

# Friday Bulletin, April 18, 2014

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## Presentations

Several of Professor **Vasudha Narayanan's** articles, in particular "Diglossic Hinduism: Liberation and Lentils," were discussed at a faculty and graduate student luncheon at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Dr. Narayanan responded to the discussion.

Professor **Bron Taylor** will give a keynote presentation on "Contesting Sustainability, Religion, and the Anthropocene" at the conference, "Religion and Pluralities of Knowledge," jointly organized by the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion (NGG), the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), and the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), at the University of Groningen, on May 12, 2014.

Professor **Manuel Vásquez** will be giving a presentation on "Fairness and Migration" at the Bergen Resource Center for International Development and the University of Bergen, Norway, on May 7, 2014. He will also be giving a keynote presentation entitled "Reassembling the Religious: Religions as Heterogeneous Figurations" at the conference "Theory after Postmodernism" at Williams College on May 16, 2014.

Professor **Mario Poceski** was invited to give a talk to a Buddhist group in Birmingham, England, scheduled for June 15, 2014, on the topic of Buddhist paradigm of contemplative praxis.

## News

Professor **Vasudha Narayanan** was quoted in an article, "Religion: How to talk about it properly," which appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Sun-Sentinel* (Orlando), the *Daily News* (Virginia), *Israel Herald*, the *Courant*, and several newspapers in the *Tribune* family. Thanks to Linda Wells who alerted us after she saw the article in an Orlando paper!

[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-08/features/sc-fam-0408-discuss-religion-20140408\\_1\\_religion-buddhism-hinduism](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-04-08/features/sc-fam-0408-discuss-religion-20140408_1_religion-buddhism-hinduism)

**Sarah Werner** (PhD Student, Religion and Nature Track) successfully completed her written and oral qualifying exams. Her committee members and examiners were: Professor **Anna Peterson** (Chair), Professor **Whitney Sanford**, Professor **David Hackett**, Professor **Bron Taylor**, and Professor **Jaime Ahlberg** (Philosophy). Congratulations Sarah!