Friday Bulletin, January 25, 2013

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Events

Laura Hobgood-Oster, professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at Southwestern University, will give a lecture on "A Bond into Eternity? Humans, Dogs, and Death" at 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2013, in Dauer Hall, Room 215. Dr. Hobgood-Oster is the author of Holy Dogs and Asses: Animals in the Christian Tradition and The Friends We Keep: Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals.

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 22 (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. Please note the NEW DATE for this event.

"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 February 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](http://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


Professor Bron Taylor’s book, Avatar and Nature Spirituality is in production and slated for publication (by Wilfrid Laurier University Press, in their Environmental Humanities Series) in July 2013. Taylor contributed three chapters and is the editor of the volume.

Professor Manuel Vásquez has been named co-editor of the Oxford Handbook of Christianity in Latin America.

News

Professor Terje Østebø was interviewed for “The FrontPage edition of All Things Considered” at WUFT-FM – about the hostage crisis in Algeria – on January 18, 2013.

Professor Mario Poceski was invited to participate as a discussant in an hour-long program dedicated to the topic of traditional religions of Asia at the “Let's Talk About It” show, to be broadcasted live on February 7 by Unity Radio.

The new course on Cherokee Nation History has been canceled.

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