

# Annual Meeting 2016

San Antonio, TX ~ Nov. 19 - 22, 2016

# Getting to the Meeting...

## EARLY REGISTRATION

Why register for the meeting early? Only after you register for the AAR Annual Meeting can you book your housing at the specially negotiated rates at one of our official hotels.

**Admission to sessions and the exhibit hall is by name badge only!**

## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BOOK

A printed version of the *Annual Meeting Program Book* will be mailed in early October to everyone who successfully registered by August 28 for the Annual Meeting. Please allow 3–4 weeks for delivery. The *Program Book* will include program highlights, complete session listings of AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with room locations, session and participant indices, hotel maps, and ads from the publishers in our exhibit hall.

## ONLINE PROGRAM BOOK

A complete listing of all AAR and Additional Meetings session information, including participant names, paper titles, and abstracts will be available in the *Online Program Book* on the AAR website at [papers.aarweb.org/program\\_book](http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book) by **August 1**. The keyword search feature will allow you to find the sessions you're most interested in attending!

## ANNUAL MEETING ONSITE AT-A-GLANCE

The printed Onsite At-a-Glance will be distributed to all attendees onsite in San Antonio. This will include complete session listings for the AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings with **updated room locations**, an exhibitor index, and hotel maps.

## 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 [reg@aarweb.org](mailto:reg@aarweb.org) after you have completed registration to obtain more details about the information required.

## TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

Delta and United Airlines are the official carriers of the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings and Avis is the preferred rental car supplier. For the benefit of our conference attendees, a discount is available and is valid a few days before and after the Annual Meeting ends, depending on the carrier. To take advantage of these special discounted fares, you can call or make reservations directly through their respective websites listed below. Discounts do not apply to certain restricted fares and exclude sale fare inventories.

## CALL TOLL-FREE...

Carrier	Phone Number	Website	File Number
Delta Airlines	1-800-328-1111	<a href="http://delta.com">delta.com</a>	NMN2V
United Airlines	1-800-426-1122	<a href="http://ual.com">ual.com</a>	ZWCX906920
Avis Car Rental	1-800-331-1600	<a href="http://avis.com">avis.com</a>	D424982 (AWD#)*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Registration and Housing is now open!

Online, fax, and mail registrations are accepted! Super Saver registration rates are in effect until May 19. **You must be registered to secure housing.**

**2016 Annual Meetings Employment Center** registration is open for candidates! Within the online registration process, you will find the link to register for the Employment Center. **You must be registered as an Annual Meetings attendee to sign up for the Employment Center.**

- May 19** Super Saver Registration Rate Ends
- June 23** Early Bird Registration Rate Ends  
Presenter Registration Deadline
- Mid-July** Online Program Book Available
- July 29** Presenter Deadline to Order AV
- August 1** Employer Advance Registration Opens
- August 18** Advance Registration Rate Ends
- August 28** Deadline to Register to Obtain a *Program Book* in the Mail
- September 15** Deadline to Register to Obtain Your Badge in the Mail
- October 18** Special Housing Rates End
- October 27** Registration Refund Request Deadline
- October 28** Employer Advanced Registration Closes; Regular Rates to Apply Oct 29
- Late October** Mobile App Available
- November 17** Regular Registration Rate Ends
- November 19–22** Annual Meetings in San Antonio, TX

**Remember:** *You must be registered to secure housing!*

\* Note that this discount does not apply to pre-paid reservations. If you prefer a pre-paid discount, do not use the meeting code. Pre-paid reservations have cancellation penalties, whereas using the discount code does not.

**If you book through your own travel agency, be sure to give them the appropriate discount code.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL OPTION



As part of its efforts to produce a “greener meeting,” the AAR is offering the option to offset the carbon emissions from your travel to San Antonio. By checking the box on the registration form, the AAR will collect \$15 from your registration to purchase carbon offsets from *NativeEnergy*. The AAR’s Sustainability Task Force selected *NativeEnergy* because of its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases while supporting its sustainability projects. *NativeEnergy* is one of the top carbon offset companies in the United States and the world. We encourage you to make this inexpensive commitment to help make our meetings more environmentally friendly.

### PARKING AT THE SAN ANTONIO HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER

The Convention Center is located at 900 E. Market Street. On-site parking is available for an average daily rate of \$10.50, with other garages available nearby. See here for more information: <http://www.sabbgcc.com/VisitUs/Location,DirectionsParking.aspx>.



## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

### SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAT)

#### Metro Bus

Metro bus service is available to go downtown, but your hotel might not be along the direct route. Many passengers may have to walk up to a mile after riding the bus. Passengers can take the bus route 5 for \$1.30. More information can be found here: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAT/GroundTransportation/PublicTransportation.aspx>.

#### Taxis

Taxi cabs are available at the lower level curbside, outside of baggage claim, at Terminal A and B. Fares to downtown start at \$29, plus tip. More information, including taxi companies, can be found here: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAT/GroundTransportation/Taxi.aspx>.

#### Shared-Ride Vans

The AAR and SBL are partnering with GO Airport Shuttle this year. Shared shuttle service is available 7:00 am–1:30 am daily. They are offering a discount price of \$17 per one way trip or \$30 per roundtrip. For questions only, you may call 210-281-9900. The discount is only available online or by reserving in person at the SAT airport upon arrival. Reservations can only be made starting in July 2016.

