

Friday Bulletin, February 14, 2014

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Upcoming Lectures

Professor **David Carrasco**, as part of the Department of Religion's Delton Scudder lecture series, gave 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.

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 6:15pm, in Pugh Auditorium (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?" **Badredine Arfi**, Professor of Political Science and University of Florida Research Foundation Professor, will respond.

Khadidja Arfi (PhD candidate, Anthropology) will be giving a talk on "Islam in the Arab World: Exploring Religious & Cultural Identity" on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, starting at 6:30pm in McCarty B Room G086. Following her talk, there will be a screening of the film "Fordson: Faith, Fasting & Football," which highlights several Arab-American Muslim high school football players in Dearborn, Michigan and how they balance their faith, fasting for Ramadan, and their culture with their football regimen and surrounding American society. Light refreshments will be provided. Doors will open at 6:15pm. This event is hosted by the Arabic Cultural Association and the Lebanese American Society.

Presentations

Professor **Bron Taylor** will give the 4th Annual David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture at the University of Tennessee, next Thursday, February 20, 2014. For lecture description & event information see: <http://www.utk.edu/events/index.php?eID=54842>

Publications

Professor **Robin Wright's** new anthology, *Religion, Medicine and Healing* (ISBN 978-1-4652-4523-6, Kendall/Hunt Publishers), designed especially for a course of the same title, will be released this Spring, in time for Summer B, when the online course will be offered. The anthology consists of 10 modules covering healing traditions in cultures throughout the world. Each module includes readings and audio-visual presentations developed with the assistance of several graduate students (notably, **Nick Collins** and **Jaya Reddy**) in the doctoral program. Among the modules, "shamanic healing traditions" is the best-developed, including as it does six different indigenous shamanisms of the Americas and Asia. The last module covers questions of

intellectual property rights, traditional healing knowledge, and international mechanisms for the protection of specialist knowledge.

News

Kerri Blumenthal (PhD student, Americas) successfully passed and defended her qualifying exams this week. Kerri's committee members are Professors **Manuel Vasquez** (Chair), **Robin Wright** (Co-Chair), **David Hackett**, **Anna Peterson**, and **Sid Dobrin** (English). Congratulations Kerri!