

# Friday Bulletin, January 23, 2015

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*Department of Religion, University of Florida*

## News and Upcoming Events

**The Rothman Distinguished Lecture in Classics** presents **Eric Rebillard**, Cornell University, entitled “Popular Hatred against Christians: The Case of North Africa in the Second and Third Centuries,” on Friday February 6, 2015, at 5:00-6:30pm in the Keene Faculty Center. This event is Free and Open to the Public.

On Monday, February 9, 2015, from noon to 1:30pm, **Dr. Jakob Thorsen** (Aarhus University – Denmark) will be offering a workshop entitled “Ethnographic Fieldwork among Religious Groups in Latin America – Design, Execution, Positioning, and Interpretation.” The event will be held in 117 Anderson Hall. He will also offer a lecture entitled “The Incipient Pentecostalization of Latin American Catholicism – a Case Study from Guatemala with Continental Perspectives.” In this lecture, Dr. Thorsen will discuss how the practices and spirituality of the Charismatic Renewal Movement, arguably the most dynamics lay movement in Latin American Catholicism, affects all levels of the Catholic Church, from the life of an Ecclesial Base Community in a parish in Guatemala City to the pastoral strategies and priorities of the Latin American Bishops (CELAM). The lecture will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, from noon to 1:30pm also in 117 Anderson Hall.

## News

**Ken Chitwood** (PhD student, 2014) has been appointed a Corresponding Associate Research Member with the University of Waikato’s Islamic Studies Group (UWISG). The UWISG is "a non-partisan and a not-for-profit organisation committed to the objective of fostering academic insight and understanding on Islamic phenomena through interdisciplinary research initiatives." As a Corresponding Associate Research Member, Ken will contribute by writing for the *Waikato Islamic Review*, presenting at UWISG workshops, talks, and/or symposia, and providing commentary advice/support as and when called upon. You can read more about the appointment and the UWISG here —

<http://www.kenchitwood.com/blog/2015/1/20/1514ifgyt0uo2k8pw963on0hvc19ra>

Congratulations, Ken!

## Deadlines

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

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