Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to let you know that many religion and ecology events will take place at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR). The meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA, USA on October 30-November 1, 2010. For more details, visit: http://www.aarweb.org/

We would like to invite you to the annual Forum on Religion and Ecology luncheon to be held on Friday, October 29, before the AAR meetings begin. The luncheon will take place at 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE, in the Baker Room.

**The deadline to RSVP for the Forum luncheon is Monday, October 25. To RSVP, email tcmk@aya.yale.edu.**

If you have students or colleagues who may be interested in attending, feel free to pass the information along to them, but please ask them to RSVP as well, as we need to know how many people will be in attendance.

The Forum will be co-sponsoring an AAR workshop entitled “Teaching about Food, Justice, and Sustainability.” This will take place that same afternoon, Friday October 29, at 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. It does require pre-registration and pre-payment, and is limited to the first 75 participants.

On Friday, October 29, at 9 - 11 pm in the Hyatt Baker, a reception sponsored by Friends of Animals and Religion will take place. Scholars, students, and any others interested in this burgeoning field are welcome to join this informal Friday evening session. We will meet in a relaxed, informal setting in order to easily share our thoughts and observations regarding teaching issues, course development possibilities, undergraduate programs, graduate study possibilities, and publication opportunities. There will be the briefest of introductory comments by members of the Animals and Religion Consultation, all to the point of prompting a productive, egalitarian exchange. This subject is expanding, and the chance to learn about additional points of view is vitally important to the development of a healthy field.

Below you will find a list of various AAR panels, tours, and workshops related to religion and ecology.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Warm regards,
The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale
www.yale.edu/religionandecology
Dealing with Ecological Despair: Religion, Ecology, and Hope in the Classroom
A29-100
Pre-Conference Workshops
Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Hanover D
Note: This pre-conference workshop is sold out.

Teaching about Food, Justice, and Sustainability
A29-202
Pre-Conference Workshops
Friday 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Hanover F

Thinking Animals, Rethinking Theology: Abrahamic and Indigenous Traditions
A30-121
Animals and Religion Consultation
Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Marriott Marquis - Marquis Ballroom A

Frans de Waal: Morality before Religion — Empathy, Reciprocity, and Fairness in our Fellow Primates
A30-140
Plenaries
Saturday 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Centennial II-IV

Fellow Primates: A Conversation with Frans de Waal on Cognition, Animals, and Religion
A30-230
Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
Animals and Religion Consultation
Saturday 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Marriott Marquis - Marquis Ballroom A
Imagining the Ecological Other from *Avatar* to *True Blood*
A30-326
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Religion and Ecology Group
Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Location: Marriott Marquis - L405-406

Women, Animals, and Religion: From Fleshy Objects to Embodied Subjects
A30-310
Animals and Religion Consultation
Women and Religion Section
Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Location: Marriott Marquis - Marquis Ballroom A

Islam and Ecology: A Reassessment Ten Years after the Earth Charter
A31-107
Study of Islam Section
Contemporary Islam Group
Sunday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Marriott Marquis - Marquis Ballroom B

Nondualist Ecology: Perspectives on the Buddhist Environmentalism of David Loy
A31-218
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
Comparative Religious Ethics Group
Sunday 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Hanover E

Pilgrimage, Place, and Dynamic Systems
A31-323
Religion and Ecology Group
Sunday 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Location: Marriott Marquis - L405-406

Faithscapes, Foodscapes, and Landscapes: Three Anthropological Perspectives on Cities and Religion
A31-311
Anthropology of Religion Group
Religion and Cities Consultation
Sunday 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Location: Marriott Marquis - M302
A1-113
African Religions Group
Monday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Marriott Marquis - M304

Food, Justice, and Sustainability: Atlanta’s Urban Agriculture Tour
A1-137
Tours
Monday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Offsite - Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency Baker Street Exit

Climate Change: Rethinking Contested Concepts
A1-228
Religion and Ecology Group
Monday 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Hanover C

Engaging New Concepts in Religion and Ecology
A1-323
Religion and Ecology Group
Monday 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Location: Hyatt Regency - Hanover C