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A "MONTHLY ROUND-UP" OF THE SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF THAT OCCURRED DURING JANUARY 2010

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

Lisa Gezon(Professor of Anthropology): "Leaf of Paradise or Aid to Terrorism?:Cultural Constructions of a Drug Called Khat," in E. P. Durenberger and S. Erem(eds), *Paradigms for Anthropology: An Ethnographic Reader*, Denver: Paradigm Publishers, 2010, pp. 172-188.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lisa Gezon(Professor of Anthropology) and Neil Carrier(Post-Doctoral Researcher, African Studies Center, University of Oxford): "Khat in the Western Indian Ocean: Regional Linkages and Disjunctures," *Etudes Ocean Indien*, 42/43, 2009, pp. 271-297.

EXHIBITIONS

Stephanie Smith(Lecturer, Arts and Gallery Coordinator): "Little Things Mean a Lot," Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia, November 19, 2009-January 9, 2010.

CONFERENCES

PAPERS PRESENTED

Carol Gingerich (Associate Professor of Music): "Visual Images in Debussy's Piano Music," Annual Conference of Georgia Music Educators, Savannah, Georgia, January 28, 2010.

George Kieh (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Political Science): "The Land Question and Civil Conflict in Liberia," Conference on the "Territorial origins of African Civil Conflicts," University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, January 29-31, 2010(Delivered in absentia).

Mautusi Mitra(Assistant Professor of Biology), Henning Kirst(Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California at Berkeley), David Dewez(Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution of Science), Anastasios Melis(Professor of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California at Berkeley), and Sam Ng (Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California at Berkeley): "Regulation of the Chlorophyll Antenna Size in *Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii* By TLA1 Gene Over Expression and RNA Interference," 19th

Annual Conference of the Western Photosynthesis Association, Asilomar, California, January 7-10, 2010.

J. Salvador Peralta (Assistant Professor of Political Science): “Do Old Dogs Learn New Tricks: President, Assemblies and Policymaking,” Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 7-10, 2010.

Paul Rutledge (Assistant Professor of Political Science) and Heather Larsen-Price (University of Memphis): “Public Priorities, News Stories, and Institutional Agendas: The Interplay between Public Concerns and Presidential, Congressional, and Media Policy Agendas;” and “Political Capital and the President’s Agenda: A Multivariate Test of Competing Explanations,” Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 7-10, 2010.

LECTURES

S. Swamy Mruthinti (Professor of Biology): “Emerging Trends in Biotechnology in Treating Human Diseases,” Vignan University, Andhra Pradesh, India, January 2, 2010.

AWARDS

Maria Hellin Garcia (Assistant Professor of Spanish): Awarded “The Teacher of Promise Postsecondary Award, 2010,” by the Foreign Languages Association of Georgia (FLAG).

HONORS

George Kieh (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Political Science): His article, “Religious Leaders, Peacemaking and the First Liberian Civil War,” *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace*, 2(2), 2009, has been selected by the Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University as one of the ten cases to be used for teaching, as well as a resource for teachers, students, and policy professionals seeking a deeper understanding of religion’s complex role in conflicts around the world.