# **Call for Proposals**

This Group invites proposals for scholarly papers and panels on ethical issues in medicine, public health, and biomedical research, especially as these interrelate with religious beliefs and practices. Bioethics is an interdisciplinary endeavor and we like to see that represented in our program by encouraging proposals that utilize methodologies and approaches that bridge the gap between religious studies and other disciplines. This year we specifically invite scholars to incorporate the 2011 theme of the Mediterranean in their focus, however, this emphasis is by no means required. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Approaches to bioethical issues and topics unique to Israel or other Mediterranean countries

- Applying perspectives of historical scholars from the Mediterranean region (Philo, or Augustine, for example) to contemporary issues

- Comparative religious bioethics

- Considerations of implementing Obama's health plan and the relationship between political discourse and health policy

### Mission

This Group offers a unique venue within the AAR for addressing the intersections of religion, bioethics, and health/health-care related matters. We encourage creative and scholarly examinations of these intersections, drawing on such disciplines as religious and philosophical ethical theory, theology, ethnography, clinical ethics, history, and law. We seek to undertake this scholarly work by drawing on a variety of perspectives (e.g., Feminist/Womanist/Mujerista, cross-cultural, and interreligious) and to demonstrate the contributions that religious and ethical

scholarship can offer to the critical exploration of contemporary bioethical issues.

### **Anonymity of Review Process**

Proposals are anonymous to Chairs and Steering Committee Members until after final acceptance or rejection.

## **Questions?**

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#### **Method of Submission**

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