

Friday Bulletin, February 7, 2014

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Upcoming Lectures

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, in Pugh Hall, Room 170, with a reception to follow. 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.

The Christian Study Center's Culture Seminar series, "Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice," concludes this spring. On Thursday evening, February 20, 2014, at 6:15pm in Pugh Hall, Room 170, **Miroslav Volf**, Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology, Yale University Divinity School and Founding Director, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, will present "Can Religion Help - or only hinder - Global Justice and Peace?" **Badradine Arfi**, Professor of Political Science and University of Florida Research Foundation Professor, will respond.

Publications

An interview with Professor **Bron Taylor** about his book *Dark Green Religion* was featured in an article by Alizah Salario titled "What makes an ordinary place a sacred space?", which appeared in *Spirituality and Health*, September/October 2013, 46-51, and is now available online at <http://spiritualityhealth.com/articles/what-makes-ordinary-place-sacred-space/page/0/1>

News

Professor **Zoharah Simmons** will be one of three panelists in the *Black History Month/Islam Awareness Month* event, "X-Man: The Story of Malcolm X," on Monday night, February 10, 2014, from 5:30-8:00pm in the Rion Ballroom of the Reitz Union. The other panelists are Dr. Amy Ongiri of the English Department & African American Studies and Dr. Paul Ortiz, History Professor and Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Project. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Islam on Campus organizations and funded by Student Government.