

Friday Bulletin, January 10, 2014

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Upcoming Lectures

Professor **John Eade** (Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Roehampton, London, and Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto) gave a presentation entitled “Moving, Crossing, and Dwelling: Christianity and Place Pilgrimage” on January 10, 2014, in Anderson Hall, Room 117, from noon-1:30pm. This talk drew on a chapter for a volume on religious materiality edited by Professors **Manuel Vasquez** and **Vasudha Narayanan**. Professor Eade co-edited *Contesting the Sacred* (1991), *Reframing Pilgrimage* (2004) and *Pilgrimage, Politics and Place-Making in Eastern Europe* (2014) and is a series editor of the Routledge Religion, Travel and Tourism and the Ashgate pilgrimage book series.

Silvia Fernandes (Post-Doctoral Fellow in Center for Latin American Studies and Department of Religion) will be giving a talk entitled “The Brazilian Catholic Church at the Crossroads: Religious Pluralism and Mobility,” on January 16, 2014, from 11:45am-1:00pm in Grinter Hall, Room 404. Dr. Fernandes is Professor of Sociology at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro. She has worked in Sociology of Religion in Brazil with emphasis on Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and Youth. She coordinated several research projects at CERIS - Center for Religious Statistics and Social Research. Currently, she is a consultant to the Pew Research Center Forum on Religion in Latin America. Professor Fernandes’s publications include *Mudança de Religião no Brasil – desvendando sentidos e motivações* (Rio de Janeiro, CERIS 2006) and *Jovens religiosos e o catolicismo – escolhas, desafios e subjetividades* (Rio de Janeiro: FAPERJ / Quartet, 2010) as well as multiple journal articles.

Professor **David Carrasco**, as part of the Department of Religion’s Delton Scudder lecture series, will be giving a talk entitled “From Axis Mundi to Mappa Mundi: Sacred Bodies, Temples and Paper in Mesoamerican Religions” on February 14, 2014, from 4:00-5:30pm (Place: TBA). David Carrasco is Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America at Harvard University, with a joint appointment with the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and with Harvard Divinity School. See the prior bulletin for details.

Presentations

Professor **Bron Taylor** will be the keynote speaker at the *6th African Association for the Study of Religion Conference* with the theme “Religion, Ecology, and the Environment in Africa and the African Diaspora,” which will be held July 31 - August 3, 2014, at the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa.

Publications

Professor **Terje Ostebo** published an article entitled “The revenge of the *Jinns*: spirits, Salafi reform, and the continuity in change in contemporary Ethiopia” in *Contemporary Islam*, Vol. 8, no. 1, 2014: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11562-013-0282-7#>

PhD student **Prea Persaud’s** (Asia track) article, “Hyphenated Hindus: A Study on the Development of an Indo-Caribbean Identity,” will be published in the journal *Man in India*, 93 (4): 541-556. The articles in this particular issue will also be published in a book by Brill Publishers.

News

At the 2014 IRAS (Institute on Religion in an Age of Science) winter meeting, MA student **Alysia Radder** (Nature/Asia track) was named the recipient of the Eugene D'Aquili Graduate Student Award for the best poster of the *IRAS 59th Annual Conference* on "The Scientific, Moral & Spiritual Challenges in Solving the World Food Crisis." Alysia's presentation demonstrated how food laws within the Gaudiya Vaishnava community have served as both powerful symbols of authenticity and tradition and, at other times, innovation and strategic assimilation. The award included a monetary prize as well as a certificate of honor from IRAS. Congratulations, Alysia!

Deadlines

The Department of Religion Spring 2014 schedule can be found here:
<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201401/all/religion.htm>