

**Call for Papers: Eastern International Region Meeting of the AAR, McGill University, Montreal, May 1–2, 2015**

**Paper Proposal Deadline: February 16, 2015**

The Eastern International Region of the AAR invites you to submit proposals for papers and panels to be presented at the 2015 Regional Meeting. Alongside the regular panels, the conference will include a series of special sessions on the theme of *Desire and Devotion*.

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

- Anthropology
- Art history and criticism
- Comparative religions
- Ethics
- Gender
- History
- Literature
- Method and theory
- Music history and criticism
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Politics
- Sociology
- Textual studies

In particular, the program committee is interested in proposals related to our special theme of *Desire and Devotion*. These could include submissions on:

- Devotional Texts, Songs, Images, Practices
- Cultural Repertoires of Devotion and Desire
- Construction and Regulation of Eros, Sex and Gender
- “Sacred” and “Secular” Art
- “Sacred” and “Secular” Music
- Languages of Mystical Experience
- The Psychology of Desire and Devotion
- “Religious” Experience/Language and “the Romantic”
- “Romantic” Experience/Language and “the Religious”
- and others

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 [eiraarsubmission@gmail.com](mailto:eiraarsubmission@gmail.com).

Deadline for submissions is **February 16, 2015**.

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 2, 2015.

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 16, 2015 deadline. NOTE: A final draft of the paper must be submitted to the EIR Regional Coordinator, Verna Ehret ([vehret@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:vehret@mercyhurst.edu)) by April 1, 2015. 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 2015 regional conference with the exception of undergraduates must have active membership in the AAR or SBL. ***All participants must register for the conference.***