Go to [http://saairportshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=SB\\_LAA2016&LOGON=GO](http://saairportshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=SB_LAA2016&LOGON=GO). Note that all hotels in the metropolitan area are listed. Use the guide below to get you to AAR and SBL contracted hotels. When you select Roundtrip, the first trip will come up at \$17, and then after clicking Continue, the next page will be your outgoing trip for \$13.

HOTEL	GO SHUTTLE
Contessa Hotel	Contessa
Crockett Hotel	Crockett
Emily Morgan Hotel	Emily Morgan Doubletree
Grand Hyatt	Hyatt–Grand
Hyatt Regency Riverwalk	Hyatt–Riverwalk
Hampton Inn Downtown	Hampton Inn Downtown–Bowie
Hilton Palacio del Rio	Hilton Palacio del Rio
Homewood Suites Riverwalk	Homewood Suites–Downtown
Indigo Downtown Alamo	Indigo–Alamo Plaza
La Quinta Convention Center	La Quinta Riverwalk
Marriott Plaza	Plaza San Antonio–Marriott
Marriott Rivercenter	Marriott Rivercenter
Marriott Riverwalk	Marriott Riverwalk
Menger Hotel	Menger
Staybridge Suites Sunset Station	Staybridge Suites–Sunset Station
Westin Riverwalk	Westin–Riverwalk

# Housing Information

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To receive the specially negotiated room rates, you must first register for the meeting. You may then make your reservation through the AAR Housing Department. You may either reserve during the registration process, or by using the link in your registration confirmation email. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Special rates may not be available after October 18, 2016. DO NOT contact the hotels prior to November 14, 2016.

## HOUSING CONFIRMATION

You will receive an email confirmation (which is the same as your registration confirmation) when you make your hotel reservation with the AAR Housing Department. If you do not complete registration with payment and receive a confirmation email, your housing reservation is not complete. If you receive an email confirmation that is incorrect, you may use the link on your confirmation email to go back into the system and correct it.

## HOUSING CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES

All hotel accommodation questions, changes, and cancellations should be directed to the AAR Housing Department throughout the meeting year. Note that cancellations must be received at least 72 hours prior to your arrival date to ensure you are not charged your first night's stay.

## SUITE REQUESTS

Some hotels have suites available at a discounted rate. Contact the AAR Housing Department for more information: 1-855-836-0001 (U.S. & Canada); +1-404-727-7972 (outside U.S. & Canada); [housing@aarweb.org](mailto:housing@aarweb.org). Suites are not to be used for interviewing purposes. Employers who plan to use the Annual Meeting Employment Center may request a Private Interview Room when they register for the Employment Center. For additional information about the Employment Center, please see <http://www.aarsbl.org>.

## ATTENDEES WITH ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

All meeting rooms are accessible by elevator (doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs) or wheelchair lift. A limited number of guest rooms are set aside for people with disabilities. If you need accommodations related to a disability, please indicate your specific needs in the special requests field on the online housing form page.

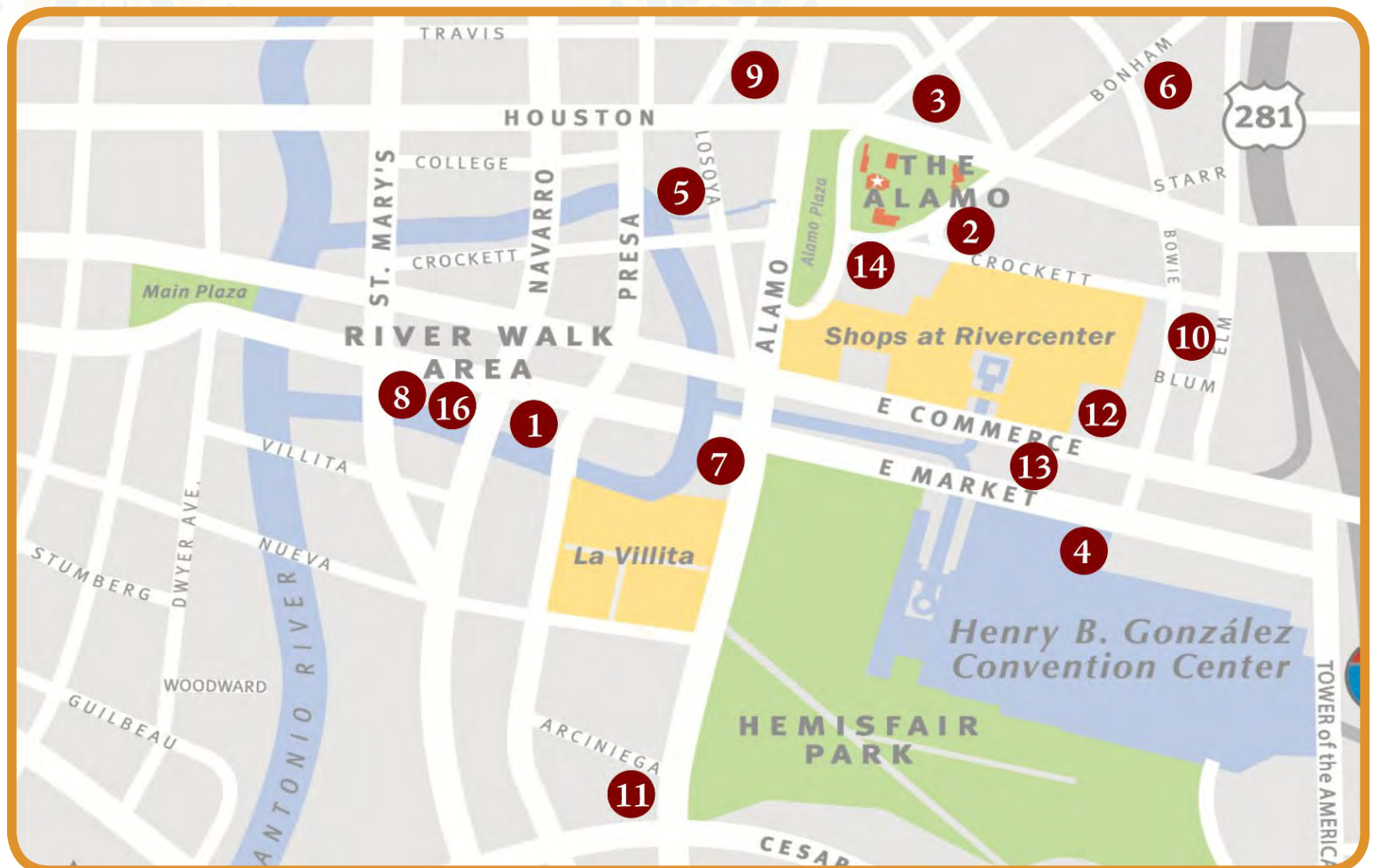
Attendees with disabilities who need information regarding accommodations or assistance during the meeting should contact the AAR Housing Department by phone at 1-404-727-7972 or via e-mail at [housing@aarweb.org](mailto:housing@aarweb.org). Please also visit our Accessibility Information page <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/accessibility-information-for-annual-meetings>, in the summer.



