

# Friday Bulletin, January 31, 2014

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**Note:** The Kyle Whyte presentation was canceled due to weather conditions.

## Upcoming Lectures

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.

The Christian Study Center's Culture Seminar series, "Seeing Justice, Seeking Justice," concludes this spring. 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.

## Publications

Professor **David Hackett's** study of American Freemasonry, *That Religion in Which All Men Agree: Freemasonry in American Culture* was published this week by the University of California Press.

Professor **Terje Ostebo** has published a new report: *Islam in Zanzibar: Case Study under the project Tanzania Towards 2015* (co-written with Sterling Roop and Kjetil Tronvoll), *ILPI Report* No. 2, 2014.

## News

Professor **Zoharah Simmons** has been appointed to the State of Florida's Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force, effective January 2014. This Task Force is charged with the oversight of the State's K-12 schools' "teachings about the history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition and the contributions of African Americans to society." Dr. Simmons will be attending the African American History Task Force's first meeting for the 2014 year, being held at Florida A & M University's Carrie Meek-James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archive Research

Center and Museum in Tallahassee, Florida, January 30 & 31, 2014. Congratulations, Dr. Simmons!