

American Academy of Religion
2010 Annual Meeting

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

Religion, Ecology, Health, and Social Development in a Global Context: Exploring the Religious and Theological Legacy of Steve de Gruchy, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

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