# Hotel Rates and Map

HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
1. Contessa Hotel	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
2. Crockett Hotel	\$139	\$139	\$149	\$159
3. Emily Morgan Hotel	\$139	\$139	\$139	\$139
4. Grand Hyatt	\$159	\$159	\$184	\$184
5. Hyatt Regency Riverwalk	\$159	\$159	\$184	\$184
6. Hampton Inn Downtown	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119
7. Hilton Palacio del Rio	\$155	\$155	\$175	\$175
8. Homewood Suites Riverwalk	\$159	\$169	\$179	\$189
9. Indigo Downtown Alamo	\$150	\$150	\$160	\$160
10. La Quinta Convention Center	\$129	\$129	\$139	\$149
11. Marriott Plaza	\$151	\$151	\$151	\$151
12. Marriott Rivercenter	\$159	\$159	\$184	\$184
13. Marriott Riverwalk	\$159	\$159	\$184	\$184
14. Menger Hotel	\$139	\$139	\$139	\$139
15. Staybridge Suites Sunset Station	\$149	\$149	\$149	\$149
16. Westin Riverwalk	\$159	\$159	\$179	\$199

**Note:** All rates are subject to local taxes, which currently average 16.75% tax per room per night. For example, a \$150 rate is \$175.13 with tax included.



# At the Meeting...

## CHILDCARE

Child care will be offered for an hourly fee during this year's Annual Meeting. Please visit the AAR Web site at <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information> under Childcare for information and pricing details in the fall.

## COMPUTER ACCESS

A free Cyber Café will be available in the exhibit hall. Access to computers, the Internet, and e-mail is available (possibly for a fee) at the business centers of each Annual Meeting hotel. In-room Internet connections are also available in each hotel (see in-room literature for more details and pricing).

## FIND A FRIEND

Please note the box on the registration form that gives permission for your name, institution, and hotel (if any), which will be available on our mobile app. If you do not check the box, your information will not be listed.

## EXHIBIT HALL

Visit over 150 publishers in the AAR & SBL Exhibit Hall located in the San Antonio Convention Center's Exhibit Hall 1. AAR & SBL's Exhibit Hall features books on a wide spectrum of subjects from religious studies to hermeneutics to philosophy, often at deep discounts on cover price. A free Cyber Café is available inside the Exhibit Hall. Don't miss out!



## MOBILE APP

We will again provide a Mobile Meeting Guide available in the fall. The mobile app will provide members with a technically-reliable, intuitive, and functional solution. At no cost, this mobile app provides attendees with all of the data an attendee could ever need.

## MORE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION AT [www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information!](http://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/general-information)

- Registration & Housing
- Full program schedule and descriptions
- Annual Meeting Employment Center
- Accessibility assistance
- And much more!

## AAR & SBL ANNUAL MEETINGS HOURS

### *AAR & SBL Program Schedule*

AAR, SBL, and Additional Meeting Sessions will be held in the San Antonio Convention Center, Grand Hyatt, Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, Hilton Palacio del Rio, Marriott Rivercenter, and the Marriott Riverwalk.

### *Program Unit Sessions*

<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	9:00 AM–6:30 PM
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	9:00 AM–6:30 PM
<b>Monday, November 21</b>	9:00 AM–6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	8:30 AM–12:00 PM

Full program schedule and descriptions available available by August 1 at [papers.aarweb.org/program\\_book!](http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book)

### *Onsite Registration and Exhibit Hours*

Registration and the Exhibit Hall are located in the San Antonio Convention Center. The Exhibit Hall is in Exhibit Hall 1 and Registration is in the lobby outside of it.

