



## 2013 Eastern International Regional Meeting

May 10–11, 2013  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Eastern International Region of the AAR invites you to submit proposals for papers and panels to be presented at the 2013 Regional Meeting. Alongside the regular panels, the conference will include a series of special sessions on the theme of **Material Religion**.

**Material religion** explores the way in which religion happens in material ways and contexts. Material culture, such as images, places, rituals, and artifacts, is put to work in the practices of religion everywhere.

Proposals are welcome in all areas within the study of religion, including:

- Anthropology
- Comparative religions
- Diaspora and transnational studies
- Ethics
- Gender
- Method and theory
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Textual studies

In particular, the program committee is interested in proposals related to our special theme of material religion. These could include submissions on such topics as:

- Material Religion (broadly defined)
- Religion and popular culture
- Religion and art/visual culture
- Religion and the body
- Sacred space and architecture
- Pilgrimage
- Religion and ritual
- Religion and politics
- Religion and revolution/social change

The Program Committee would also welcome proposals for nontraditional sessions, such as roundtables, dialogues, PechaKuchas, book discussions, etc.

Each proposal should contain the following in a single e-mail attachment in MS Word format:

- One-page abstract (300 words maximum) describing the nature of the paper or panel
- Current CV(s) for the participant(s)
- Cover page that includes the submitter's full name, title, institution, phone number, fax number, e-mail, and mailing address. For panel proposals, identify the primary contact person

Please send your proposal to [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it). The deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2013**.

Scholars from any region may apply to participate. Only those proposals received by the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the program. Presentations are limited to twenty minutes, with ten minutes allowed for questions. If you require technological support for your presentation/panel (such as an Internet connection or audio and projection equipment), you must request it with your proposal.

As a general rule, the Region discourages panels comprised of scholars from a single institution. Exceptions to this rule would include a presentation from a research team or a panel based on other types of collaborative research.

## Student Paper Competition

Graduate and undergraduate students in the Eastern International Region are invited to enter the student paper competition. Please note that to be eligible for submission, the student must attend a university in the Eastern International Region. The committee will give preference to work that is new at this conference. Up to two \$200 awards are reserved for winning papers. The award(s) will be formally presented at the business meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

To enter the competition, please attach a short note confirming that you wish to enter your paper into the contest along with your initial proposal by the **February 15, 2013**, deadline. A final draft of the paper must be submitted to the Regional Coordinator Verna Ehret ( This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it ) by April 1, 2013. To be eligible for this award the student must read the entire paper at the meeting, which means the paper and presentation must conform to the twenty-minute time limit (roughly 2,500 words).

## Undergraduates

The Region welcomes submissions from undergraduates in the field of religious studies. Each proposal should contain the following in a single e-mail attachment in Word format:

- One-page abstract (300 words maximum) describing the nature of the paper or panel
- Letter from a faculty member who has supervised the student's work
- Cover page that includes the student's full name, institution, phone number, e-mail, and mailing address. For panel proposals, identify the contact person.

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**Note:** All presenters at the 2013 regional conference must have [active membership](#) in the AAR. All participants must [preregister](#) for the conference.

## 2014 Annual Meeting

We do not yet have a location for the 2014 meeting. If your institution would be interested in hosting this meeting, please notify the Regional Coordinator, Verna Ehret, as soon as possible. The Executive Committee of the EIR is hoping to develop a rotation of schools at which to hold our annual meeting, making the meeting dates and locations each year predictable for several years in the future. If your school would be interested in being a part of that rotation, please send an e-mail to [verna.ehret@eir.org](mailto:verna.ehret@eir.org). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .