

Dear Readers:

Welcome back to *Religious Studies News*! Many of you are now through the academic year and I hope you are enjoying the start of your summer hiatus.

I am sure you are eager to explore our May issue of *RSN*. We have a substantial [Annual Meeting section](#), including quite a bit of information about our upcoming 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

The [News section](#) contains information about the AAR inner workings, including our upcoming officer elections and new staff members. The News section also contains information about grants, awards, publishing, and teaching.

Our [Spotlight on Teaching](#) in this issue discusses religious studies in American public higher education in the twenty-first century.

And finally, please be sure to check out our growing Resources section. We have added several items to the website in the months since our last issue. Inside the Resources Menu are several hidden gems of the website, including:

- [Ask Academic Abby](#) : Provides advice given on professional concerns and how to navigate the occasionally treacherous waters of academe. We are always seeking new material.
- [Ask the Diva](#) : Provides advice given on professional concerns related to issues of special concern to LGBTIQ scholars of religion
- [Archives](#) : Includes past issues of *RSN* and *Spotlight*. Additions have been made to this section as we continue to add new material.
  
- [Recommended Reading](#) : Lists influential, pivotal, seminal, or otherwise important publications in various fields of religion and theology.

Sincerely,  
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