### *Registration*

<b>Friday, November 18</b>	11:00 AM–6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	8:00 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	8:00 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Monday, November 21</b>	8:00 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	8:00 AM–10:00 AM

### *Exhibit Hall*

<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	8:30 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	8:30 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Monday, November 21</b>	8:30 AM–5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	8:00 AM–12:00 PM

A name badge is required to enter all sessions and the Exhibit Hall. Register and arrange housing anytime online at [www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing!](http://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing)

# Annual Meetings Employment Center

The Annual Meetings Employment Center provides job candidates and employers with current job listings, candidate credentials for review, a message service, and interview facilities.

## CANDIDATE SERVICES

All candidates have the option of submitting a CV to the Employment Center. The submission system is now open and available to candidates who have registered for the Employment Center.

Organized by job classification, online CVs are available to employers electronically from August 1, 2016 through February 15, 2017.

Please see [www.aarsbl.org/content/candidate-services](http://www.aarsbl.org/content/candidate-services) for more information.

## CANDIDATE FEES

The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature have eliminated all Employment Center fees for candidates. Beginning in 2015, all active members of the American Academy of Religion or the Society of Biblical Literature who have registered for the Annual Meeting will be able to register as candidates with the Employment Center free of charge.

## EMPLOYER SERVICES

All registered employers receive:

- ☞ Job advertisements included in the Annual Meeting Edition of *Employment Listings*, available on-line to all candidates.
- ☞ An Employment Center icon next to online advertisements indicating that the position is registered for the Employment Center.
- ☞ Access to candidate credentials online.
- ☞ An interview booth and the ability to invite any candidate to an interview.
- ☞ Ability to reserve a Private Interview Room for an additional fee.
- ☞ Access to the Employment Center e-mail Message Center to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.

## EMPLOYER FEES

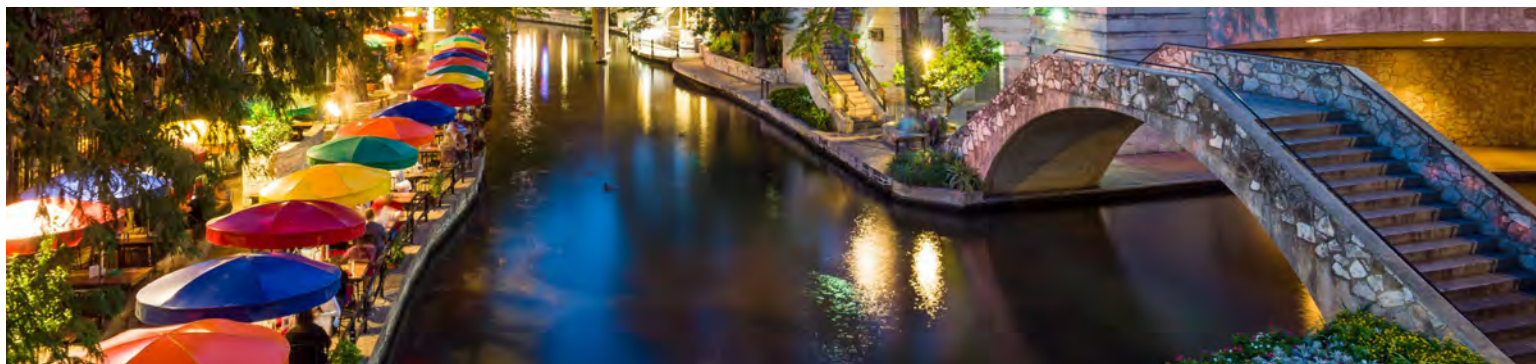
**First Job:** \$275 (\$325 after October 28)

**Each Additional Job:** \$60 (\$85 after October 28)

Please see [www.aarsbl.org/content/employer-services](http://www.aarsbl.org/content/employer-services) for more information.

## ADVERTISING A JOB

In order to ensure the widest possible pool of candidates, all jobs registered with the Employment Center must be advertised online for at least 30 days. So, for 2016, if you plan on listing an ad for the four week minimum, you must begin your ad no earlier than August 22, 2016. The end date of your ad would then be September 19 at midnight. This is the first day of the 60-day period out from the Annual Meeting and would make your ad eligible for registration for the Employment Center. The fee for the advertisement is not included in the Employment Center registration fee. To place an ad, go to [www.aarsbl.org](http://www.aarsbl.org).



# Plenary Speakers

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

### Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM



Serene Jones

**Serene Jones** is the sixteenth President of the historic Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. The first woman to head the 179-year-old interdenominational seminary, Jones occupies the Johnston Family Chair for Religion and Democracy and has formed Union's Institute for Women, Religion and Globalization as well as the Institute for Art, Religion and Social Justice. Jones came to Union after seventeen years at Yale University,

where she was the Titus Street Professor of Theology at the Divinity School, and chair of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma, Yale Divinity School and Yale University. Jones is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. The author of several books including *Calvin and the Rhetoric of Piety and Trauma and Grace*, Jones is a leading theologian who regularly contributes to scholarly and public discussions on matters of faith, social justice, and public life.

