

DISCOURSES OF RITUAL & POWER

**Tenth Annual
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION
GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM**

February 18 – 20, 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Registration and Check-In, Dodd Hall Auditorium

4:00 – 6:00 PM: Opening Session, Dodd Hall Auditorium

Who Holds the Power?: Issues of Acquisition

Moderator: Seth Bledsoe

Respondent: Dr. Adam Gaiser

Google Knows Best: Internet Resources, Power, and the Doctor-Patient Relationship

Emily Weston Cox

Florida State University, Religion Department

Grieved by the Old School Stand on Slavery: Claiming the Authority to Agitate Antislavery

Elizabeth Sponheim

Vanderbilt University, History Department

Rites and Power: Conceptualizing Menstruation as a Symbolic Tool for “Exclusion and Legitimization of Power in the Benin Tradition

Itohan Idumwonyi

Harvard University Divinity School

Hezbollah and the Qur’an: When Jihad Met Muqawama

Sina Kashefipour

Florida State University, International Affairs Program

Al-Islām wa-Uṣūl al-Ḥukm as a Precursor to the *Islāmiyyat* Literature of 1930's Egypt

James Broucek

Florida State University, Religion Department

6:30 PM: Keynote Address, Dodd Hall Auditorium

“Spiritual Exercise” and the Interpretation of Buddhist Philosophy in India

Guest Speaker Dr. Matthew Kapstein

University of Chicago and Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris

8:00 PM | Dodd Hall Foyer

Leo Sandon Best Paper Award Announcement & Conference Reception
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

9:00 – 11:00 AM: Session A, Dodd Hall Auditorium
“American” Religious Bodies in Motion

Moderator: Rachel Grossman

Respondent: Dr. John Corrigan

Burning Man at Large: The Cultivation of Agency, Spirituality, and Community in a Global Arena

Jill Hartleip

University of Missouri, Religious Studies Department

The Religious Body in Law: Jurisprudential and Academic Body Ontologies and the Definition of Religion

Kenneth Richards

University of Colorado, Religious Studies Department

“Shalom, God Bless, and Please Exit to Your Right:” The Power of Disneyfied Evangelainment as the Holy Land Experience

Stephanie Brehm

Miami University, Comparative Religion Department

Santo Toribio Among the Bilateral/Border Saint Pantheon

Thomas Evans

University of Denver, Religious Studies Department

9:00 – 11:00 AM: Session B, Thompson Religion-Classics Library
Negotiating the Body and Identity in Ancient Judaism and Christianity

Moderator: Tara Baldrick-Morrone

Respondent: Dr. Nicole Kelley

Eating God to Death: A Materialist Reading of the Eucharist Imagery in John 6

Matthew Gallion

Missouri State University, Religious Studies Department

Dining with Foucault: The Docile, Disciplined, and Discerned Body in 1 Cor. 11:29-34

Darryl Schafer

Missouri State University, Religious Studies Department

The Discussion of Pain as the Distinguishing Feature of Rape in Rabbinic Literature

Jenny Collins-Elliott

Delilah's Mistaken Identity: Narrative and Repetition in Judges 13-16

Seth Bledsoe

Florida State University, Religion Department

Making Sense of the Judges Epilogue: A Narrative Commentary and the Role of Levites in Judges 17-21

Amanda Davis

Emory University, School of Theology

11:15 – 1:00 PM: Session A, Dodd Hall Auditorium

Legitimizing Power Through South Asian Cultural Identity

Moderator: Nkoyo Edoho-Eket

Respondent: Dr. Kathleen Erndl

Behind Every Good King Stands A Great Poet: Creation and Representation of the Cakravartin in the Puram Poetry of the Cankam Age

Michael William Bohlen

Missouri State University, Religious Studies Department

Conflict, Negotiation, and Legitimacy for Power: Court Rituals in Early Colonial South Asia

Sonal Singh

University of Delhi, History Department

Hunting and Imperialism: Indigenous Hunters in Colonial India, 1900-1947

Fiona Mani

West Virginia University, History Department

Who Sees the Sacred Vest? Ritual Replacement and the Refiguring of the Nepali State

Anne Taylor Mocko

University of Chicago, Divinity School

11:15 – 1:00 PM: Session B, Thompson Religion-Classics Library

Regulation of Contested Identity

Moderator: Mike Graziano

Respondent: Dr. Amanda Porterfield

Holy Obedience Beyond the Convent: The Autobiography of Cecelia Ferrazzi, Venice 1665

Ashley Buchanan

University of South Florida, History Department

Praying the Fear Away: Religion and Power in the Second World War

Andrew Polk

Florida State University, Religion Department

"Singin' is More Inspirational Than Talkin':" Tenant Farmers, Music, and Collective Identity

Caitlin Anderson

University of South Florida, History Department

Building an Organization: Mormon Fundamentalists and the Creation of New Sects

Christopher Blythe

Florida State University, Religion Department

1:00 – 2:00 PM: Lunch, Dodd Hall Foyer

2:00 – 3:30 PM: Plenary Session, Dodd Hall Auditorium

What the Foucault Do We Do Now?: The Power of Authority in Religious Studies – A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: Emily Clark

Roundtable Participants:

