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Events

"Parcere Subiectis: Roman Imperialism, Jewish Apocalypticism, and Universal Justice in the First Century CE," a talk by Megan Williams, Associate Professor of History at San Francisco State University, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 7:30 pm in the Keene Faculty Center (Dauer Hall). This talk is sponsored by the Alexander Grass Chair in Jewish Studies, the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, the Department of History, and the Department of Classics.

Upcoming Presentations

Professor Vasudha Narayanan is continuing to direct the six week course on India: The Jewel of the East through the Institute of Learning in Retirement at the Oak Hammock, Gainesville. Talks that have taken place in the last few weeks include “Religions of India” and “Dances of India.” This Friday (March 29, 2013), she will be talking on “Diversity in Indian Cultures: Rites of Passage, Festivals, and Food.”

Professor Vasudha Narayanan has been named the “Peter Craigie Memorial Lecturer” for 2012-2013. She will be giving three talks in Calgary next week. The official Peter Craigie Lecture, “The Construction of Global Hindu Traditions,” is on April 2, 2013. On April 3, 2013, she will be giving the department seminar, “Whose Narrative? Multiple Interpretations and Appropriations of ‘the Churning of the Ocean of Milk’ Story,” as well as the University Interfaith talk on “Exclusivism, Inclusivism & Universalism.” For more information, see http://rels.ucalgary.ca/sites/rels.ucalgary.ca/files/2012-2013%20Peter%20Craigie%20Memorial%20Lecture.pdf and http://www.ucalgary.ca/events/node/8813.

News


Caleb Simmons (PhD candidate, Religions of Asia) had his article titled "Translating Visnu: Native Intuition and the Construction of Meaning in Ramayan 3392 AD and Krishna: A Journey
Within" accepted for publication in the upcoming Journal of Vaishnava Studies’ special issue on Vaishnavism and the arts.

Other Items of Interest

The Silk Road Club is hosting a discussion on the topic of "Is religion holding back science?"
There will be invited speakers with different backgrounds who will briefly address the topic from their own perspective. Attendees will then have the opportunity to raise questions and discuss in an informal environment. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013, at the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union, Room 361. The event will start with a reception at 6:45 pm, and the discussion will start at 7:00 pm. The Reitz Union is located at the intersection of Museum Road and Reitz Union Drive. Please follow the link for the location of the building on the map: http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0686. Refreshments will be served during the discussions.

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