### Michelle Alexander, Ohio State University

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM



Michelle Alexander

**Michelle Alexander** is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, and legal scholar. Alexander is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Stanford Law School. Following law school, she clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court and for Chief Judge Abner Mikva on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Prior to entering academia, Alexander served as the director of the Racial Justice

Project for the ACLU of Northern California, where she coordinated the Project's media advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition building, and litigation. The Project's priority areas were educational equity and criminal justice reform, and it was during those years at the ACLU that she began to awaken to the reality that our nation's criminal justice system functions more like a caste system than a system of crime prevention or control. She became passionate about exposing and challenging racial bias in the criminal justice system, ultimately launching and leading a major campaign against racial profiling by law enforcement known as the "DWB Campaign" or "Driving While Black or Brown Campaign." In addition to her nonprofit advocacy experience, Alexander has worked as a litigator at private law firms including Saperstein, Goldstein, Demchak & Baller, in Oakland, California, where she specialized in plaintiff-side class-action lawsuits alleging race and gender discrimination.

In 2005, she won a Soros Justice Fellowship, which supported the writing of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, and that same year she accepted a joint appointment

at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University. She currently devotes much of her time to freelance writing; public speaking; consulting with advocacy organizations committed to ending mass incarceration; and, most important, raising her three young children—the most challenging and rewarding job of all.

### Bill Moyers, Schumann Media Center

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM



Bill Moyers

**Bill Moyers** has been recognized as one of the unique voices of our times, one that resonates with multiple generations. A broadcast journalist for more than four decades, Moyers was a founding organizer and deputy director of the Peace Corps and special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Moyers served as Johnson's press secretary from 1965 to 1967. As publisher of *Newsday* from 1967 to 1970, Moyers brought aboard writers including

Pete Hamill, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Saul Bellow, and led the paper to two Pulitzer Prizes. In 1976, he was the senior correspondent for the distinguished documentary series *CBS Reports* and later a senior news analyst for *The CBS Evening News*.

Moyers currently serves as president of the Schumann Media Center, a non-profit organization that supports independent journalism. With his wife and creative partner, Judith Davidson Moyers, Bill Moyers has produced such groundbreaking public affairs series as *NOW with Bill Moyers* (2002–2005), *Bill Moyers Journal* (2007–2010) and *Moyers & Company* (2011–2015). Other notable productions have included the landmark 1988 series, *Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*, as well as *Healing and the Mind*, *The Language of Life*, *Genesis*, *On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying*, *Moyers on Addiction: Close to Home*, *America's First River*, *Becoming American: The Chinese Experience*, *Faith & Reason*, and *Moyers on America*.

For his work, Bill Moyers has received more than 30 Emmys, two prestigious Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University Awards, nine Peabodys, and three George Polk Awards. In the first year it was bestowed, Moyers received the prestigious Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by the American Film Institute. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he also received the Career Achievement Award from the International Documentary Association and has been honored by the Television Critics Association for outstanding career achievement. Moyers was elected to the Television Hall of Fame in 1995. A year later he received the Charles Frankel Prize from the National Endowment for the Humanities "for outstanding contributions to American cultural life." In 2005, Moyers received the PEN USA Courageous Advocacy Award for his passionate, outspoken commitment to freedom of speech and his dedication to journalistic integrity. He has also been honored with the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Married for more than 60 years, Judith and Bill Moyers have three grown children and five grandchildren.



# Workshops

## THATCAMP

### *The Humanities and Technology Camp*

*Friday, November 18, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM*

**John Crow, Florida State University, Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, and Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina, Presiding**

The advent of digital technology and social media has not only transformed how today religious communities function, they have also changed how scholars teach about and conduct research on religion more broadly. If you are interested in how technology is changing—or can change—the work of scholars of religion, then we invite you to attend the fourth annual THATCamp unconference taking place at this year's AAR & SBL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas!

THATCamp stands for “The Humanities and Technology Camp,” and brings together scholars to explore the role of technology in humanities scholarship. We look at the various methods and processes, and examine the expanded possibilities for communication and research afforded by technology. But this is not a conference for techno-elites. It is for every one of every skill level. If you are new to digital humanities, come and learn. Share your ideas about how technology could help you study religion in new and important ways. If you are a seasoned pro, come and share. Inform others how you have used technology in your study of religion. THATCamp in an unconference. This means learning and building occurs in hands-on workshops or sessions proposed by participants not through formal presentations. Topics we will cover could include, but are certainly not limited to, academic blogging, social media in the classroom, digital research methods, web-based class projects, online and digital publishing, and countless others. We also think about the implications of technology on our fields. How does digital scholarship fit into our domain of study, and what are the professional implications. THATCamp is an open, welcoming environment for sharing and learning.

The cost for attending the unconference is \$15, which includes the entire day of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. You can find more information at [www.THATCampAARSBL.org](http://www.THATCampAARSBL.org), where you can review session proposals submitted by your peers prior to the event and join us for conversation about technology and digital scholarship, including the opportunity for you to present your own proposals for sessions. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

### *Strategies for Successful Department Assessment*

*Friday, November 18, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM*

**Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding**

Whether you love assessment or hate it, developing rigorous assessment plans has become a standard requirement in higher education. This workshop is intended to support department chairs and other program coordinators who are responsible for creating and administering assessment plans. We will begin by introducing the basic rationale behind assessment and proceed to strategizing about how to develop models of assessment that can strengthen departments and programs, and be integrated into regular faculty workloads. The emphasis in the workshop will be on sharing best practices and models that participants can adapt to their own contexts as well as trouble-shooting problems and road blocks that chairs and program administrators have encountered in developing and implementing effective assessment plans.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$80, which includes lunch and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 40 participants.

#### *Plan of the Session*

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Biting the Bullet — Why do assessment?

