

# Friday Bulletin, April 4, 2014

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## Upcoming Events

On Monday, April 7, 2014, 4:00-5:00pm, in Walker Hall 201, Professor **Robert Kawashima** will speak on "Narration and Knowledge: The 'Archaeology' of the Sabbath," part of a larger project: *The Archaeology of Ancient Israelite Knowledge*. This event is part of the 2013-14 Fellowship Brown-Bag Series, which features informal talks by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere's Rothman Faculty Summer Fellows, Tedder Doctoral Fellows, and Rothman Doctoral Fellows. For further details, see:  
<http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20140415-BB-Kawashima.html>

On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 3:30-5:00pm, in 216 Anderson, Professor **Sam Gill** (University of Colorado at Boulder) will be giving a talk on "Moving and Gesturing: Shaping the Academic Study of Religion." Sam Gill is professor of religious studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has studied Native American religions for twenty-five years, including extensive field experience in the American southwest. His many publications also explore theoretical issues in the study of religion. In the early 1990s, Sam became an enthusiastic student of dance, engaging in field study in Bali and Java; Ghana and Mali; Thailand and Nepal; and Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. Sam is a dancer, choreographer, and dance teacher. For many years, he owned a dance studio in Boulder. His *Dancing Culture Religion* (2012) presents his theory of dancing, particularly as a category for the comparative study of religions and cultures. His recent book, *Brain Body Movement*, draws on neuroscience, cognitive science, and philosophy to address how self-moving is important to the study of religions and cultures.

Professor **Kyle Whyte** (Michigan State University) will present a lecture, "Bridging Indigenous and Scientific Knowledges: Multicultural Solutions for Climate Change Research," on April 14, 2014 at 5:30pm, in Weil Hall, room 270. Please note, this talk was rescheduled from an earlier date due to weather. It will be of particular interest for faculty and students interested in indigenous societies, and religion and nature studies. For further information see:  
<http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20140129-Whyte.html>

## Presentations

Professor **Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons** will chair and serve as the respondent for a panel at the *Organization of American Historians' 2014 Annual Conference* on April 10-13, 2014 at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. The Panel presentation is on April 11, 2014, and the title of the Panel is: "Black Sixties Movements and post-Civil Rights Neighborhood Politics: Gender, War, and Social Transformation." The panel presenters are Civil Rights Historians, Drs. **Emilye Crosby**, **Hasan Kwame Jeffries**, and **Robin Spencer**.

## Publications

Professor **Bron Taylor**, with Professor **Joe Witt** (Mississippi State University) – an alumnus of the UF Department of Religion – and Professor **Ursula Münster** (University of Munich), have issued a call for papers on “Ecological Resistance Movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Continuing Global Struggle for Biocultural Survival and Multispecies Justice.” Intended publications include a special issue of the *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, as well as an edited book. Those interested in contributing are encouraged to consult the detailed description online: <http://www.brontaylor.com/pdf/ERMIL-CFP.pdf> . The deadline for proposals is May 15, 2014.

## News

MA student, **Kelsie Stewart**, was offered a job by the Japanese government through the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program for 2014! The JET Program seeks to help enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations. The program also aims to improve foreign language education in Japan and to encourage international exchange at the local level by fostering ties between Japanese youth and foreign youth. Kelsie will be working as an English instructor with opportunities for translation and community organizing. Congratulations Kelsie!