

Friday Bulletin, September 5, 2014

Department of Religion, University of Florida

News and Upcoming Events

The Gainesville Sun had an article about the establishment of the new **Center for Global Islamic Studies** and about the Launching Conference: “Global Islam and the Quest for Public Space:” <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20140830/ARTICLES/140839983>. As a reminder, the conference 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!

The **American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program** is pleased to announce the Forum *Indigenous Knowledge, Spirituality and the Future of Humans in Nature: Experiences from North and South America* which will take place on October 13, 2014, from 3:00-6:40pm in Keene-Flint Hall, Room 105. Speakers are: **Marcus Briggs-Cloud** (Maskoke Nation, UFL) on "Indigenous Ceremonialism;" **James Treat** (Illinois) on "Peyote women;" **William Lyon** (Missouri) on "The Interface of Quantum Mechanics and Magic;" **Ana Mariella Bacigalupo** (SUNY Buffalo) on “Shamanic Rebirth Through Mapuche Indigenous ‘Bibles;’” and **R. M. Wright** (UFL, on “*The Falling Sky* and ‘The Warnings of Mandu:’ Prophetic Visions of Amazonian Shamans”). The event is co-sponsored the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture; the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program; the Department of Religion; and UF Cultural Engagement. The public is welcome; refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Prof. Robin M. Wright at baniwa05@ufl.edu or 352-392-1625.

Cherie Sampson, Art Department, University of Missouri, will visit the Department of Religion from October 13-15, 2014 (<http://www.cheriesampson.net/>). She received an SEC Grant to collaborate with Professor **Vasudha Narayanan** and Professor **Whitney Sanford**. She is developing a dance project that integrates Indian dance, food, and sustainability. She will give a public talk and meet with interested faculty and students.

As part of the **Program for Religion, Immigration, and Social Change (PIRSC)**, co-directed by Professors **Manuel Vasquez** and **Philip Williams**, the Religion Department will co-host with the Center for Latin American Studies a major international conference entitled “Immigration Reform and Beyond?” on October 23-25, 2014, in Emerson (Alumni) Hall. Keynote speakers will include **Thomas Wenski** (Archbishop of Miami) and **Mae Ngai** (Professor of Asian American Studies and History at Columbia University). To register and see the conference’s full program, please visit: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/2014-immigration-conference>

Our department's first **Graduate Student Conference** will be held on January 24, 2015. The conference is entitled "Religion and Culture in the Digital Age." Those interested in presenting should submit a 250 word abstract related to the topic to ufreligiondept@gmail.com by October 1, 2014. Should anyone want the official CFP to send to someone, please email Prea Persaud at ppersaud@ufl.edu.

Presentations

Professor **Bron Taylor** will give a keynote address titled "Terrapolitan Earth Civilization: Toward an Evolutionary and Naturalistic Environmental Ethics" at the 2014 *Under Western Skies* conference to be held at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Canada, September 8-12, 2014. Other keynoters are **Tim Ingold**, **Patty Limerick**, and **Winona LaDuke**. Event Information: <http://skies.mtroyal.ca/2014-keynote-speakers/>

Deadlines

The applications for Fall 2014 Travel Support for Graduate Students, for the period August 31 – December 31, 2014, are due in the Dean's office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The application is available on the web at H:\graduate travel application.htm. 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 to Professor David Hackett by 5:00PM, Friday, September 5, 2014. 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. Please submit this application to David Hackett by 4:00pm, Friday, September 12, 2014.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites students pursuing the Ph.D. to apply for **dissertation fellowships** for the spring or summer terms of 2015. They expect up to **twelve** fellowships to be available, and they will provide students with a stipend of **\$7,000** per term and a waiver of tuition fees. Departments may supplement the dissertation fellowship if they wish, but the intent of the awards is to free students from the demands of a teaching assistantship so that they can complete their dissertations. This year there will be a separate category of small awards. These will be selected from among those who apply but do not receive the full awards whose dissertation project can be completed with a small award. The small awards will not include a waiver of tuition fees. In order to be eligible to hold a fellowship, students must have already been admitted to candidacy before January 1, 2015. U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents must be Florida residents (for tuition waiver purposes) by October 12, 2014 to be eligible. (No such eligibility restrictions apply to international students.) Applicants should submit proposals to their department. Please submit proposals to Professor David Hackett by October 3, 2014.

The proposals should include:

1. Cover sheet (attached and also available on the web: <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/forms/index.html>)

2. a 1- to 2-page description (single spaced) of the dissertation project and the work to be conducted with the dissertation fellowship. (These fellowships can be used to fund travel to archives.)
3. two letters of endorsement from the faculty, with one being from the chair of the dissertation committee