This introduction to the workshop focuses on how to approach the task of assessment in ways that benefit your department. We will discuss how to encourage faculty buy-in, and discuss the benefits and challenges of doing meaningful program assessment.

10:30 AM–11:45 AM Best Practices in Departmental Assessment

In this part of the workshop, we'll explore how to do effective assessment. Although there are numerous possible ways to assess student learning—surveys, exit interviews, examinations, etc.—there seems to be a great deal of consistency in the ways in which RS programs develop and implement assessment. We'll discuss the processes and possibilities for creating a good plan for program assessment.

11:45 AM–12:00 PM Break

12:00 PM–12:45 PM Lunch — Assessment Model Table Groups

12:45 PM–1:00 PM Break

1:00 PM–2:30 PM Table Group Discussions of Assessment Models

In the afternoon, we'll work in small groups to discuss how to begin or continue to develop good assessment plans. Each small group will work with a facilitator who can offer insights and best practices based on their experience with assessment.

2:30 PM–2:45 PM Break

2:45 PM–3:30 PM Institutional Table Groups

Different types of institutions often share similar administrative structures and requirements for assessment. This portion of the workshop will allow participants to meet with others from similar types of schools to brainstorm and strategize about how to most effectively engage in models of assessment that support your faculty and department while also meeting institutional requirements.

3:30 PM–4:00 PM Wrap-up and Feedback

# Workshops (cont.)

Participants will have the opportunity to share insights from the workshop and to offer suggestions about how the ARC can continue to support department chairs and program administrators with the assessment process.

Panelists:

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University  
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College  
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University,  
Indianapolis  
Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College  
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama

## RELIGION AND MEDIA WORKSHOP

*(Im)migration and Religion*

*Friday, November 18, 10:00 AM–6:00 PM*

**Ann Burlein, Hofstra University, Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, and M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding**

The Religion and Media Workshop, one of the most popular sessions at the AAR annually, is a day-long seminar designed to foster collaborative conversation at the cutting edge of the study of religion, media, and culture. In 2016 the Workshop will explore (im)migration.

- ❧ What are the facts and imaginaries of borders and the racialized dynamics of border control?
- ❧ What relationships emerge between migrating bodies and media/the force of images?
- ❧ How do our representations of migrants re-inscribe or disrupt local ideologies of identity?

The workshop will not be structured as traditional paper sessions, but rather as a workshop. Three to five readings will be circulated to participants before the event. It is essential that all participants commit to doing the readings ahead of time and prepare to participate in seminar-style conversation.

The cost for attending the workshop is \$65, which includes lunch and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 70 participants.

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University, and Clare Van Holm, Georgia State University  
*Applying Religious Studies to Turkish Politics and the Syrian Crisis: Digital Technology and Advanced Research in and out of the Classroom*

Katherine Pratt Ewing, Columbia University  
*The Ambivalence of Belonging: Muslim Murders in the Media*

Jeanette Jouili, University of Pittsburgh  
*Not British Enough? British Muslim Artists and the Performance of National and Global Belongings*

Luis Leon, University of Denver  
*The Mediated Figure of the Migrant: Religion and Immigration in the Age of Trump*

Daniel Ramírez, University of Michigan  
*"From Every People, Race, Tribe, and Tongue": Pentecostal Music in Xenophobic Times*

Leah Sarat, Arizona State University  
*From Fragmentation to Wholeness: Envisioning Immigrant Detention in the United States*

## RETHINKING ISLAMIC STUDIES WORKSHOP

*Scholars in Dialogue: Engaging the Public in Conversations about Islam*

*Friday, November 18, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM*

**Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, Presiding**

For 2016, the Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop will explore public engagement with Islam. As scholars in the humanities and social sciences, our knowledge of Islamic traditions can play a critical role in influencing public discourse about and engagement with Islam. In the current atmosphere of polarization and Islamophobia, we can make a unique contribution to the broad questions about religion in our society and in our political life. This workshop will enable us to learn from our peers about effective strategies for participating in public life and sharing our expertise in diverse community forums. Countering stereotypes, communicating a more nuanced understanding of religion writ broadly, and participating in popular education empowers scholars. It allows us to share our research-based knowledge in new and important contexts. This workshop will present diverse strategies for effective public engagement with Islam, including media campaigns, community outreach, interactions with policymakers, and lobbying local representatives. At a time when the politics of hate and fear seem to be spreading, scholars can make deliberate and effective public interventions to affirm conversations that build understanding and respect. Such engagement translates humanistic knowledge about religion and Islam into crucial public contexts that sorely need it.

The format will consist of presentations by colleagues from our community of scholars, combined with interactive small group discussion. Our aim is to provide an opportunity to reflect on diverse models of and effective strategies for deepening public understanding of Islam, Muslim communities, and the role of religion in public life. Participants will have the opportunity to strategize more concretely their own possible public engagements. The workshop is intended both for graduate students and professors of Islamic studies, as well as scholars from other fields in religious studies who are keen to explore how scholars can play an effective role in shaping public discourse.

The cost of the workshop is \$35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 70 participants.

