

Religious Studies

SPRING 2015

OPEN HOUSE

& Dr. Bassett's Book Launch: *The Fate of Earthly Things*

Friday, February 13th

BOOK TALK - 3 PM
RECEPTION - 4 PM

The Religious Studies Department is excited to announce the opening of our new premises in 25 Park Place. We will be marking this occasion with a celebration of the publication of Dr. Molly Bassett's new book *The Fate of Earthly Things: Aztec Gods and God-Bodies* (University of Texas Press). The UTP writes, "This sophisticated, interdisciplinary study analyzes foundational concepts of deities and deity embodiments in Aztec religion to shed new light on the Aztec understanding of how spiritual beings take on form and agency in the material world." Dr. Bassett will also be presenting her next book research project. We cordially invite all alumni, current and prospective students, as well as interested community members to a reception on February 13 from 3:00 -5:00 pm.



MERCEDES-BENZ BUCKHEAD OWNERS, JUANITA & GREGORY BARANCO, TO SPEAK ON "RELIGION, ETHICS, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND BUSINESS IN ATLANTA" ON MARCH 3RD



The Department is pleased to invite everyone to the 2015 Religion and Public Life Fellows Lecture, featuring Gregory and Juanita Baranco, owners of Mercedes-Benz Buckhead. Mr. and Mrs. Baranco have been leaders in Atlanta's business community for years, and they have offered significant service to numerous state and local government offices, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations in Atlanta and Georgia. Mrs. Baranco has served on the Board of Georgia Power Company, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Board, and the Board of Trustees for Clark Atlanta University. She also serves as a Director of the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, and she is a past Chair of the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and for the Board of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. Mr. Baranco was the Founding Chairman of the Board of First Southern Bank in Lithonia, Georgia. He has also served on The Carter Center Board of Councilors and as a Trustee for Morehouse School of Medicine and the Kaiser Permanente Foundation Health Plan of Georgia. He is a past Chairman of Atlanta

Life Insurance Company.

The reception and lecture will be held at the Rialto Center for the Arts. The reception opens at 5 p.m., lecture at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Call 404-413-6110 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 13

BASSETT BOOK LAUNCH
3:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE
4:00 PM
25 Park Place, Room 1711

FEBRUARY 26

MORAL INJURY, MORAL REPAIR
SYMPOSIUM
Time: TBA
Speaker's Auditorium

MARCH 3

RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE
PUBLIC LECTURE
5:00 PM - Reception
6:00 PM - Lecture
The Rialto Center for the Arts

MARCH 6-8

SECSOR
Location: Nashville, TN
For more info, visit secsor.org

MARCH 2015

RELIGIOUS STUDIES STUDENT
SYMPOSIUM
For more information, email
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MARCH 16-22 SPRING BREAK



Dr. Brett Esaki chatting with GTA Ed Van Herik and MA student Yvonne Candelario.



Dr. Molly Bassett conducting the Spring 2015 graduate re-orientation in the new seminar room.

New location: 25 Park Place, Suite 1700



Dr. David Bell busy unpacking and getting settled into his new office.



MA student, Mary Grace Dupree and Student Assistant, Tasha Fairclough working in the new, spacious mail/copy room.



Felicia Thomas, Administrative Coordinator training our new Student Assistant, Tasha Fairclough.



Dr. Abbas Barzegar and MA students Tom LaPorte and Ameer Muhammad holding a meeting in the new coffee lounge area.

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