

## Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment

### Fall 2014 Newsletter



## Greetings!

This semester was one of the most exciting in the Center's history. We were delighted to co-sponsor the exhibit, "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow," along with the department of English, the department of exile studies, and the Coral Gables Museum from October through December. The exhibit began on October 5 with an opening ceremony. It was followed on October 12 by a guided tour from Dr. Michael Gillespie and Dr. Asher Milbauer. On October 19 the Center

held a panel discussion, "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Lessons and Legacies," that reflected on our turbulent racial past and looked at the current state of race in America. The next day there was a fantastic staged reading of Jaqueline Lawton's "The Hampton Years."



We were then privileged to have two presentations from the noted exile theorist Dr. Guy Stern who spoke of the current and future

state of exile studies. The Center then hosted Dr. Donald Cunnigen, a former student of a Jewish-German exile scholar, who spoke about his first hand experiences. The Center later hosted a panel, "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow-A Black-Jewish Dialogue," led by members of the South Florida community that discussed the current state of tolerance in South Florida. Finally, we co-sponsored two phenomenal documentaries, "Weapons of the Spirit" and "Orchestra of Exiles" that were followed by Q&A sessions.



If you weren't able to make it to these events, please take a look at the archives section of our website at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/) to find video logs of these and other past events.

## CHUE SPOTLIGHT

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This spring the Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment will launch a series for panel discussions designed to make the university community more aware of faculty book publications.

Panels will be composed of 2-4 faculty authors who will discuss significant features of their recently published research followed by a question and answer period. The first panel will take place in early March and feature three English Department faculty members.

# CHIUE Co-Sponsored Events and More...

## Program in the Study of Spirituality Events



The Center also continued its strong partnership with the Program in the Study of Spirituality as we co-sponsored a series of lectures such as “Dark Teens and Dangerous Nature: Neopagan Narratives of Cultural Marginalization” on September 30<sup>th</sup>, “Sacred Sound and Movement: Cross Cultural Pathways for Spiritual Transcendence” on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and “The Spiritual Resistance of Edith Stein and Regina Jonas” on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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## Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow Teachers Workshop

Along with our events this semester the Center also partnered with Miami-Dade Public Schools to deliver a daylong workshop on the “Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow” exhibit. This workshop, which was lead by Dr. Asher Milbuaer and Dr. Michael Gillespie introduced the ideas of the exhibit and analyzed how to involve these concepts in the teacher's curriculums.

The workshop began with an introduction to the universities archival services. They explained how these services can be used by the teachers in their classes. This was followed by a brief presentation by Dr. Donald Cunnigen in regards to the “Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow” exhibit and then a guided tour led by Dr. Cunnigen. The workshop then had a screening of the accompanying documentary to the exhibit “From Swastika to Jim Crow.”

The workshop concluded with Dr. Gillespie and Dr. Milbuaer discussing with the teachers their feelings about the exhibit, what it meant to them, and how it could be a teachable moment for their students. We'd like to thank Coral Gables Museum, the Exile Studies Program, the Department of English for their support in this exhibit and welcome anyone who would like to see the workshop to access it through the archive section on our website at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/)





# *Pictures from CHUE Fall Events*



Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow Teachers Workshop



Dark Teens and Dangerous Nature



Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow Tour



Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow-A Black-Jewish Dialogue

Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow Opening Ceremony



## What's Next?

This coming semester, the Center has an exciting series of events scheduled. Our season begins on February 16<sup>th</sup> with the Amazonia Vocal Ensemble, a group dedicated to the performance and preservation of Latin American choral music, which will present a lecture and demonstration at Florida International University of Latin Music popular in the South Florida community. The event is free and open to the public.

This will be followed by presentations from February 23-28 by this year's writer in residence, Norman Manea. Mr. Manea is a Jewish Romanian writer and author of short fiction, novels, and essays about the Holocaust, daily life in a communist state, and exile. He will be visiting South Florida as part of the FIU/Betsy Hotel Writer in Residence Program. A list of past writers in residence includes Chenje Hove and Guy Stern. Mr. Manea will present a formal lecture, participate in a roundtable discussion, and an author's salon. Details to follow.

The Center will then be co-sponsoring a lecture on February 26 by Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker along with the Program in the Study of Spirituality. Mary Evelyn Tucker is a Research Scholar at Yale University with appointments in the School of Forestry and Department of Religious Studies and will discuss the convergence of ideas in religion and ecology. The event is free and open to the public.

We look forward to having you join us at all our events. For times, locations, and other upcoming events please refer to our website and Facebook. We hope you have happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

## First Annual Barton Lecture Series on Law and Economics



The Center was pleased to host the first annual Barton Lecture series on Law and Economics this past semester. Made possible by a generous donation by FIU Professor Jose Gabilondo, the lecture series is designed to help the community understand issues related to economic law. This semester's inaugural speaker was SEC Commissioner Michael S. Piwowar who spoke about his perspective on economic issues in our society. To view this informative lecture please visit us at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/)

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## Upcoming Center Events

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Amazonia Lecture  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, Mary Evelyn Tucker Lecture