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Spiritual Memory: Mexican and U.S. Initiatives for Peace Amid the Narcotics Trade

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has awarded Rafael Luevano, Associate Professor of Religious Studies the 2015 Fulbright Garcia-Robles Fellowship. Through Fulbright, Dr. Luevano will be a fellow at the Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de Mexico, D.F., one of the country's most prestigious Jesuit universities. The Garcia-Robles award is honorifically titled after Mexico's 1982 Noble Prize winner and is one of Mexico's most recognized honors.

His proposal titled, *Spiritual Memory and Mexico: The Human Cost of the Drug Wars* will allow Dr. Luevano to fulfill Fulbright's mission of developing international understanding. He will be researching positive responses to violence that rise from expressions of grief and faith in individuals, families and communities associated with the loss of Mexico's missing and dead as a result of the illegal narcotics trade.



As a theologian, he will employ an interdisciplinary approach that combines theological and social disciplines to engage spiritual memory in its many forms which includes, the rise of social movements, and spiritual memories impact on institutionalized religious, social and political structures. The goal is to employ spiritual memory as a means to initiate conversations about the need for public policy changes in Mexico and the United States.

Congratulations Dr. Luevano on your Fulbright achievement!

SPRING 2015 CRASsH & BURN SCHEDULE



BURN BROWNBAG

Opportunities for Undergraduate Research

February 5, 12-1:00 pm

Argyos Forum 209A

CRASsH CHAT

Building an Online Presence for Academics

February 10, 12-1:00 pm

Laura Scudder Conference Room, RO 127

BURN BROWNBAG

How to Write a Resume for Creative Professionals

February 18, 1-2:00 pm

Laura Scudder Conference Room, RO 127

CRASsH CHAT

Developing International & National Research Networks

March 4, 12-1:00 pm

Laura Scudder Conference Room, RO 127

SCAGLIONE PRIZE FOR COMPARATIVE LITERARY STUDIES - MAY 2015

Authors who published in the 2014 are invited to compete for the annual Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies. Recipients will be awarded for work in the field of comparative literary studies involving at least two literatures. The committee solicits entries of works of literary history, literary criticism, philology, and literary theory, and are works dealing with literature and other arts and disciplines, including cinema.

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SPENCER FOUNDATION NEW CIVICS INITIATIVE - JULY 1

The New Civics Initiative has funded research that asks questions about how education can support youth civic and political development. This RFP extends the New Civics Initiative to measurement. It provides funds for scholarly efforts to create reliable and valid measures of the quality of civic and political engagement among youth ages 15-25. They are specifically interested in the development of measures of engagement with evidence and arguments and engagement across difference.

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NEH CHALLENGE GRANTS -MAY 5

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment.



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Complimentary NVivo Webinar for your Department, Research Team or Class

NVivo is a Windows platform that can help researchers organize, capture, manage, explore and understand qualitative and mixed methods data. This past fall the company launched a [Chapman NVivo Education Center microsite](#) which gives Chapman faculty and students exclusive access to online software training and tools. As a follow up to their webinar series given this past fall, they are now offering a complimentary demonstration of their software. To schedule a demonstration contact [Karen Phinney via email](#) or by phone at (617)607-5104.

Editorial Board Opportunity

The Director of Undergraduate Research at Pacific University has co-founded, with Central Washington University, *The International Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities*. The peer-reviewed journal presents an opportunity for undergraduates and their faculty mentors to disseminate the results of their research

and creative activities. The journal has received submissions from multiple universities and has been distributed both nationally and internationally.

The journal is currently seeking faculty interested in serving on their editorial board as well as those interested in serving as peer-reviewers. Those interested should email co-editors-in-Chief, [James Butler](#) or [Kara Gabriel](#). Visit the [online journal](#) for more information.

Building an Online Presence

[Dr. Niklas Myhr](#), Assistant Professor of Marketing at the Argyros School of Business and Google's #1 ranked "Social Media Professor" will explain the benefits to academics in developing a strong online presence. This workshop will also help academics identify who they would like to influence and determine what online platforms are worth considering. Finally, Dr. Myhr will tackle the formidable task of "getting start-



ed". The workshop will be held Tuesday, February 10 from 12-1 p.m. in the Laura Scudder Conference Room, RO 127. RSVP stroop@chapman.edu

Don't Miss the 2015 Interstices: The In-betweeness of Ethics - FEB 25

The Interstices series is a set of themed events and discussions that examine the cross-sections of ideas/ topical issues. The series is about expressing differences, launching new ways of thinking, exploring connections, and moving towards knowing something more about who we are.



This year's Interstices will explore the "in-between" spaces of ethics. How do we know when we are doing the right thing? Is the right thing even possible; and who gets to decide what the right thing is? At this year's event we will explore how different disciplines might be able to work together to build a stronger, more effective ways of engaging in complex issues.

Funding In Action: Collaborative Student WWI Exhibit

February marks the opening of the student curated exhibit, *To Arms: The Western Front, 1914-1918*. Students will present actual WWI artifacts, such as



letters, grenades, shrapnel, and gas masks and will also conduct tours. The exhibit paints a picture of the everyday realities in the lives of soldiers as well as the shifting role of women during

WWI and explores themes of combat, wartime communication, and women's work home and abroad.

The exhibit was collaboratively designed and curated by students from various disciplines, including history, art history, film and theatre studies and graphic design students working under the auspices of the [War, Memory, and Society CRASsH Group](#). The exhibit received funding through Wilkinson's CRASsH Program and was organized by Dr. Jennifer Keene and Professor Eric Chimenti, Leatherby Libraries' special collections and archives coordinator Rand Boyd, and art collections registrar and preparatory Natalie Lawler.

In addition, the group is holding a WWI symposium on Wednesday, February 11



at 7:00pm in Argyros Forum 201. The symposium, hosted by Phi Alpha Theta and Leatherby Libraries will celebrate the opening of the student-curated exhibit, which will be available for viewing until June 15 in the Doy and Dee Henley Galleria in Argyros Forum.

For more information, please visit:
www.chapman.edu/wilkinson/crash-burn



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