2018 New England & Canadian Maritimes Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Last Update: December 5, 2017

Full Conference Program is not yet available, though Plenary Speaker is listed below; please check back later in early March 2018

Conference Early Bird Registration of $30.00 (until March 23, 2018) via Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nemaar-2018-annual-conference-tickets-40800780232 (ALL Conference attendees and presenters must be registered. Registration includes a Box Lunch and beverages and snacks). After March 23, 2018 the Conference Registration will increase to $40.00

Venue: Beatty Hall of the Wentworth Institute of Technology, 106 Ward St.
Boston, MA 02115, https://wit.edu/

Public Transportation: MBTA Green Line "E" (Heath Street) car to the Museum of Fine Arts stop. Wentworth is across the street: OR Orange Line to Ruggles Stop. Wentworth is about a three-block walk up Ruggles Street to the corner of Ruggles and Parker Street. A Wentworth Campus Map is available at https://wit.edu/about-wentworth/life-boston/campus-map

Conference Onsite Registration

will be held in Beatty Hall (106 Ward Street) of the Wentworth Institute of Technology. Walk-in, “day of” registrations will be accepted, though if at all possible, please register beforehand online, as this will help us in more precise planning with the food service.

Wifi access will be available
Plenary Speaker: Dr. Calvin Mercer, Professor of Religious Studies at East Carolina University (for more see: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/religionprogram/mercer/)

Dr. Mercer has been addressing the opportunities, dangers, and religious implications of human enhancement technology for over a decade and is among a growing number of scholars addressing the broader social, political, and economic implications. Much of his work is summarized in this podcast interview: http://brickcaster.com/christiantranshumanist/29. Dr. Mercer wants to promote, among academics and faith communities, substantive reflection on these questions, which he considers some of the most urgent public debates that need to occur in the world. Also trained in clinical psychology, Dr. Mercer practiced professionally part-time for over a decade and uses this discipline in his published work on religion, as exampled in his 2009 book by Praeger, Slaves to Faith: A Therapist Looks Inside the Fundamentalist Mind.