Friday Bulletin, April 3, 2015

Department of Religion, University of Florida

News and Upcoming Events

The Symposium hosted by the Islam in Africa Working Group, Center for African Studies, titled “Sufism in Africa: Adapting to Changing Realities,” is underway as this bulletin is released, and it continues through April 4, 2015, in 404 Griner Hall. Program information: http://religion.ufl.edu/event/sufism-in-africa-adapting-to-changing-realities/

Presentations

Next week, Professor David Hackett is teaching an American history graduate seminar on “The Historiography of American Religion” at Boston University and presenting the keynote address “Enlarging the Field: Freemasonry in American Religious History” at the inauguration of that university’s New England Studies Program.

Professor Bron Taylor will present “Terrapolitan Earth Civilization and the Religious and Natural Future,” an invited public lecture, and lead a seminar titled “The Greening of Religion Hypothesis,” at the University of Kansas, on April 13, 2015. The event is sponsored by a number of environmental institutes on campus and Friends of the Department of Religious Studies.

Publications


News

Professor David Hackett has been selected by the Council on International Educational Exchange to participate in an International Faculty Development Seminar in Ireland, June 16-27, 2015. He has additionally received a $5,400 award from the University of Florida International Center to participate in this international seminar. Congratulations, Dr. Hackett!

Professor Terje Ostebo was interviewed by Sky News (London) on April 2, 2015 about the al-Shabaab and the hostage situation in Northern Kenya.

Professor Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons is being inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Collegium of Scholars of Morehouse College. The formal induction ceremony will occur on Thursday April 9, 2015, in the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, on Morehouse College Campus in Atlanta, GA, at 11:00am. The speaker for the Thursday, April 9, 2015, ceremony is the 2015 Gandhi King, Ikeda Community Builders Prize Recipient, the Honorable Anwarul Karim Chowdury. The celebration continues on Thursday evening with an Interfaith Leaders Reception hosted by Morehouse College President Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr. at 6:00pm. The speaker for this event will be Mr. Fethullah Gulen, who will speak about “Fostering Dialogues in Education, Ethics, and Nonviolent Peacebuilding: Global, Social and Religious Movements Today.” Congratulations, Dr. Simmons!

Undergraduate News

Arren Delatorre, an undergraduate mentored by David Hackett, has received a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to assist in the effort to prevent human trafficking in Southeast Asia. Congratulations, Arren!

Deadlines

Here is our Fall 2015 schedule: http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201508/all/religion.htm