

## FACULTY NEWS

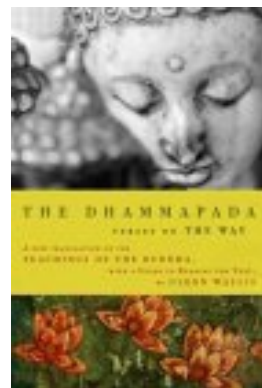
**Dr. Russell Kirkland** reports the publication of his work *Taoism: The Enduring Tradition* (London and New York: Routledge. ISBN 0-415-26321-2 hardcover; 0-415-26322-0 paperback).

Throughout the 20th century, Taoism was generally presented on terms defined by the interpretive narratives of late-imperial Confucians; the Western scholars whom they mentored; and a public who increasingly projected their own idealizations onto Taoism.

*Taoism: The Enduring Tradition* draws upon current scholarship to present a new vision of the tradition, its teachings, and its true place in Chinese society. Here we see Taoism not as an element of modern metanarratives, but as it has been understood and practiced by the men and women who consciously identified as members of a distinctive religious and cultural tradition, Tao-chiao, since at least the 5th century. Here we see China's Taoists not as marginal figures who posed threats or alternatives to a supposed "Confucian mainstream," but rather as they appear from a new appreciation of the facts of history. It examines the lives and teachings of centuries of Taoist "literati" — members of the educated "upper classes" — who maintained and refined values and practices that can clearly be traced back to such "classical" texts as the Tao te ching, Chuang-tzu, and the little-known Nei-yeh ("Inner Cultivation"). It shows the value that emperors, for nearly two thousand years, placed upon the social and spiritual traditions of Taoism. It shows the participation of women Taoists from age to age, and presents the voices of centuries of Taoists as they express the Taoist life on their own terms: as a rich and constantly evolving set of models for self-cultivation in a world in which personal transformation cannot be imagined apart from the process of integration with life's unseen realities — realities inherently linked to all dimensions of human life. *Taoism: The Enduring Tradition* utilizes historical and textual data often ignored, or even suppressed, in 20th-century scholarship to demonstrate enduring continuities within what those men and women truly envisioned as the core of their religious ideals and practices — self-cultivation within a holistically interrelated world.

**Dr. Sandy D. Martin** served as a moderator and presenter at the Third Annual Baptist Classics seminar at Mercer University in September. And in pending publication with Mercer University Press he has a book chapter in a History of National Baptists.

**Dr. Glenn Wallis** reports the publication of his work *The Dhammapadam: Verses on the Way* by Random House in the Modern Library series. This new work "offers a profound and vibrant new modern translation of the teachings of the Buddha, in an edition that preserves the wisdom and psychological depth of the original while capturing the beauty and accessibility of the ancient verses and including extensive notes on interpretation and context" [*Publisher's Weekly*, August 24, 2004].



Dr. Wallis is now at work on a new book, entitled *The Buddhist Tapestry: Reading the Suttas*, which explores a series of foundational dialogues engaged in by the Buddha and preserved in the Pali Buddhist canon. A Wallis' article, "The Buddha Counsels as Theist: A Reading of the Tevijjasutta (Dighanikaya 13)" is presently under review at *Philosophy East and West*. This past spring, Dr. Wallis presented "Empty Palace: the Buddha Encounters a Theist," and "Understanding a Buddhist Ritual," for the Cullum Lecture Series at Augusta State University.

**Dr. William L. Power** reports publication in the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* of his review of *Analytic Philosophy of Religion* by James F. Harris of College of William and Mary. Harris' work is volume three in the *Handbook of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*, a series edited by Eugene Long. Dr. Power also authored a book chapter, "Philosophy of Religion for a New Century: Introduction," in *Philosophy of Religion for a New Century: Essays in Honor of Eugene Thomas Long*, eds. J. Hackett and J. Wallulis (Netherlands: Kluwer, 2004).

**Dr. Alan Godlas** was one of two American scholars invited to Morocco to attend the annual lectures given by scholars of Islam to King Muhammad VI during the month of Ramadan.

**Dr. Carolyn Medine** participated in the "First Annual Gandhian Nonviolence Conference: Teaching to Practice Nonviolence" in Memphis, TN in October. Joining her on the Narrative and Peacemaking panel were graduate students Jordan Rothacker and Lia Mallini and Religion MA graduate Katherine Daley.

