

# Friday Bulletin, February 13, 2015

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## News and Upcoming Events

Professor **Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons** gave the Keynote Address at the University of Florida's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Leadership Conference on Sunday, February 15, 2015, in UF's Grand Ballroom in the Reitz Union at 10:00am. The theme for the Women's Leadership Conference and Simmons's Talk was "Own Your Story."

The Center for Global Islamic Studies is organizing a lecture by Dr. **Amir Hussain**, Loyola Marymount University. The title is "(Re)presenting: Images of Muslims in North American Television and Film." The date/venue is: February 19 @ 5:30 pm – in 404 Grinter Hall–Center for African Studies, 4th Floor. Dr. Hussain is professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, where he has been teaching courses on Islam and world religions since 2005. He is the Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, the premier scholarly journal for the study of religion.

[Religion, Science and the Future](#), the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference of the [International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture](#), will be held January 14-17, 2016 at the University of Florida. The full call for proposals and papers is now available at [http://www.religionandnature.com/society/pdf/ISSRNC\\_CFP-2016.pdf](http://www.religionandnature.com/society/pdf/ISSRNC_CFP-2016.pdf)

The lead UF organizer for this conference is Professor **Bron Taylor**, who also led the collaboration that founded the ISSRNC in 2006. We expect about 200 participants from around the world, and, as was the case the first time around, many hands will be needed to make the conference a success. If you are able to help, please contact Dr. Taylor at your earliest convenience. The ISSRNC is the foremost scholarly society focusing in an interdisciplinary way on the nexus religion, nature, and culture.

## News

Professor **Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons** was honored with several other African American faculty and staff on Sunday, February 8, 2015, by the Black Student Union's Black History Month Committee at their First Annual Black Faculty and Staff Awards Dinner in the Atrium of Ulster Hall. Simmons and the others were honored and given certificates of appreciation for their support and serving as role models for UF's African American students. Congratulations, Dr. Simmons!

## Deadlines

**The applications for Summer 2015 Travel Support for Graduate Students**, for the period May 1 – August 31, 2015, are due in the Dean's office by 4:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2015. The application is available on the web at <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/forms/index.html>. Since the

graduate studies committee will have to evaluate and rank the applications before forwarding them to CLAS, please submit a copy of your application by email to Dr. Hackett by 4:00pm, Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The department also offers matching support. In order to apply for these funds, you will need to have applied for support from CLAS, International Studies, GSA, or any other external source. The application for departmental travel funds can be found at [http://sites.clas.ufl.edu/religion/files/Religion\\_Travel\\_Support\\_Application.pdf](http://sites.clas.ufl.edu/religion/files/Religion_Travel_Support_Application.pdf) Please submit this application by email to Dr. Hackett by 4:00pm, Monday, March 23, 2015.