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Graduate Schools**



**Council of Graduate Schools**

**Press Release, Dec. 2010**

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**Washington, DC -- The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has awarded the 2010 Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities to Dr. Christopher C. Fennell, Associate Professor, Associate Head & Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The awards ceremony was held during the CGS 50th Annual Meeting.**

**Created in 1971, the Arlt Award honors the first president of CGS and is given annually to a young scholar-teacher who has written a book deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the humanities. Dr. Fennell becomes the award's 39th recipient for *Crossroads and Cosmologies: Diasporas and Ethnogenesis in the New World* (University Press of Florida, 2007). He received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Virginia in 2003.**

***Crossroads and Cosmologies* has been hailed as "a powerful interpretative framework within which to posit how new cultural identities were formed from the interactions of different cultural groups" by the Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology; it examines the way different cultures retained their religious artifacts and symbols as they moved from Europe and Africa to North America, the Caribbean, and South America. Theresa Singleton of Syracuse University called it "an intriguing analysis of religious artifacts that provides an innovative conceptual framework and methodology for the archaeological study of diasporas" saying it "greatly advances our understanding of cultural creativity over simplistic notions of creolization."**

**The Council of Graduate Schools is an organization of over 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees.**