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Department of Religion, University of Florida

Events

Professor Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons will give the keynote address at the St. Petersburg, FL, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women and numerous other local organizations. The event will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at the St. Petersburg Historic Coliseum at 7:30 am. The purpose of the breakfast is "to bring the St. Petersburg community together to remember the importance of Dr. King's work and legacy, to celebrate his birthday as a national holiday, and to act on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights." The event serves as a reminder that the holiday is a day for community service initiatives and programs promoting interracial cooperation.

Professor Beata Grant (Washington University in St. Louis) will give a public lecture, titled “Woman Huang‘s Journey to the Underworld: Literary Representations of Women in Pre-modern China,” on February 1 (Fri), 3:00-4:30 pm, in 216 Anderson Hall. The lecture is organized by Prof. Mario Poceski and sponsored by the Religion Department, the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (Rothman Endowment), and the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research.

Larry Clayton, Professor of History at the University of Alabama, will be visiting UF on January 23-24, 2013. He will be talking about his recent biography of Bartolomé de Las Casas (Cambridge 2012). His lecture will be Thursday afternoon on January 24, in the Smathers Library East, Room 1A. See prior bulletin for details.

On Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm, at the Harn Museum, Dragan Kujundzic will screen his two-part film (~80 min), commemorating the two round-ups of the Jews, one in Novi Sad (Serbia) in January 1942, the other in Paris in July 1942: "Frozen Time, Liquid Memories (1942-2012)." The screening will be followed by the author's explanation of the project.

"Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice" continues this semester at the Christian Study Center with Paul Farmer's Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor. This reading group will meet twice (January 25 and Feb. 8, 2013, 12:50-1:40 pm) in the classroom at the Study Center. Other events in the Justice series include cinema screenings on Fridays under the title "Seeing Justice: Visual Rhetoric and Cinematic Persuasion," beginning with "The Day My God Died" and "The Whistleblower" on January 25, 2013 at 4:30 pm. For information on the center's full program visit christianstudycenter.org.

“Emergent Brazil,” the 62nd Annual Conference of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, in association with the Centro de Pesquisa e Documentação de História Contemporânea do Brasil, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, will take place at the University of Florida on February 14 & 15, 2013. See prior bulletin for details.
Maimonides Symposium

“Maimonides: Faith, Doubts and Secrets,” a symposium at the University of Florida, will feature speakers Professor Kenneth Seeskin (Northwestern University), Professor Edward C. Halper (University of Georgia), and Dr. Daniel Davies (University of Cambridge). See prior bulletin for details.

Professor Kenneth Seeskin (Northwestern University) will give a talk on “Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? A Maimonidean Inquiry,” on February 11, 2013, in Smathers Library, Room 1A, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. See prior bulletin for details.

Professor Daniel Davies (University of Cambridge) will give a lecture on “Hidden Heresies, Obfuscation, Appropriation: What is all the fuss about Maimonides” on February 13th, 2013, at the University of Florida Hillel from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. See prior bulletin for details.

Publications


News


Professor Mario Poceski was invited to present a paper at the Fo Guang University Center for Buddhist Studies Inaugural Symposium, held in Taiwan on April 15–20. The title of his paper is “Meditation in Early Chan.”
Professor **Mario Poceski** signed the official documents and finalized the dates for his first (out of three) research stay at the University of Hamburg, Germany. He will take up residence in Hamburg as a Humboldt fellow from May 1 till Dec 31. During this period he will also be traveling extensively in Germany and other parts of Europe.

**New Course**

The *Cherokee Nation History* course is being offered to the UF community, residents of Gainesville, and surrounding areas. This is a two-weekend intensive course, nationally-acclaimed, which has been given at numerous universities throughout the USA, including Harvard University. Dates for the course are Jan. 26-7 and Feb. 9-10, 2013. Spaces are still available. See prior bulletin for details.

**Upcoming Deadlines**

We are still collecting updated bios from faculty and graduate students to post on the new website. Please submit revised bios to Alysia Radder (*aradder@ufl.edu*).

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