

A Note from the **sarts** President

Robin Jensen

Dear **arts** subscribers,

Thanks for stopping by to read our latest **arts** online issue. As the President of **sarts**, I am pleased to see a recap of our November meeting events. We had a wonderful turn out for the event to honor Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, an excellent presentation by our current Luce Fellow, and a wonderful poetry reading and conversation with Jane Hirshfield.

I know that not all **arts** readers are **sarts** members, but I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to let us know how the organization could do a better job of serving you. Our new website (www.societyarts.org) is building and we are eager for your ideas and contributions, suggestions for news stories, featured artists, discussion boards, or anything else that you think will enhance our electronic communication with one another. Please send me an email (robin.jensen@vanderbilt.edu), or click on the “contact” link at the top of the **sarts** site’s home page.

Among the many goals the Board set for our Society’s work this year is a continued push to make more and more people aware of **sarts** and **arts**. Outreach is important to us and crucial to our mission. We need to grow. If you know of individuals who might be interested in joining us or subscribing to the Journal, please send us their name and email address so we can send them a complimentary online issue of **arts** as a way of introducing ourselves.

I hope that you will take note of our Fellowship information and deadline (May 15, 2012). Just click on the website’s “Fellowship” link for more details. We hope, soon, to have details about our Fall Meeting in Chicago. Look for that in the next month or so.

Finally, for those you who are Facebook users, **sarts** and **arts** has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Arts-Sarts/162952720446299?ref=ts). Go there for updated information and join our conversation!

With all best wishes,



Robin Jensen
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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies had its charter meeting at the 2002 AAR/SBL.

The Society was organized to provide a forum for scholars and artists interested in the intersections between theology, religion, and the arts to share thoughts, challenge ideas, strategize approaches in the classroom, and to advance the discipline in theological and religious studies curricula.

The goal of the Society is to attract consistent participation of a core group of artists and scholars of theology and religion in order to have dialogue about theological and religious meaning of the arts, and the artistic/aesthetic dimension of theological and religious inquiry.

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