



Call for Papers:

The Florida State University Department of Religion 11th Annual Graduate Student Symposium

February 17-19, 2012 • Tallahassee, Florida

The Florida State University Department of Religion is pleased to announce its 11th Annual Graduate Student Symposium to be held February 17-19, 2012 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Last year's symposium was a huge success, allowing over forty presenters from over twenty universities and departments as varied as Religion, Geography, Psychology, and Philosophy to share their research, learn from one another, and meet many of their peers and future colleagues.

This year's symposium will be centered on the theme "**Beyond Borders: Constructing, Deconstructing and Transgressing Boundaries.**"

Dr. Manuel A. Vásquez, of the University of Florida, will deliver this year's keynote address. His lecture is tentatively titled "Beyond the Fetishism of Commodities? Hyper-Animism and Materiality in the Present Age." Also, we are pleased to host Dr. Kathryn Lofton of Yale University as a guest respondent.

Due to our commitment to collaborative scholarship, students from all fields with interdisciplinary interests in the study of religion and at all levels of graduate study are encouraged to submit paper proposals.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to: Building and Maintaining Identities; Communities, both Local and Global; Scholars Manufacturing Subjects; Strategies of Empowerment and Subjugation; Limits of Embodiment; Political, Ethical and/or Gender Conflicts; Discourses of (In)Justice.

Presentations should be approximately 15 to 20 minutes in length and will receive faculty responses. In addition, every year respondents select the best graduate paper to receive the Leo F. Sandon Award, an endowed award named for the Religion Department's former chair.

Proposals including an abstract of approximately 300 words, a list of key terms, and a one-page CV should be submitted by **December 1, 2011** for review. Final papers must be submitted by **January 15, 2012**. Please send proposals to Michael Graziano at <fsureligionsymposium@gmail.com>.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you or your students and seeing you at the 2012 Graduate Student Symposium at Florida State University.