San Francisco, California, one of the world's renowned international cities, will play host to this year's Annual Meeting. Well-known for its chilly summer fog, steep rolling hills, eclectic mix of Victorian and modern architecture, and its famous landmarks, San Francisco is an extremely popular tourist destination. Sessions will be held in the Moscone West Convention



Center, the Marriott Marquis Hotel, and Intercontinental Hotel. These venues are right in the heart of Union Square and are within walking distance of many local attractions. Whether it is museums, art galleries, good food, or shopping you are looking for, San Francisco has it all!

Registration and Housing is open now!

FAX: 1-404-727-7959

WEB: <u>www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual Meeting/Current Meeting/registration.asp</u>

MAIL: American Academy of Religion c/o AAR Housing Department 825 Houston Mill Road NE, Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30329

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 2011 membership status, please see www.aarweb.org/Members/Dues or call 404-727-7972.

Getting Around



The Moscone Centers and the hotels are within easy walking distance of one another. To get to other area attractions, utilize either BART, the San Francisco public subway system (<u>www.bart.gov</u>), or

hop on a classic cable car (www.sfcablecar.com

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The City of San Francisco has a new airport shuttle program, BART Sustainable Travel Program. The BART is an eco-friendly way (saving twenty-two pounds of carbon offsets per passenger trip) for you to get to and from San Francisco International Airport for just \$18 round trip. The program allows you to purchase a BART transfer/voucher in advance from a website. The voucher is printed and exchanged for a BART ticket upon arrival at the San Francisco Airport. Once you have your ticket, board the train and arrive downtown in thirty minutes. Go green in San Francisco...go BART from the airport. More details to come in later *RSN* issues!

Additional Meetings

Requests for Additional Meeting space are being accepted through the new online Additional Meeting 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 Meeting participants are expected to register for the Annual Meeting. Be sure to read the instructions carefully before completing and submitting your space request. For more information about the Additional Meetings, <u>click here</u>.

Questions should be directed to Soraya Shahrak at 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 Meeting. Members of both organizations will have the opportunity to register and use the Center onsite. More information and details about registration and deadlines are to come.

Childcare

AAR is proud to provide childcare service at the Annual Meeting for the convenience of our members. Childcare is available at an hourly or daily rate. It will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel. Registration for childcare service will open in Spring 2011.

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 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 , you can:

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