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Publications


Professor Mario Poceski was offered a book contract with Oxford University Press for his new publication, The Records of Mazu and the Making of Classical Chan Literature, following successful conclusion of the peer-review process. He will submit the final book manuscript in the fall, and the book will come out in print next year.

Presentations

Professor Bron Taylor has been invited to give the keynote presentation at the conference "Towards Ecocultural Ethics: Recent Trends and Future Directions" at the campus of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa Campus, India, on October 9-11, 2014.

Professor Zoharah Simmons will be one of three Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement speaking at a two-day symposium at the University of Chicago on May 12-13, 2014: “Freedom Summer After 50 Years: Looking Back and Locking Forward.” Day one of the symposium – “Until the Killing of Black Mothers’ Sons…: The Meaning of Freedom Summer” – will be held at 4:30 pm in SSA Room E-1, 969 E. 60th Street, Chicago. Day two of the symposium – “Ask a Real Question: Freedom Schooling Over 50 Years” – will be held at 4:30 pm in CSRPC, 1st Floor Community Rm., 5733 S. University, Chicago.

Professor Zoharah Simmons will serve as a panelist and consultant at a two-day symposium at the University of Illinois-Chicago on May 28 -30, 2014: “FREEDOM DREAMS/FREEDOM NOW.” This event will be an intergenerational gathering of scholars, artists, and activists to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer 1964 and to map the landscape of contemporary social justice work. It is being sponsored by UIC’s Social Justice Initiative. All sessions will be held at Student Center West on the UIC campus.

Alumni Notes

Daniel J. Watkins, who received his B.A. in the Department of Religion (2005) at UF, has completed his Ph.D. in History at Ohio State University and has been offered a tenure-track job at the University of North Florida. Congratulations Daniel!

Note from the editors: During the summer, we will be publishing the bulletin monthly. Have a great summer!