

Announcements

IRAS

The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

Purpose—IRAS (www.iras.org) is an independent society of scientists, philosophers, religion scholars, theologians, and others who want to understand the role of religion in our dynamic scientific world.

Activities—Each year IRAS organizes a week-long conference. Topics are selected to be relevant to current scientific thinking and to fundamental religious questions. (IRAS members pay a reduced rate for conference registration.)

IRAS organizes events at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and IRAS members help organize sessions at the American Academy of Religion (AAR). IRAS has sponsored more than two hundred fifty meetings at universities, colleges, and theological schools.

IRAS members may also join the lively online discussion group, and thus learn about new developments and publications, express their views, and become familiar with those of others.

Publications—*Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* and *IRAS Newsletter*. IRAS members receive subscriptions to these publications free of additional charge.

Special Relationship—Affiliated Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Membership Dues

Membership is very attractive for those interested in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. The membership fee for IRAS for individual members, including *Zygon*, online and print, is lower than the U.S. rate for an individual subscription to *Zygon*! An even lower rate is available for those who prefer to have *Zygon* online only! And new members receive an additional discount in their first year of membership! There is also a discount for student members! For full details, see www.iras.org/membership.html.

Invitation to Join—You are most welcome to join IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science. For further information and an application write to:

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**NATURALISM—AS RELIGION, *WITHIN* RELIGIONS,
OR *WITHOUT* RELIGION?**

IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, will have its 66th conference

June 27 – July 4, 2020, at Star Island, NH

What are the consequences of science-inspired naturalism for religion? In this conference, we will explore and evaluate religious and non-religious options available to those who take science seriously. Briefly, these could be characterized as *replacement*, *reform*, and *rejection*. Plenary speakers will be the following:

Owen Flanagan (philosopher, *The Bodhisattva's Brain: Buddhism Naturalized*);

Marcelo Gleiser (cosmologist, Templeton Prize 2019, *The Island of Knowledge: The Limits of Science and the Search for Meaning*);

Ursula Goodenough (biologist, president of the Religious Naturalist Association, *The Sacred Depths of Nature*);

Sarah Lane Ritchie (theologian, *Divine Action and the Human Mind*);

Carol Wayne White (philosophy of religion, *Black Lives and Sacred Humanity: Toward an African American Religious Naturalism*);

Janet Newton (chapel speaker);

Willem B. Drees (past-editor of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*; conference co-chair), with

Barbara Whittaker-Johns as the other co-chair for the program.

Proposals for *short papers* or *panels* are invited; deadline November 30, 2019. See for more information the website, <https://www.iras.org/2020-conference.html>