

**E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 16**  
**VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2007**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, March 12**

10:10 a.m. Monday Forum -- Professor Melissa Snarr -- Vocation  
Tillett Lounge  
12:00 noon Dean's Lunch  
Tillett Lounge  
7:00 pm Relevant Religion Series - Fernando Segovia  
Scarritt Bennett (details below)

**TUESDAY, March 13**

9:45 a.m. UMSA Worship Service  
All Faith Chapel  
12:30 Ecumenical mid-day prayer  
Benton Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, March 14**

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service  
All Faith Chapel  
12:00 noon UMSA Lunch  
Private Dining Room

**THURSDAY, March 15**

4:00 - 6:00 pm UMSA Colloquy  
G-23 (details below)  
7:00 p.m. Antoinette Brown Lecture  
Karen Baker-Fletcher

**FRIDAY, March 16**

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour  
Common Room  
11:30 Antoinette Brown Lecture - brown bag lunch  
Private Dining Room

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Relevant Religion Series  
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 2007, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
"Latino/a Immigration: Reasons, Faces, Expectations"

Fernando F. Segovia, Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity

As in the case of previous massive waves of immigration in U.S. history, the Latino/a phenomenon has become a lightning rod for a heated national debate regarding the identity, the mission, and the future of the country. The statistics are clear: in its projections for the year 2050, mid-century, the Census Bureau portrays a nation in which not only 50% of the population will be of non-European origins or descent but also 25% will be of Latino/a descent or origins. This series seeks to address, in the light of the ongoing demographic transformation and social/cultural controversy, the experience, reality, and expectations of recent Latino/a migration in the United States, focusing on various communities of origin and settlement and using documentaries as points of departure for information and discussion.

Location  
Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Laskey Building  
1008 19th Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37212

Information and Online Registration  
[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel\\_religion.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html)  
<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/programs/calendar.aspx>  
(615) 936-8453

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**Vanderbilt University Divinity School announces the 33rd annual**

**ANTOINETTE BROWN LECTURE**

***Celebrating Holy Boldness: Women in Ministry, Then and Now***

**Karen Baker-Fletcher, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology  
Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University

Thursday, March 15, 2007  
7:00 P.M.  
Benton Chapel  
Vanderbilt University Divinity School

**Theologian Karen Baker-Fletcher** earned the baccalaureate in philosophy and French from Wellesley College before matriculating at Harvard University where she received the master of divinity degree and the doctorate of philosophy in constructive and historical theology. As the thirty-third Antoinette Brown lecturer, she will examine women's call to ministry, beginning with nineteenth-century holiness women's understanding of the call to preach, and raise questions about the meaning of their understanding for women today.

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GALA - March 23

Tickets on sale in the administrative office (113), see Angela Dillon

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The United Methodist Student Association of Vanderbilt Divinity School presents a Colloquy

**The Church and Its Finances** March 15, 2007, 4-6 p.m., Divinity Room G-23

Panelists

Dr. James Bradford, Dean, Owen School of Management, Vanderbilt University  
Rev. Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler, Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Rev. Dr. Howard Olds, Senior Pastor, Brentwood United Methodist Church  
Rev. Dr. Michael Ripski, Senior Pastor, Belle Meade United Methodist Church  
Bishop Joe Pennel, Professor, Vanderbilt Divinity School

*How does the gospel relate to the church's current economic crises in managing its own finances and witnessing to the larger economic questions of our time? This colloquy will discuss the recent issue in the Tennessee Conference regarding the financing of clergy health insurance in light of larger questions of church and economy, including the question of poverty.*

Reception will follow

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**On the Lip(s) of Miriam's Well: Jews | Women | Cultures**

18-20 March 2007 Vanderbilt University

**A global examination of Jewish women's cultural practices**

with artists and academics, performances and presentations from North African to North American, from Sephardic to South Indian, from orthodox to no dox, from the cantorial to the culinary, from photography to publishing, from the margins of the arts to (so-called) marginal arts.

Sponsored by: Program in Jewish Studies, Center for Ethics, Carpenter Program in Religion, Sex, and Gender, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Center for the Americas, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Max Kade Center for European and German Studies, English, Philosophy, Spanish/Portuguese, French/Italian, Religious Studies, German/Slavic Languages, American Studies, Department of Art, Hillel, University Lectures Committee, Office of the Provost, Office of Arts and Creative Engagement, Office of Dean of Students, College of Arts & Science, Divinity School, Office of Religious Life, the Hanai Family. For more information, contact [jay.geller@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jay.geller@vanderbilt.edu).

•Sunday, 7:30pm:

*Evening of Musical and  
Visual Midrash of Biblical*

*Women.* Musicians Galeet  
Dardashti and Lila Sklar with  
visual artist Siona Benjamin  
@ Sarratt Cinema

•Monday, 9am:

*Practitioners.*

Siona Benjamin, Galeet  
Dardashti, Nancy Reisman.

@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

•Monday, 1:30pm:

*Which of these*

*{Jews/Women/Cultures}*

*Do Not Belong?*

Renee Levine Melammed,  
Allison Schachter, Nina Warnke

@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

•Monday, 4pm:

*Public Reception.*

@ Robert Penn Warren  
Center for the Humanities:

•Monday, 7pm:

*A Conversation with*

*Contemporary Jewish*

*Women Writers.* Allegra

Goodman, Nancy Reisman,

Marjorie Agosin, Esther

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@ Schulman Center

•Tuesday 9am:

*Marginalizing Jewish*

*Women's Art.* Ellen Koskoff,

Joelle Bahloul, Chava Weissler

@ Bishop Joseph Johnson

Black Cultural Center

•Tuesday, 1:30pm:

*On the Margins of Culture.*

Barbara Hahn, Howard Tzvi

Adelman, Laura Levitt

@ Bishop Joseph Johnson

Black Cultural Center

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Please join us at Davis-Kidd Booksellers  
Monday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. as  
Bonnie Miller-McLemore discusses and signs  
"In the Midst of Chaos"

When people think of the spiritual life, they often automatically picture uninterrupted silence and serenity. When people picture parenting, they see noise and complication, dirty diapers, sleepless nights, phone calls from teachers, endless to-do lists, teen rooms strewn with stuff, car-ride pandemonium. By and large, these portraits are accurate. Spirituality requires focused attention, and caring for children in our fast-paced, stress-filled, technology-driven, postindustrial, postmodern society is perhaps one of the most intrusive, disorienting occupations around. How can we find spiritual depth in the midst of the chaos of our lives with children?

Theologian, mother, Vanderbilt professor, and writer Bonnie Miller-McLemore gives us some answers to this question and shows us how to integrate and strengthen the practice of faith in the everyday (and often mundane) experience of raising children. *In the Midst of Chaos* reveals what it takes to find the spiritual wisdom in the messy, familial ways of living. By rethinking parenting as an invitation to discover God in the middle of our busy and overstuffed lives, it relieves parents of the burden of being the all-knowing authority figures who impart spiritual knowledge to children. Finding spirituality in family activities such as reading bedtime stories, dividing household chores, and playing games can empower parents to notice what they are already doing as potentially valuable and to practice it more consciously as part of their own faith journey.

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If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to [sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu) All information must be received by the afternoon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.