Dr. Matthew Day, Florida State University

Dr. Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University – Bloomington

Dr. Matthew Kapstein, University of Chicago

Dr. Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

3:45 – 5:45 PM: Session A, Dodd Hall Auditorium

Gendered Authority and Authorities of Gender

Moderator: Harold Short

Respondent: Dr. Amy Koehlinger

Rituals of Middle-Class Motherhood: Emily Post's Christening Etiquette

Irene Elizabeth Stroud

Princeton University, Religion Department

Beards and Brides: The Role of Clerical Shaving and Celibacy in Catholic-Orthodox Schism and Reconciliation

Jason Marc Pudlo

Missouri State University, Religious Studies Department

Missional Media: Gender and Power in Seattle's Mars Hill Church

Kimberly Pendleton Schisler

Yale University, Divinity School

Coding Capitalism as a Christian Brotherhood: John D. Rockefeller, the Interchurch Movement, and the 1919 Steel Strike

Janine Giordano Drake

University of Illinois, History Department

3:45 – 5:45 PM: Session B, Thompson Religion-Classics Library

Embodiments of the Divine in Buddhist Ritual

Moderator: Kristen Muldowney

Respondent: Dr. Jimmy Yu

A Life Written in Blood: The Asceticism and Sickness of Kiyozawa Manshi in Modern Japan

Jeffrey Schroeder

Duke University, Religion Department

The Worship and Salvation of Ancestral Spirits

Gloria Chien

University of Virginia, Religious Studies Department

The Divine Medium of Death: The Role of the Lineage Lama in a Tantric Buddhist Ritual for the Dead

Casey Kemp

University of Oxford, Faculty of South and Inner Asia

Searching for the Legality of Folk Religion: A Study of the Folk Religious Lifestyle of Taiwanese Businessmen in Shanghai

Ming-Hua Yu

National Chengchi University, Religious Studies Department

3:45-5:45 PM: Session C, Williams 121B

The Body: Power and Problems

Moderator: Cara Burnidge

Respondent: Dr. Kathryn Lofton

Body Studies: The Aporetic State of the Feel

Adam Park

Florida State University, Religion Department

In the Air There's a Feeling of Christmas: On the Discursive Deafness of Body Studies

Adam Ware

Florida State University, Religion Department

Spectator vs. Participant: The Gaze of the Historian in the Field of Sports and Religion

Joshua Fleer

Florida State University, Religion Department

On Embodiment and Lived Religion

Lauren Gray

Florida State University, Religion Department

6:15 PM: Featured Movie, Dodd Hall Auditorium

Strong Bodies Fight

Afterward: Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

9:00 – 10:45 AM: Session A, Dodd Hall Auditorium

The State, Religion, and Authority

Moderator: Rosemary Kellison

Respondent: Dr. John Kelsay

Democracy, Power and Religion: Power and Domination in the Liberal Democratic Theory of Rawls and Murray

John Robichaux

Harvard University, Divinity School

Let Them Fight!: The Inescapability of Schmitt and the Scope of the Political

Julie Fortune

Florida State University, Religion Department

The Citizen and the Sovereign: Imagining Power Relations Between Church and State in Early Modern Europe

Jae Jerkins

Florida State University, Religion Department

The Parliament of the World's Religions and the Veiled Theology of Interfaith Advocacy

Devin O'Rourke

University of Chicago, Divinity School

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Session A, Dodd Hall Auditorium

Rethinking Theories of Power and Ethics

Moderator: Lauren Cosgrove

Respondent: Dr. Elizabeth Barre

Towards a Niebhurian Critique of Purity

Joe Wiinikka-Lydon

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion

The Search for Sacred Unity: Human Sacrifice, War, and Dionysian Virtues from

Nietzsche to Caillois

Brian Clites

Northwestern University, Religious Studies Department

Spinoza's Doctrine of the Eternity of the Mind and the Scholarly Preoccupation with the

Question of Personal

Gregory Curtis

Florida State University, Religion Department

12:45 – 2:00 PM: Plenary Session, Dodd Hall Auditorium

"Life After Grad School: Post-Grad Prospects" – A Roundtable

Discussion with Recent Florida State University Graduates

Moderator: Tammy Heise

Roundtable Participants:

Dr. Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee

Dr. Elizabeth Barre, Marymount Manhattan College

Dr. Arthur Remillard, St. Francis University

Dr. Howell Williams, Learning House

Dr. Joseph Williams, Rutgers University

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. MATTHEW KAPSTEIN is the directeur d'études in the division of Religious Studies of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes in Paris and Numata Visiting Professor of the Philosophy and History of Religions at the University of Chicago's Divinity School. His research focuses on Indian and Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and religion, especially in their practical and experiential elements. His most recent publications include *Buddhism Between Tibet and China* (Wisdom, 2009) and *The Rise of Wisdom Moon* (Clay Sanskrit Library, 2009)



Dr. SYLVESTER A. JOHNSON is assistant professor and director of graduate studies in the Indiana University – Bloomington Department of Religious Studies. His work has centered on the issue of human destruction in the Americas, primarily as it is manifest in racial relations. His first book, *The Myth of Ham in Nineteenth-Century American Christianity: Race, Heathens, and the People of God* (Macmillian, 2004), looks at these forces at work in the Christianization of African Americans.



Dr. KATHRYN LOFTON is assistant professor of American Studies and Religious Studies at Yale University. Her research explores the ways that culture and religion interact in nineteenth- and twentieth-century America. Lofton's first monograph, *Oprah: The Gospel of an Icon* (University of California Press, 2010), charts the formation of religion in modern America through the popular star. She is currently working on a second book on sexuality and early twentieth century Protestant fundamentalism.



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