

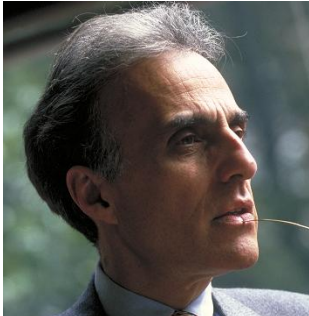
By now, you should have received notice of the electronic ballot for the 2010 AAR elections. The Vice P

If you are a current AAR member and have not yet received a link to the ballot, please notify us via e-ma

Vice President

The Vice President serves on the Executive and Program Committees, as well as on the Board of Direct

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Statement on the AAR

Many of us can remember a time not too long ago when our family and friends wondered why we chose

We in the AAR are in a unique position as specialists in religion. We have an increasingly important opp

Religion in the Public Square

The Public Understanding of Religion Committee, with which I was involved in its formative period, has a

Program in Mentoring and Dissemination of Knowledge

We have a long tradition of leadership in religious studies. Our students give us a sense of

Protecting our Gains from Financial and Ideological Threats

Despite the growing role of religion in politics and society, faculty across the country have been under si

As we look to the future, our ability to meet many academic challenges will be strengthened by a holistic



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Growing up in Lombard, Illinois, I used to wonder where the other side of the world was. Lombard was p

So a group of us went to work. We expanded that corner of the AAR to make room for the historically de

Today we find ourselves at another watershed moment — this time affecting the AAR as a whole. Recognizing that we are at a crossroads, we must take action:

- By forging ahead with a website that will be much more interactive — clarifying our public presence
- By working through that website to extend the work of the annual and regional meetings so that the work of the AAR is not limited to the annual meeting
- By thinking about how members — again through the enhanced website — could do more to foster the growth of the AAR
- And by opening a major initiative on the teaching of religion in community colleges, where so much of our future members will be educated

Our times call for certain humility. I hope the gloriously protean AAR can increasingly serve as a gathering place for all who seek to understand and live the Christian faith in our world.