

Friday Bulletin, August 15, 2014

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Upcoming Events

Reminder: Our Department graduate student orientation will be on Friday, August 22, 2014, from 10:00am – 4:30pm in 215 Dauer Hall. Please RSVP to annen1@ufl.edu. The morning session will provide an introduction to our department for first-year graduate students. Continuing graduate students and faculty are strongly encouraged to join us for lunch at noon to greet the new students. Continuing students are also encouraged to stay for the afternoon part of the orientation.

The Launching Conference for the **UF Center for Global Islamic Studies**: “Global Islam and the Quest for Public Space,” will take place on September 18 and 19, 2014. Professor **John Esposito**, Georgetown University, will give the keynote speech on September 18, at 5:30pm in The Ocora (Pugh Hall) to be followed by a reception. On September 19, from 8:30am–12:30pm in the Matthew Suite of the Reitz Union, there will be a discussion panel, which will include Professors **Mirjam Künkler**, Princeton University, **Ousman M Kobo**, Ohio State University, and **Badredine Arfi**, University of Florida. Please mark your calendars!

Presentations

Professor **Terje Ostebo** gave an invited presentation entitled “The Situation for Muslims in Contemporary Ethiopia” at the *Badr International Ethiopian Muslim Organization 14th Annual Conference* in Dallas, TX, on August 9, 2014.

Publications

Professor **Manuel Vásquez** published a co-authored article with **Cristina Rocha** (University of Western Sydney) entitled “O Brasil na nova cartografia global da religião” in the scholarly journal *Religião e Sociedade* 34(1): 13-37. See: http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci_issuetoc&pid=0100-858720140001&lng=pt&nrm=iso

Ken Chitwood (Incoming PhD student, Americas) has a forthcoming book review in *Concordia Journal's* Fall 2014 issue. Chitwood read and reviewed Mark A. Noll's *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith* (InterVarsity Press), examining how Noll covers the topic of American influence in global Christianity, especially worldwide evangelicalism.

Ken Chitwood recently published a news article with The Deseret News National - “Worship with warriors: Chaplain uses tech to connect families during deployment.” The article covers the

efforts of one Air Force chaplain to leverage modern media and livestream technology to offer worship services simultaneously for the deployed and those at home.

Other Items of Interest

Ken Chitwood launched a new website www.kenchitwood.com that connects interested readers to his popular and academic work and hosts a blog on the topics of religion and culture. He hopes it can also serve as a platform for some popular level writing for UF religion grad students and faculty. If you are interested in guest blogging, please contact Ken at kchitwood@ufl.edu

Deadlines

Here is our Fall 2014 schedule: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201408/all/religion.htm>