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Events

Professor Zoharah Simmons will give a talk on “Resisting Racism and Militarism: The Legacy of Bayard Rustin,” on Friday, October 12th, at 7:00 pm at the 5th Annual David Dellinger Lecture on Nonviolence, sponsored by the War Resisters League. The event will be held at the Friends Meeting House, 15 Rutherford Place, New York City. Additionally, she will participate in a book signing at the event for the recently released book, We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in the 21st Century America, edited by Matt Meyer and Mandy Carter, with foreword by Cornel West and poetry by Alice Walker. Dr. Simmons has an essay in the edited volume, titled “Truly Human: Spiritual Paths in the Struggle Against Racism, Militarism, and Materialism.”

Professor Graham Schweig, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director of the Asian Studies Program at Christopher Newport University, will be holding a seminar for graduate students and faculty entitled “Expanding the Notion of ‘Theism’: An Interreligious Theological Analysis of Yoga and Bhakti Conceptions,” on Friday, October 19th, at 2:00 pm in 117 Anderson Hall. Dr. Schweig offers a new, comprehensive definition of theism by drawing from the Yoga Sūtra and the Bhakti Sūtra for addressing the question of theism in Yoga as compared with the theism in Bhakti and the Abrahamic traditions. He argues that Yoga as explicated in the Yoga Sūtra possesses a strong and natural theological character, containing a distinct, open-ended raw theism that contributes to and necessitates the expansion of the domain and definition of the term theism. This event is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions (CHiTra).

As part of the “Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice” series of panel presentations and lectures, Professor Nicholas Wolterstorff will give a lecture titled “When We See Justice, What do We See? When We Seek Justice, What Do We Seek?” on October 17th at 6:15 pm, in 170 Pugh Hall. Dr. Wolterstorff will also present a talk on “Why Do So Many People Think the New Testament Is About Love and Not About Justice?” on October 18th at 7:30 pm, at Creekside Community Church, 2640 NW 39th Avenue. Nicholas Wolterstorff is the Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology, Emeritus, Yale University, and a Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Publications

The publisher of Professor Mario Poceski’s recent book, *Introducing Chinese Religions* (Routledge 2009), signed a contract for a Portuguese translation of the book. The Portuguese version will be published in Brazil by Fundação Editora da UNESP.

“The Diaspora of Brazilian Religions,” which Professor Manuel Vásquez is co-editing with Cristina Rocha (University of Western Sydney), is now officially in production at Brill. The tentative publication date is February 2013.

Professor Bron Taylor’s “Foreword” has been published in *Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution* by Leslie E. Sponsel (Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2012), ix-xii. The book also features Dr. Taylor's work, and praises the innovative nature of UF's Religion and Nature graduate program (p. 89-93; cf 66-67, 60, 83).


PhD candidate Kendall Marchman's book review in the *Pacific World Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies* (3/13: Fall 2011) on Jane Naomi Iwamura’s *Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions and American Popular Culture* was published last week. The journal and review are available online at: [http://www.shin-ibs.edu/academics/_pwj/three.thirteen.php](http://www.shin-ibs.edu/academics/_pwj/three.thirteen.php)

Upcoming Deadlines

The Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund will continue for 2012-2013. The deadline for receipt of proposals from faculty in the CLAS office is Friday, October 19th. No hard-copy announcement will be distributed this year. Instead, you will find the Announcement, Guidelines for Fund Eligibility, and Proposal Preparation, Cover Sheet, Budget Justification and Budget Pages at [http://www.clas.ufl.edu/forms/humanities.html](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/forms/humanities.html). The forms should be completed according to the guidelines provided and submitted to CLAS. Please submit your applications by email to Annie by MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th.