Friday Bulletin, February 8, 2013

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Events

Professor Kenneth See斯基n (Northwestern University) will give a talk on “Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? A Maimonidean Inquiry,” on February 11, 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 13, at the University of Florida Hillel from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. See prior bulletin for details.

“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. See prior bulletin for details.

Laura Hobgood-Oster, professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at Southwestern University, will give a lecture entitled “A Bond into Eternity? Humans, Dogs, and Death” at 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 21 in Dauer Hall, Room 215. See prior bulletin for details.

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. Please note the NEW DATE for this event. See prior bulletin for details.

Professor Terje Østebo has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the Oromo Studies Association’s Annual Conference in Washington, DC, August 3-4, 2013.

Professor Whitney Sanford will give a lecture entitled “Being the Change: Gandhi, Intentional Communities & the Process of Social Change” in the Philosophy and Religion Studies Department at the University of North Texas, on Friday, February 15, 2013.

News

Professor Dilipkumar Mohanta, who as a Fulbright scholar was a guest of the Religion Department in the fall of 2011, was appointed to be the new Vice Chancellor of Kalyani University in India, a position that is roughly equivalent to university president in the US system. (Reported by MP).

Professor Mario Poceski participated as a discussant in a hour-long program on the traditional religions of Asia at the "Let's Talk About It" show, broadcast on Unity Radio (February 7, 2013; to listen, go to www.unity.fm/episode/TalkAboutIt_020713).
Caleb Simmons, PhD Candidate in Religions of Asia, was named an Honorary Fellow for 2013 by the Archive India Institute. The award is for “young scholars who have made substantial contributions to the study of Indian history.” Archive India Institute “aims to promote research by way of organizing seminars, conferences, workshops and symposia on all aspects of premodern South Asian history, and by publishing books, booklets, periodicals, pamphlets and other forms of literature relevant to the study of premodern South Asian history.” The Institute is emerging “as a premier platform for sustained engagement with the rich archival corpus of South Asia.” Congratulations, Caleb!

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