

News, Research, Calls for Papers and Events from the University of Missouri's Center on Religion & the Professions Feb. 7, 2008

CORP EVENTS

Feb. 13 Film Series: "Religion & Politics" Free. "Amazing Grace," film based on the life of William Wilberforce, who pioneered the end of the 18th-century British slave trade. Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall-Room 87, 7 p.m.

Feb. 27 Film Series: "Religion & Politics" Free. "No More Tears Sister," documentary on ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka and life of slain human rights activist Dr. Rajani Thiranagama. Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall-Room 87, 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 Research Forum: CORP forum on religion and politics research RESCHEDULED to April. Check web site for updates.

CORP NEWS

Lectures: About 100 people turned out Feb. 4, 2008, to hear *Wall Street Journal* reporter **Paul M. Barrett** speak about covering controversial topics with sensitivity and fairness, and about Muslims and politics in America at two CORP-sponsored events.

OTHER CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Feb. 7 Lecture: "What Students Can Do to Make Campus Better for All People & Get Out and Vote," by Michael Eric Dyson, author, scholar, cultural critic, professor of theology, English and African-American Studies at Georgetown University. MU Jesse Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Feb. 15 Lecture: "Muslims, Politics, & The 2008 Elections," by Dr. Parvez Ahmed, chairman, Council on American-Islamic Relations. MU Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9-May 18 Exhibition: "Before Columbus: Iconography in the Ancient Americas," explores art as a vehicle for communicating

symbolic and cosmological meanings through pre-Columbian New World artifacts. MU Museum of Art & Archaeology.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: Abstract/Proposal Deadline Feb. 15, 2008: "
<u>Understanding Conflicts: Cross-Cultural Perspectives,"</u> Aug. 1923, 2008, Aarhus, Denmark. International, interdisciplinary, intercultural meeting features top research on conflicts due to cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.

CONFERENCES

July 23-27 Conference: <u>"Keeping it Civil: Religion in an Election Year,"</u> summer conference hosted by the **Society for Values in Higher Education** aims to answer questions raised in a religiously pluralistic society. College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md.

Feb. 28-March 2 Conference: "Renewing Hope: Pathways of Religious Environmentalism," organized by the Forum on Religion and Ecology, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., on roles of religion in ecological awareness and activism.

Feb. 5-May 6 Lectures: "The Future of Creation: Foundations for a Just and Sustainable World," spring lecture series at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Ill., on ecological threats, human responsibility, ethical intervention, environmental stewardship and how religious traditions can provide guidance in responding to environmental crises.

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