Friday Bulletin, March 1, 2013

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Events

PhD candidate Robin Globus Veldman will be giving a talk at the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere entitled “The Many Meanings of ‘A Southern Baptist Declaration on the Environment and Climate Change.’” The talk, which is part of their brown bag lunch series, will be held on March 13th from 12:00-1:00 pm in Walker 201D. For more information, visit <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20130313-BB-Globus-Veldman.html>.

News

We are very happy to report that Eleanor Finnegan (PhD, Religion and Nature, 2011) has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies, joint appointment with the Department of History, at The University of Alabama. Congratulations, Dr. Finnegan!

Religion MA student Vickie Machado successfully defended her thesis entitled “The Sustainability of the Catholic Worker Movement Through Bioregionalism.” Professor Whitney Sanford served as chair of her thesis committee, which also included Professors Anna Peterson, David Hackett, and Muthusami Kumaran (Minor—Nonprofit Organizational Leadership) from the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences. Congratulations, Vickie!

Religion MA student Sarah Moczygemba (Moxy) successfully defended her thesis (title forthcoming). Professor David Hackett and Professor Whitney Sanford served as chair and co-chair of her thesis committee. Congratulations, Moxy!


Caleb Simmons (PhD Candidate, Asian Religions) has been invited to give an address at the Department of History and the Department of Malayalam’s Annual International Conference at C.K.G. M. Govt. College Perambra (affiliated to the University of Calicut) on February 28, 2013. This year’s theme is “The Colonial and the Regional: State, Legality and Literature in South India.” Caleb’s presentation is titled “Devotion Set in Stone: The bhakti vigrahahas of the patriarchs of the Wodeyar dynasty in Melukote, Nanjangud, and Mysore.”

Upcoming Presentations by Faculty

Professor Bron Taylor will give an invited Faculty Lecture on his recent book, and a workshop on research in progress on “the Greening of Religion Hypothesis,” at Lund University in Sweden, March 4-5th, 2013. Event Information: http://www.lu.se/event/foedrag-av-bron-taylor-
Taylor will also serve as an invited discussant at the *International Conference on Everyday Religion and Sustainable Environments in the Himalaya (ERSEH)*, held at New School in New York City, and cosponsored by the India China Institute, March 7-8th, 2013. A webinar of the event will be live streamed at: [http://new.livestream.com/TheNewSchool/ici-erseh-2013](http://new.livestream.com/TheNewSchool/ici-erseh-2013)

Professor **Manuel Vasquez** will be one of the featured speakers at an international conference entitled *How Religion Becomes Effective – Aesthetics as a Connective Concept for the Study of Religion*, co-organized by the University of Groningen and University of Utrecht in The Netherlands (March 6-8th, 2013). The title of his talk is “Religion in the Flesh: Non-Reductive Materialism and the Aesthetics of Religion.” In addition, he will give a lecture at the University of Groningen’s Department of Comparative and Historical Study of Religion entitled “Conceptualizing Domination and Resistance in Transnational Religious Networks.”