## Honerkamp, Godlas Attend Sidi Shikr World Meeting

**Dr. Alan Godlas** and **Dr. Kenneth Honerkamp**, at the invitation of the Moroccan Ministry of Religious Endowments and Islamic Affairs under the auspices of the King of Morocco, His Majesty Muhammad VI, attended the first meeting of the Sidi Shikr World Meetings of Affiliates to Sufism, in Marrakesh, Morocco September 10 —12, 2004.

The Kingdom of Morocco is restoring the Sidi Shikr Meetings tradition to highlight Sufism's role in shaping Morocco's spiritual, cultural and social identity and enhancing its standing the world over. The founding principle of these meetings lies in the hope to revive a historical Moroccan tradition that has provided a traditional framework for Islamic society over the centuries. The timeless Sufi education methodology that was taught at centers like the Shrine of Sidi Shikr promises a better future and can make significant contributions in two areas today, namely, the development of ethical foundation in the individual and society at large, and the deepening of religious understanding while entailing the firm respect for the essential principles behind the other faith traditions of the world.



Dr. Kenneth Honerkamp announces his work *Spiritual Alchemy: Master and Disciple, The Major Collection of the letters of Ibn Abbad of Ronda (1332-1392)* is under contract with Fons Vitae Publishers, St. Louis.

## William T. Vollmann Visits Graduate Seminar

At the invitation of the Religion graduate students, noted author William T. Vollmann visited campus November 15th. He met with Dr. Carolyn Medine's 8700 Religion and Violence seminar class then presented a public evening lecture at the Chapel.

Vollmann spoke on his 2003 National Book Award Finalist work *Rising Up Rising Down*, that asks the question *When is violence necessary, if ever?* The mammoth work (nearly 3,400 pages in six volumes) includes case studies from Vollmann's global travels. Those attending the lecture described it as provocative and insightful. His visit was sponsored by the Religion department with additional funding from the Center for Humanities and Arts.

## UGA Study Abroad Program Maymester in Morocco 2004

Sixteen students participated in the Department of Religion's Study Abroad Program, Maymester in Morocco. On May 10th the students flew to Casablanca then traveled by van to Marrakesh. They returned home June 7th.

While in Morocco they stayed with local families and took courses at the American Language Center (ALC). The group camped in the Sahara and enjoyed shopping and cultural activities. Among the students attending was Adam Sparks, current president of the UGA Student Government Association. Excerpts from students travel diaries read:

*...my homestay family is so terrific. We have so much fun together every night and we are really getting close to each other. Getting to know them so well also inspires me to really work hard on my Arabic...*

*...Dr. Honerkamp was absolutely right when he said Morocco is paradise.... We had classes in ALC for a few minutes and we moved to the Annex. Annex is such a incredible building. A person can be mesmerized by Marrakesh on the roof of the Annex. Cool breeze; amazing view. Oh, it must be heaven. Later on we had lunch. Moroccan food - wow! It reminds me of my mom's cooking. Wonderful ladies at ALC put so much of effort and love in their cooking.*

The UGA Study Abroad Maymester in Morocco program director is Dr. Kenneth Honerkamp and the administrative director is Dr. Alan Godlas. See [www.uga.edu/islam/morocco/programinfo.html](http://www.uga.edu/islam/morocco/programinfo.html) for information on the 2005 program, which is scheduled for May 12 — June 12.

The Institute of International Education recently ranked UGA eighth in the number of students studying abroad, up from 10th last year. Currently the University offers students more than 100 study abroad and exchange programs in 42 countries.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS



### Sarah Harper Theta Alpha Kappa Award Winner

Religion major Sarah Harper, pictured at left enjoying her UGA Study Abroad program, Maymester in Morocco, received the 2004 Undergraduate Achievement Award from UGA's Alpha Gamma Tau chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa — the national honor society for religious studies/theology.

Dr. Russell Kirkland is the moderator for the UGA chapter.

### UGA Foundation Fellows Combine Religion Majors

Raechel Anglin, a UGA Foundation Fellow, is participating in the Honors Program combined BA/MA program. She will graduate in 2005 with a BA degree in English and Religion and an MA in Religion.

Spring graduate Corrie Drakulich received the 2004 Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship. A double major in Religion and Microbiology, she was a member of the women's track and field team and a UGA Foundation Fellow. The \$21,500 scholarship, awarded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), recognizes outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in postgraduate study. Drakulich is now attending law school in Berkeley, CA.

