
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.


Dr. Glenn Wallis reports the publication of his work *The Dhammapada: 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 captur- ing the beauty and accessibility of the Buddha’s understanding of the profound and vibrant new modern translation.*

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. 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.

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.

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**Fall 2004 Faculty News**

**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.

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**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 Sufis’ role in shaping Morocco’s spiritual, cultural and social identity and enhancing its standing 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.

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**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. Console area: amazing views. 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 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.

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**Horizons** *The University of Georgia Fall 2004*
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.

UGA Foundation Fellows Combine Religion Majors
Raechsel 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.

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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