

Friday Bulletin, October 4, 2013

Department of Religion, University of Florida

Upcoming Events

Islam on Campus invites you to attend Fast-A-Thon. Fast-A-Thon is Islam on Campus' biggest event of the year. It is held annually at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, and they have attendance that reaches upwards of 900 people or more. Fast-A-Thon is a day where students and community members are asked to fast for a day; on their behalf, IOC will donate money to Project Downtown Gainesville which feeds the homeless and hungry in Alachua county and the UN World Food Programme. The event itself is a huge banquet to break the fast, completely free for all attendees. Fast-A-Thon will be at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. To pledge that you are fasting and will be attending, please click on the link provided and fill out the pledge form. <http://www.islamoncampus.com/fast-a-thon/>

Upcoming Lectures

Cynthia Packert, Christian A. Johnson Professor, and Chair of the Department of the History of Art and Architecture, Middlebury College, will give a lecture on “‘The Lord’s Own Temple-Museum:’ Memory, Myth, and Monuments in Swaminarayan Hinduism.” It will take place at the Harn Museum on October 19, 2013, at 3:00pm. See prior bulletin for details.

Cynthia Packert will also hold an informal meeting with graduate students on Friday, October 18, 2013, from 3:00-4:30pm, in Anderson Room 117. See prior bulletin for details.

Daniel Levine (University of Michigan) will give a lecture entitled “The Argentine Pope and the Future of Religion in Latin America” on November 5, 2013, at 6:00pm, in Smathers Library (East). He will also offer a workshop-brown bag lunch for faculty and graduate students at noon in 117 Anderson. See prior bulletin for details.

News

Professor **David Hackett** made a presentation on “The Future of Religious Studies at Public Universities” for the “50 Years after Schempp” conference this past weekend, September 27-29, 2013, at Indiana University.

Professor **Anna Peterson** presented a talk at the Christian Studies Center in Gainesville on October 3, 2013, titled "What Do Christians Say About Eating Animals?"

Congratulations to Professor **Leah Sarat** (PhD in Religion in the Americas, 2010) on the forthcoming publication of her book [*Fire in the Canyon: Religion, Migration, and the Mexican Dream*](#) (NYU Press, November 2013)! Dr. Sarat’s book, which is based on her doctoral research, examines the intersection of migration, performance, and religious change in El

Alberto, an indigenous community in central Mexico famous for its “Night Hike” – a guided U.S.-Mexico border crossing simulation for tourists.

Deadlines

The **Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund** will continue for 2013-2014. The deadline for receipt of proposals in the CLAS office is Friday, October 18, 2013. No hard-copy announcement will be distributed this year. Instead, you will find the Announcement, Guidelines for Fund Eligibility, and Proposal Preparation, Cover Sheet, Budget Justification and Budget Pages at <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/forms/humanities.html>. The forms should be completed according to the guidelines provided and submitted to CLAS. Please submit your applications by email to Annie by 4:00pm on **Friday, October 11, 2013**.

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 2014. Students will be provided with a stipend of **\$5000** per term and a waiver of tuition fees. The intent of the awards is to free students from the demands of a teaching assistantship. This year there will be a separate category of small awards. These will be selected from among applicants who do not receive the full awards and 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, 2014. U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents must be Florida residents (for tuition waiver purposes) by October 11, 2013 to be eligible. (No such eligibility restrictions apply to international students.) Applicants should submit proposals to their department.

The proposals should include:

1. A cover sheet <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

In order to allow the Graduate Studies Committee to rank applications, please submit your applications/letters to Annie by 4:00pm on **Monday, October 7, 2013**.