# Workshops (cont.)

## ETHNOGRAPHY AND THEOLOGY WORKSHOP

*The Use of Ethnography for Theological Research*

*Friday, November 18, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM*

**Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, and Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College, Presiding**

Co-sponsored by the Ecclesial Practices Group and the Religion and Social Sciences Section

The use of ethnography for theological research is on the rise. As with its trans-disciplinary migration across various social science and humanities disciplines, theologians too are asking how ethnographic research practices might reshape the nature, norms and purposes of our work for a new generation of scholars. Likewise, what does ethnography look like when used for theological purposes? This workshop assembles a multi-disciplinary group of expert scholars, spanning the social sciences and theology, to engage a mutual dialogue about the use of ethnography for theological purposes. The workshop will consist of a facilitated roundtable featuring nationally-recognized scholars within theological and social science fields and small group discussions. In addition registrants will be able to 'workshop' their own research projects in small groups. The workshop will build on ideas generated in the 2015 workshop while remaining accessible to anyone who did not attend that event.

The cost of the workshop is \$35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information please contact Natalie Wigg-Stevenson (Ecclesial Practices Group) at [natalie.wigg@utoronto.ca](mailto:natalie.wigg@utoronto.ca) or Kathleen Garces-Foley (Religion and Social Sciences Group) at [kgarcesfoley@marymount.edu](mailto:kgarcesfoley@marymount.edu).

Panelists:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University  
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University  
Jeffrey Guhin, University of Virginia  
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University  
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa  
Valentina Napolitano, University of Toronto  
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Peter Ward, MF Norwegian School of Theology  
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame  
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College

## TEACHING RELIGION AND DISABILITY STUDIES WORKSHOP

*An Interactive Workshop on Curriculum & Pedagogy*

*Friday, November 18, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM*

In this interactive workshop, we will share strategies and practical tools for integrating disability studies into religious studies and seminary classrooms, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The workshop will explore methods for teaching disability that move beyond tokenism—and consider how to engage diverse perspectives and experiences related to disability. We will share ways to integrate intersectional approaches to disability and disability studies—and to situate disability within broader frameworks of social justice. Together, we will work through concrete questions related to syllabus creation and pedagogy. Anyone interested in exploring ways to incorporate disability studies into their curricula is welcome; previous experience teaching disability studies is not necessary for participation in the workshop.

Goals for the workshop:

- ☞ To hone strategies for teaching disability studies in diverse institutional contexts
- ☞ To consider ways to craft classroom activities that help students grapple with their own experiences and preconceptions related to disability
- ☞ To bring scholarship on disability studies more fully into the theology and religious studies curricula
- ☞ To share pedagogical insights and concrete classroom examples for broadening students' horizons to engage disability studies content
- ☞ To facilitate connections and networking between faculty interested in teaching disability studies

The cost of the workshop is \$35, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 35 participants.

Panelists:

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University  
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology  
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools  
Darla Schumm, Hollins University  
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_____	Ethnography and Theology <i>The Use of Ethnography for Theological Research</i>	Friday, November 18 1:00 PM–5:00 PM	\$35
_____	Teaching Religion and Disability Studies <i>An Interactive Workshop on Curriculum &amp; Pedagogy</i>	Friday, November 18 1:00 PM–5:00 PM	\$35

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# Tour Information

## SAN ANTONIO CITY TOUR

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:30 PM



Our first stop will be at the Mexican Market known as El Mercado, where you will get as close to genuine Mexico as you can this side of the border. You will have time to visit the shops that offer authentic Mexican arts and crafts and the amazing bakery inside Mi Tierra before getting back on the bus.

We'll then take a quick tour of downtown San Antonio where you will drive by the Spanish Governor's Palace, a national historic landmark, considered the sole remaining example of an aristocratic early Spanish house in Texas. Next is the San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers built in 1731, and one of the oldest churches in continuous use in the country.

Next is a visit to the King William Historic District, where prosperous German merchants who made their mark in San Antonio in the late 1800's built their grand homes. If time allows, we will take a short walk down the tree lined streets of yesteryear and visit Steves Homestead which still contains some of the original pieces of the era and is home to the very first swimming pool in Texas. Attendees can tour the Guenther House located on the grounds of the Pioneer Flour Mill and explore their delightful gift shop filled with surprises for guests who love to cook or eat.

Our last, but certainly not least, stop will be the Alamo, "The Shrine of Texas Liberty," and San Antonio's first Mission. Today, it is one of the most photographed facades in the country and the number one tourist attraction in the state. We will tour the chapel and walk the grounds as we learn about the "Battle for Texas Independence".

## YOGA CLASS

Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM

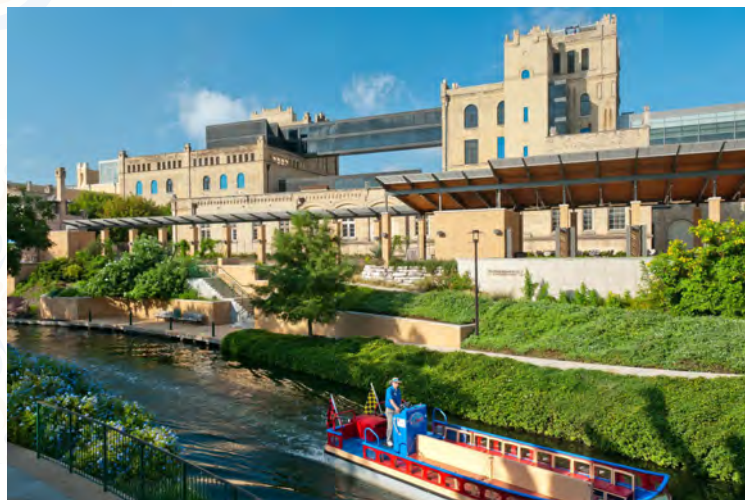


Join us for a 50-minute energizing and wakening yoga class, appropriate to all levels of practitioners. Fun flow will incorporate the whole body — stretching into the legs, releasing tension in the shoulders, opening up the heart with some gentle back bending. All with a great playlist to get you ready for the day. Towels will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothing.

## SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART

Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

Participants will take a leisurely river taxi ride to the museum, and then explore the Museum's highlights through a one-hour guided tour led by a knowledgeable docent. This tour takes you throughout the museum to see notable works from around the world. There are five thousand years of art in a complex of buildings that once housed the Lone Star Brewery, and renowned for collections of Latin American, Asian, and Ancient Mediterranean art with a notable contemporary collection. You'll have the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibitions and collections on your own and come back to the Annual Meeting at your leisure.



Note that return transportation isn't included in the price. Strolling along the Riverwalk is just over 2 miles, and walking on the streets is 1.4 miles. An estimate of a street taxi is \$9; or you can purchase a 24-hour river taxi pass for \$15, which would be beneficial if you chose to have dinner in the Pearl Brewery area, for example.

## SAN ANTONIO RIVER CRUISE

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:15 PM

The River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, is the largest urban ecosystem in the nation and certainly the most vibrant. Step aboard a River Walk barge for an exciting and entertaining narrative of the rich history of the River Walk. The cruises are about 40 minutes long and cover one and a half miles of the beautiful San Antonio River Walk with an adventure around every turn. Participants will walk less than 0.5 miles down to the River Walk to board the barge.



# Tour Information (cont.)

## BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM

*Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM*

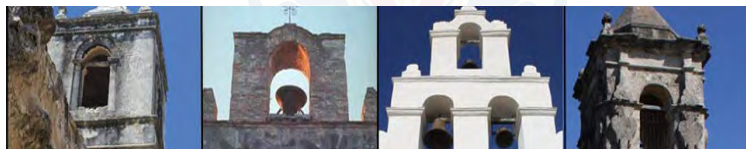


The Briscoe Western Art Museum offers conversational and interactive tours that showcase modern and contemporary Western art, exquisitely crafted artifacts, and the architecture of the Museum. Enjoy an in-depth look at select works that illuminate the Western experience from multiple vantage points. First participants will start with an exploration of the Museum's highlights through a one-hour guided tour led by a

knowledgeable docent, who will pick a few pieces to highlight. You'll then have the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibitions and collections on your own and come back to the Annual Meeting at your leisure. The Briscoe Campus consists of the historic Museum building, the Jack Guenther Pavilion, and the adjacent McNutt Sculpture Garden spread, across one-and-a-quarter acres. The Briscoe is a 0.4 miles walk from the Convention Center.

## SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS TOUR

*Sunday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM*



Before there was San Antonio, there were missions — five complexes, part ranch and part church, along the banks of the San Antonio River. Their founders aimed to settle the land and convert the indigenous people. The best known is the Alamo (which we will not visit on this tour), which stands just a few blocks from the Convention Center. The others still stand in a line south of the city, as active churches in addition to historic sites. As a group they were recently named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Our tour, planned with the National Park Service and the missions' leaders, will trace their origins, development, and modern role. We will start at Mission San José, the largest of the missions and the most restored; and then visit Mission Concepción, featuring a mixture of Spanish and indigenous art, as well as a few others. This is a bus tour with a few stops to get off and see the sites.

## 1950s AND 60s LGBTIQ PRE-STONEWALL SITES

*Sunday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM*

Come and experience the geography and stories of San Antonio's pre-Stonewall LGBTIQ people. We will visit the sites of the long ago infamous gay clubs: The Acme Bar, Mary Ellen's Top Hat, Mike and Leo's and Maybelle and Bee's.



Hear about the famed Corny-a-tion and what gay men yelled to Navy sailors from the patio of the German Beer Garden. Accompanied by Marie Cartier, archivist and writer/storyteller Carolyn Weathers and several local San Antonio LGBTIQ scholars, this tour will take you back in time when the gay bar was the only place for connection and friendship was often on a first name basis. This is a bus and walking tour, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Cheers Everybody!

## HISTORICAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

*Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM*



Although founded and dominated by Catholics in its early years, San Antonio's religious landscape has always been diverse. Protestant groups arrived by the middle of the nineteenth century and grew steadily. The first Jewish congregations were organized in the 1870s. This tour explores landmark houses of worship erected by these communities in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Features of the tour include the historic St. Joseph Catholic Church, the neo-classical Temple Beth-El, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church which was designed by Richard Upjohn. Other sites to be examined include Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches. These religious buildings adapted a variety of classical and Gothic revival styles to serve their various liturgical needs, and they remain a vibrant presence in the contemporary city. This is a bus tour with a few stops to get off and see the sites.

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_____	San Antonio River Cruise	Saturday, Nov. 19	1:00 PM–2:15 PM	\$8
_____	Briscoe Western Art Museum	Sunday, Nov. 20	10:00 AM–11:30 AM	\$10
_____	San Antonio Missions Tour	Sunday, Nov. 20	1:00 PM–5:00 PM	\$30
_____	1950s and 60s LGBTIQ Pre-Stonewall Sites	Sunday, Nov. 20	3:00 PM–6:00 PM	\$35
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