

# Friday Bulletin, January 17, 2014

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## Upcoming Lectures

The Christian Study Center's Culture Seminar series, "Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice," concludes this spring with two guest lecturers. On Thursday evening, January 30, 2014 (Place and Time: TBA), **Richard Hays**, Dean of the Duke Divinity School and the George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament, will present "Making All Things New: The New Testament Vision for Restorative Justice." On Thursday evening, February 20, 2014 (Place and Time: TBA), **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?" **Badradine Arfi**, Professor of Political Science and University of Florida Research Foundation Professor, will respond.

**Kyle Whyte** (Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Michigan State University and affiliated faculty for Environmental Science and Policy, the Center for Regional Food Systems, Peace and Justice Studies, Animal Studies and American Indian Studies) will be giving a lecture entitled "Integrating Indigenous Knowledge and Religious Ethics into Global Climate Change Policy" on Friday, January 31, 2014, from 12:50 – 2:00pm, in MAT, Room 113. This seminar will focus on the role of Indigenous Religions in shaping the goals and strategies of networks and collective organizations working on key environmental issues. Professor Whyte's most recent research addresses moral and political issues concerning climate change impacts on Indigenous peoples. It has been published in journals such as *Hypatia*, *Climatic Change*, *Ecological Processes*, *Synthese*, *Human Ecology*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics*, and *Environmental Justice*.

Professor **Davíd Carrasco**, as part of the Department of Religion's Delton Scudder lecture series, will be giving 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. Davíd 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.

## Presentations

Professor **Terje Ostebo** gave a guest-lecture at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, NC, on January 14, 2014, and he also gave a talk for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington DC, on January 15, 2014.

Professor **Zoharah Simmons** will give the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Address at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana on Monday, January 20, 2014. The event is being held in Earlham's Goodard Auditorium in Carpenter Hall at 7:00pm. Additionally, Dr. Simmons will address two African American Studies classes and have lunch and dinner with students and faculty during her stay.

## **News**

Dr. **Leah Sarat** (PhD in Religion in the Americas, 2010) has received a Sabbatical Grant for Researchers from the Louisville Institute for the 2014-15 academic year, for the project "Faith Behind Bars: Encountering Immigrant Detention in Arizona." The grant will cover several course releases and travel funds that will help her develop her new project on the role of religion in immigrant detention facilities in the state. Congratulations, Dr. Sarat!