

Islam in Africa Working Group

Fall 2012 Program

September 11

Sue O'Brien, University of Florida

October 16

Joseph Hellweg – Associate Professor of Religion & Courtesy Associate Professor of Anthropology Florida State University

Title:

"Dozo Hunters and Islam in Contemporary Côte d'Ivoire"

Bio: Joseph Hellweg received his doctorate in anthropology at the University of Virginia and did postdoctoral work on HIV and AIDS in Côte d'Ivoire while a fellow at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University. From 2003 to 2008, he taught in the Department of Anthropology at Florida State University. Since 2008, he has been a member of FSU's Department of Religion. From fall 2008 through fall 2009, he was a Fulbright fellow at the University of Kankan, Guinea and in Bamako, Mali, during which time he began new research on the N'ko alphabet of West Africa. He has published two books: 'Hunting the Ethical State: The Benkadi Movement of Côte d'Ivoire' (U. Chicago, 2011) and 'Anthropologie, les premiers pas' (L'Harmattan, 2011). He is currently working on a book on the songs of dozo hunters as a template for understanding recent political turmoil in Côte d'Ivoire.

November 13

Badredine Arfi

Title:

"Muslims, the Fact of Pluralism, and Democracy in the Post-Secular Age"

Bio: Badredine Arfi received a Ph.D. in physics in 1988 and a Ph.D. in political science/international relations in 1996 both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His teaching and research interests include philosophy of social theory, discourse theory, deconstruction, Lacan's psychoanalytical theory, theories of international relations, international security, Islam and politics, game theory, and fuzzy logic methodologies.

December 4

Ann Witulski

Title:

“Salafization through Islamic Education: How an Islamic solution became an Islamist problem in Morocco”

Bio: Ann Wainscott is a sixth year doctoral student in the Department of Political Science at UF. Her research examines state-society relations, religion and politics and Islamic education in Morocco.