

Friday Bulletin, January 9, 2015

Department of Religion, University of Florida

News and Upcoming Events

Our department's first **Graduate Student Conference**, entitled "Religion and Culture in the Digital Age," will be held on January 24, 2015. We will have several grad student presenters from our department as well as a few from out of state. Following the students' panels, we will have a roundtable discussion with Dr. **David Morgan** from Duke University, Dr. **Stewart Hoover** from the University of Colorado, Dr. **Sid Dobrin** from UF's English department, and Dr. **Dragan Kujundzic** from UF's Center for Jewish Studies. The Office of Research has awarded the graduate students \$1000 in support of this graduate conference!

Publications

Professor **Robin Wright's** co-authored study titled "Multi-centric Mythscapes: Sanctuaries and Pilgrimages in Northwest Amazon Arawakan Religious Traditions" (with Omar González Nández of Venezuela, and Carlos César Xavier Leal, of Brazil) has been accepted for publication in the proceedings of the conference on "Pilgrimages and Ambiguous Sanctuaries" to be published in England (by Sean Kingston Publishing) in spring 2015. The volume will be presented at an important exhibition organized in Marseille, France, in April 2015, at the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilization (MUCEM) on "Sanctuaires partagés en Méditerranée" (Shared Sanctuaries in the Mediterranean).

Professor **Robin Wright's** article on "Assault Sorcery" has been approved for publication in the *Oxford Handbooks Online: Religion* (NY: OUP). See www.OxfordHandbooks.com. Another article on "The Musical Body of the Universe" was also approved for publication in the online journal *Revista ARTERIAIS*, n. 1, December 2014, by the Universidade Federal do Pará, Brazil.

Professor **Robin Wright's** article "Metaphysical Principles in the Unfolding of the Hohodene Universe" will be published in the forthcoming online issue of R@U - Anthropological Review of the University of Sao Carlos, Brazil ([Revista de Antropologia da UFSCar - R@U](#)).

Professor **Whitney Sanford's** article "Being the Change: Food, Nonviolence, and Self-Sufficiency in Contemporary Intentional Communities" was published in *Communal Societies Journal*, Vol. 34, No. 1, 2014: 28-54.

Professor **Bron Taylor's** "Foreword" has been published in Samuel Awuah-Nyamekye's *Managing the Environmental Crisis in Ghana: The Role of African Traditional Religion and Culture with special reference to the Berekum Traditional Area*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Deadlines

Here is our Spring 2015 schedule: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201501/all/religion.htm>

UF's Center for Latin American Studies announces . . .

FLAS 2015-2016 Academic Year Fellowships

Through support from the U.S. Department of Education, the Center for Latin American Studies offers Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowships to support training in Brazilian Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

For graduate students, the fellowship covers tuition and fees for 12 graduate credit hours per semester, provides a stipend of \$17,000 total for the 2015-16 academic year (fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters), and includes GatorGradCare coverage.

For undergraduate students, the fellowship covers tuition and fees not already covered by other financial aid or scholarships (up to a maximum of \$10,000 for the academic year) and provides a scholarship of \$5000 total for the 2015-16 academic year (\$2500 each for the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters).

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be (or applying to become) full-time UF graduate or undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Undergraduate applicants must have at least intermediate proficiency in Portuguese or Haitian Creole. There is no proficiency requirement for graduate applicants. Priority will be given to applicants pursuing a Master's degree, graduate certificate, or undergraduate minor/certificate in Latin American Studies. Professional school students are also encouraged to apply. Applications are reviewed by the Center's Financial Aid Committee.

Fellowship Requirements

Each semester, recipients must enroll in a minimum of 3 credit hours of Portuguese or Haitian Creole and at least 3 credits of Latin American area studies. Recipients are also required to take language proficiency exams and to complete online reports about their fellowship on a semester basis.

After the fellowship period is completed, recipients will complete a short survey about their job placement every two years.

Application Deadline

February 6, 2015

Application Materials

To apply for a FLAS Academic Year Fellowship, please submit the following:

- FLAS Academic Year Fellowship Application
- Two page statement of purpose describing how the study of Brazilian Portuguese or Haitian Creole and Latin American area studies will benefit your program of study and career plans
- Two letters of recommendation* accompanied by a Release Form. For graduate students, one of the letters should be from your adviser, unless you are a new UF applicant.
- UF academic transcript; new UF applicants may submit photocopies from previous universities or colleges

Submission

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For questions, please contact Jocelyn Peskin, Assistant Director for Administration

The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies offers fellowships and grants through the following competition: Distinguished Visiting Professorships in Buddhist Studies—deadline: January 14, 2015. More information is available on the ACLS website at <http://www.acls.org/programs/buddhist-studies/>. (Submitted by Professor **Vasudha Narayanan**.)