Upcoming Lectures

As part of the Department of Religion’s Delton Scudder lecture series, Professor David Carrasco will be giving a talk entitled “From Axis Mundi to Mappa Mundi: Sacred Bodies, Temples and Paper in Mesoamerican Religions” on February 14, 2014, from 4:00-5:30pm (Place: TBA). Dr. Carrasco is Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America at Harvard University, with a joint appointment with the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and with Harvard Divinity School. He is director of the Moses Mesoamerican Archive at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard. He received his BA from Western Maryland College and his ThM, MA, and PhD from the University of Chicago, where he studied with Mircea Eliade, Charles H. Long, and Paul Wheatley. Professor Carrasco’s work focuses on Mesoamerican cities as symbols, immigration, and the Mexican-American borderlands. Working with Mexican archaeologists, he has carried out 20 years of research in the excavations and archives associated with the sites of Teotihuacan and Mexico-Tenochtitlan.

Presentations

Professor Mario Poceski was invited to give a public lecture at the King’s College in London, UK. Scheduled for June 13, 2014, the lecture’s title is “Saving the Abbot of Da’an Monastery: Reimagining the Chan Master’s Religious Persona.”

Publications


News

Professor Manuel Vásquez was interviewed by the Public Religion Research Institute on the results of their recent survey on attitudes toward immigration reform. See http://publicreligion.org/

Professor Terje Ostbo gave a briefing on Islam and the religious developments in the Horn of Africa for the Swedish Ministry of Defense, in Oslo, December 19, 2013.

Professor Bron Taylor has been working with the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, where he is a fellow, on a digital archive of radical environmentalism. His introduction
to the archive, “Radical Environmentalism’s Print History: From Earth First! to Wild Earth,” is now online at http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/5647, which also provides access to the growing archive.

**Deadlines**

The Department of Religion Spring 2014 schedule can be found here: http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201401/all/religion.htm

**Happy Holidays!**