The University of North Carolina Wilmington Department of History invites applications and nominations for the 2016 Virginia and Derrick Sherman Emerging Scholar Lecture. This year’s topic is “Religion and Conflict in Global History.” Proposals may address, but are not limited to, the relationship between church and state; the place of faith and religion in society; or the historical connections between religion and culture, imperialism, peace and war. Submissions concerning any time periods and any geographic regions are welcome.

The Sherman Lecture provides a forum for an outstanding junior scholar (untenured assistant professor or researcher) to offer his or her perspective on a selected topic in international affairs. The Sherman Scholar will meet with undergraduate and graduate students, share his or her expertise with faculty members in history and related fields and be available to the local media. The centerpiece of the scholar’s visit will be the presentation of a major public address, which the university will subsequently publish.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scholarly accomplishment, relevance of the proposed talk to the year’s theme and evidence of ability in speaking before a diverse audience. The scholar will receive an honorarium of $5,000. The lectureship will take place on the UNCW campus Oct. 17-20, 2016.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest with the title and brief description of the lecture they propose to deliver, current c.v., names and email addresses of three references and a recent scholarly publication. Materials should be sent as hard copy to Prof. Jarrod Tanny, UNCW Department of History, 601 S. College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403. We also welcome nominations that are accompanied by contact information. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2016. Finalists must be available for telephone interviews before May 31, 2016.

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