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Events

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 Ostebo’s paper – co-written with Marit Ostebo – entitled “The Case of ‘Female Genital Mutilation’ and Muslim Leaders in Ethiopia” will be presented at the conference Religion, Poverty and Politics in Bergen (Norway), February 21-22, 2013. The conference is organized by the University of Bergen and the Christian Michelsen Institute.

As part of the “Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice” series, Peter Rohloff will present a lecture titled “A New Approach to Community Based Development: The Linguistic and Cultural Dimensions of Child Malnutrition in Guatemala” on February 20, 2013, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 105 of Fine Arts B, University of Florida campus. Dr. Rohloff will also present a talk on “Hearing the Voice of the Poor: Toward a Theology of Accompaniment in Guatemala” on February 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom of the Christian Study Center. Dr. Rohloff is an associate physician of Global Health Equities at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School, and the Director of Medical Programs at Wuqu’ Kawoq/Maya Health Alliance, which addresses barriers to healthcare facing Guatemala’s indigenous Maya population. His research and clinical interests include healthcare delivery in Central America, the ethnography of chronic disease, and child malnutrition.

Professor Zoharab Simmons and Professor Paul Ortiz, Director of UF’s Oral History Program, along with other Civil Rights Veterans will address high school students and the public at several events in McComb, Mississippi on February 21-22, 2013, to commemorate the long struggle for African American Voting Rights in McComb and throughout the state. McComb was one of the "hot spots" of the 1960s Civil Rights Battle. A public school teacher who has organized this event is working to bring this history to the high school students of McComb, Mississippi.

Publications

Professor Whitney Sanford’s book, Growing Stories from India: Religion and the Fate of Agriculture (University press of Kentucky, 2012), was reviewed by Fred Kirschenmann in