### Martin Appointed Head

Franklin Dean Garnett S. Stokes announced the appointment of Dr. Sandy D. Martin for a three-year term as department head for Religion effective October 14, 2004.

Dr. Martin assumed duties from Dr. David S. Williams, who was appointed in September as director of the UGA Honors Program and will continue as a member of the Religion faculty.

### INAS LECTURES Warrior, Owle Speak

The Institute of Native American Studies sponsored two fall lectures. Dr. Robert Warrior spoke on "W.E.B. DuBois Among the Indians: A Perfect Education" November 4th. Dr. Warrior is an associate professor of English and Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. On October 20th, INAS presented noted Cherokee artist and storyteller Freeman Owle.

#### Religion Faculty 2004 - 2005 Sandy D. Martin, Department Head

Alan Godlas	William Power
Kenneth Honerkamp	Glenn Wallis
Russell Kirkland	Jace Weaver
Carolyn Medine	David Williams

Beth LaRocca-Pitts, Lecturer  
Rouslan Elistratov, Franklin Fellow

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### Position Announcement Ann and Jay Davis Professor of Jewish Studies

The Department of Religion at the University of Georgia invites applications for the newly created position of the Ann and Jay Davis Professor of Jewish Studies, to begin fall 2005.

**Qualifications and Responsibilities:** Candidates must have a distinguished record of scholarship and a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, and qualify for appointment at the full professor level, with tenure. Applications are invited from candidates with specialization in any area of medieval, modern, or contemporary Jewish Studies, though facility in rabbinic literature and Hebrew is expected. As befits the nature of the department, candidates should have interests and competency in the broad field of religious studies in addition to his or her primary field of Jewish Studies. The Davis Professor will be expected to participate fully in the life of the department, college, and university, including appropriate committee assignments and instructional responsibilities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Department of Religion, a member of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, offers a diverse curriculum of religious studies for both undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA) students. The program includes the study of the historical, constructive, and cultural dimensions of the religions of the world. The Davis Professor will hold the first named professorship in the department, which currently has nine tenured and tenure-track faculty members.

**Application Procedure:** Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply. To apply, send a letter of application, a current curriculum vitae, contact information for three references, and a sample of recent published work to:

Dr. David S. Williams, Chair, Davis Professor Search Committee

Department of Religion, Peabody Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602

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**Review of applications will begin January 10, 2005. Applications received by that date are assured consideration.** The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Institution.

### The UGA Institute of Native American Studies

#### A Letter from the Director

We are pleased to announce the creation of the Institute of Native American Studies (INAS) at the University of Georgia. INAS provides programming, instruction, and research support in Native American Studies. It is housed in the Department of Religion and draws upon faculty and resources from across the University.

Central to the mission of both Native American Studies as a discipline and to INAS is the study the indigenous peoples of the Americas from the perspective of the indigenes themselves. Our logo reflects our mission. The yellow circle reflects not only the hoop of existence but the life-giving sun, revered by the Mississippians, their Muscogean descendents, and the Yuchi here in Georgia (as well as numerous peoples throughout the Americas). Within the circle is the name of the institute in Cherokee, written in Sequoyah's syllabary, the only internally invented alphabet for a Native language. Because both institute and studies are abstractions, and Native American is a foreign construct, the title is impossible to translate with total accuracy. Reflecting our mission, we opted for We Are Speaking Here. It is our intent to have Native nations and peoples speaking here through INAS.

We are not, however, an institute of Cherokee, or Yuchi, or Creek studies. We are the Institute of Native American Studies. Our focus at INAS is two-fold. Because of our location and the unique history of Natives in Georgia, we have a special interest in what is today the American Southeast. Yet, following the best trend in the discipline, we treat Native American Studies as a 'borderless' discourse. Our scope is as wide as the Western Hemisphere itself.

At the core of INAS are its undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. These permit students to earn UGA degrees in 'traditional' disciplines such as religion, English, law, anthropology, or history (or many others), while developing an expertise in Native American Studies and demonstrating it through a separate credential.

INAS at UGA represents an innovative approach to Native American Studies. Our faculty is made up of nationally and internationally known scholars, who together represent experience as wide as the Americas themselves. Native Americans are not of the past. We represent living and vibrant cultures and traditions. We are excited about the possibilities and future of INAS. We hope you will be, too. To learn more, we invite you to explore our web site at www.uga.edu/inas.

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