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2013 ANNUAL MEETING in BOSTON – November 8-10, 2013

Coming Out Religiously

Religion, the Public Sphere, and Religious Identity Formation

Early bird registration ends September 15!

Excitement builds as the 2013 Annual Meeting approaches! The timely topic on religion in schools, the 12th Harper Award to Bob Jackson, 78 highly diverse presentations of scholarly and practical work (almost half are international), and all the conversations with colleagues and friends that enliven our own disciplinary efforts—what's not to draw us with great expectation to Boston?!!!

We continue to add information to the [2013 Meeting](#) website as planning advances, so please keep checking there. Here are some highlights you won't want to miss:

Harper Award – [Bob Jackson](#) will receive the award Saturday evening after the Banquet. He will speak about the Council of Europe policy and practice on incorporating the dimension of religious diversity into intercultural education in 47 European states.

Our other two **guest speakers**, [Walter Feinberg](#) and [Diane L. Moore](#), are widely recognized for their scholarly work on the public understanding of religion/worldview through education. Feinberg will speak on the topic of his forthcoming book, *For the Civic Good: A Liberal Case for Teaching Religion in Public Schools*. Moore, who heads Harvard's Religious Literacy Project, will speak about how incorporating the study of religion into schools can invigorate classrooms and enhance democratic discourse in the public sphere.

Pre-conference session & outing – Thursday, November 7, 12:30-6:00 p.m. Visit [Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative \(DSNI\)](#), one of the most creative neighborhood revitalization initiatives in the country and the topic of a documentary that will be viewed 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Thursday before traveling to the site. \$25 "at the door". [Read more...](#)

Task Forces – If you are convening a [Task Force](#) on Saturday morning, please send [Lucinda](#) a brief description of your topic for the program.

Faith Communities – Something new! A time to meet and greet those who share your religious tradition—over [dinner Friday evening!](#) A convener from each group will plan the gathering and announce plans Friday afternoon.

Read papers beforehand – RIG sessions convene with the assumption that those present have *already read* the presenters' papers. All papers will be available in pdf format on the [Meeting website](#) by October 1. (Note: There will be no disc or hard copy of the papers. *Proceedings* for the Meeting will be available in a single pdf file on the Meeting website by October 20.)

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REA at AAR-SBL in Baltimore, November 22-26, 2013

P23-402, **Saturday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**, Sheraton Inner Harbor-Harborview II

Our inaugural meeting as a Related Scholarly Organization will feature a panel of Yolanda Smith, Siebren Miedema, and Mai-Anh Tran speaking on *Religious Education and 21st-Century Intersections: Religion Identity Formation, Social Activism, and Public Imagination*. Mary Hess will moderate the panel. [More...](#)

Is your membership current?

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See you in Boston!



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