

Dear Readers:

Welcome back to *Religious Studies News*! I hope the academic year started well for you.

The October *RSN* issue is our most robust issue of the year. We have a lot of [News](#) to share: [officer elections](#) ; [awards](#) ; [regional meeting calls for papers](#) ; etc. Our [Spotlight on Teaching](#) topic is “Teaching Religious Studies in Stand-alone MA Programs” and our [Features](#) cover a wide array of topics.

Many of you will be joining your friends and colleagues at our [Annual Meeting in Chicago](#) next month. You will find that this October issue has a large amount of information concerning the [meeting](#) as we wish to alert you to many of the special events and featured sessions.

We have also added a new item to the website in the months since our last issue. Inside the Resources Menu are several sections, including [Member Notes](#) . Member Notes is an area where AAR members can list their most recent professional milestones. Come see what your colleagues are doing — or share what has been going on in your professional life. We have also added a new entry in [Ask Academic Abby](#) .

We hope you enjoy this October issue and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting! We welcome your feedback, so please feel free to contact us at [\[redacted\]](#) . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Sincerely,
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