you are attending our conference so that you can receive the conference rate, if it is still available.

Sustainability

As part of the American Academy of Religion's commitment to host environmentally-sustainable meetings, we are asking participants to consider bringing reusable beverage containers and name badge holders from previous conferences in order to cut down on waste at the conference.

For any ongoing updated conference information please consult our website at [http://www.aarweb.org/About AAR/Regions/Mid-Atlantic](http://www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Regions/Mid-Atlantic) . Information will be posted as it is available during the upcoming academic year.

Please note that the system for electronic submission of paper proposals is now closed.