

Association for the Academic Study of New Religions

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- 1) The encouragement of academic research in the field of new, alternative and minority religious movements across historical periods. This includes:
 - 1) owning, publishing, and providing financial support, as needed, to publish *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*; 2) funding and presenting the Thomas Robbins Awards for Excellence in the Study of New Religions, and the Helen Crovetto Award for Excellence in the Study of New Religious Movements with Ties to South Asia. The Robbins Awards are presented annually for the two best articles in the previous volume of *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. The Crovetto Award is presented annually when there are relevant articles published in the previous volume of *Nova Religio*.
- 2) Once AASNR funding is established, this encouragement of academic research will include sponsoring occasional symposia and academic meetings in which academic research on new religions is presented and shared.
- 3) AASNR encouragement of academic research will also include individual grants for: (a) travel to academic conferences dealing with new and minority religions; and (b) research into new and minority religions.

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