SPRING 2019

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES

FOSTERING WORLD RELIGIOUS LITERACY

Wednesdays 12:00 PM

Prairie Room
Bone Student Center

SEMINARY SERIES COORDINATORS
LARISSA KENNEDY, Department of History
STEWART WINGER, Department of History
DANIEL BREYER, Department of Philosophy

January 23 — Prairie Room, BSC
The Importance of Religious Literacy
DR. DANIEL BREYER, Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy
Illinois State University

January 30 — Prairie Room, BSC
How Our Students Read Other Religious Cultures
DR. JAN NEULIEB, Professor
Department of English
Illinois State University

February 6 — Prairie Room, BSC
Shinto: The Heart and Soul of Japan
DR. LOUIS PEREZ, Professor
Department of History
Illinois State University

February 13 — Old Main, BSC
Rediscover Playfulness! Mindfulness and Loving Kindness Practice
MR. BHANTE SUJATHA, Buddhist Monk
Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center
Woodstock, Illinois

February 20 — Prairie Room BSC
Islam in South Asia: Diversity and Unity
DR. ALI RIAZ, Distinguished Professor
Department of Politics and Government
Illinois State University

February 27 — Prairie Room, BSC
TBD
DR. JESSICA VANTINE BIRKENHOLTZ, Assistant Professor
Department of Religion
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

March 6 — Prairie Room, BSC
Understanding Religious Violence: The Importance of Religious Literacy in Meeting the Challenge of Religious Fanaticism and Terrorism
DR. MARK BERKSON, Professor and Chair
Department of Religion
Hamline University

March 20 — Prairie Room, BSC
Meaning Making and Control in Islamic Banking and Finance
DR. AARON PITLUCK, Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Illinois State University

March 27 — Prairie Room, BSC
Afro-Brazilian Religions and the Contemporary Roles of Women
DR. CAROLINE MYSCOFSKI, Professor
Department of Religion
Illinois Wesleyan University

April 3 — Prairie Room, BSC
Mormonism: The American Religion or the Next World Religion
DR. PATRICK MASON, Dean and Professor of Religion
School of Art and Humanities
Claremont Graduate University

April 10 — Prairie Room, BSC
Image Makers and Image Breakers: Art and Iconoclasm in the Northern Renaissance
DR. SASKIA BERANEK, Assistant Professor
School of Art
Illinois State University

April 17 — Prairie Room, BSC
Buddhism in Communist China: Hangzhou as a Case Study
DR. QILIANG HE, Associate Professor
Department of History
Illinois State University

April 24 — Prairie Room, BSC
What I Learned About the Modern World from Teaching Comparative Global Fundamentalisms
DR. STEWART WINGER, Associate Professor
Department of History
Illinois State University

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE BUFFET LUNCH PROVIDED
An equal opportunity/affirmative action university encouraging diversity.
For special accommodations, call 309.438.5276