

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**MONDAY, January 16**

7:00 p.m. MLK - Candle light vigil  
Benton Chapel

**TUESDAY, January 17**

7:00 p.m. MLK Keynote Lecture by the Rev. Dr. James Lawson  
Benton Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service with Dean Alice Hunt  
All Faith Chapel

**THURSDAY, January 19**

5:15-6:15 PM Cal Turner Program  
"Medicine, Ethics and Anthropology: Toward a Shared Research Nexus"  
Light Hall, Room 407A (details below)

**FRIDAY, January 20**

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee  
Commons Room  
8:00 p.m. Al's Pub (info below)

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Al's Pub

Welcome back students, faculty, and staff! Al's Pub would like to invite you all to start the spring semester off right!

What: a PARTY to kick off the start of the semester

Date: Friday, January 13th

Time: 8 pm to ????

Where: The Villa

Peter Gray (MTS2) and his fellow band mates will be entertaining us with LIVE MUSIC!!!! The band will start sometime between 9 and 10 PM. This is a very exciting event that Al's Pub is thrilled to help host. So bring out the crowd and we'll see you Friday!

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The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions is pleased to invite you to the following student discussion:

"Medicine, Ethics and Anthropology: Toward a Shared Research Nexus"

The presentation illustrates from an anthropological perspective the rationale for the development of a research nexus between medicine, ethics and anthropology. It examines research findings on the routine practice of episiotomy at a large university hospital in Rome, Italy, and the role of the institution and various clinical actors in the normalization of this procedure. It considers the question of informed consent around episiotomy, and how the perception that this procedure as not "ethically" significant allows clinicians and patients to dismiss it as natural, inevitable and unproblematic. This "naturalization" is possible because the routine episiotomy protocol acts as a system of informal audit that compels midwives to comply with physician, and specifically attending preference for routine episiotomy. The presentation will stress the shifting contexts and the flexible nature of agency and personhood in contemporary Euro-American settings, and their impact on interdisciplinary clinical practice such as in Midwifery and Obstetrics.

Discussion leader: Lucia Tanassi, Vanderbilt School of Medicine and The Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society

Thursday, January 19, 2006 from 5:15-6:15 PM  
Light Hall, Room 407A

Pizza and soda will be provided.

Please register in advance by visiting our website at <<[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral\\_leadership/eventstu.htm](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership/eventstu.htm)> and clicking on "Register," or by calling the Cal Turner Program office at 343-5447.

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KMSI Events

- Black Church Studies Consultation January 31 - February 3, 2006 Atlanta, GA
- Black Church and Public Policy Conference April 4-6, 2006 Nashville, TN

KMSI is co-sponsoring, with the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, a Black Church Studies Consultation on January 31 - February 3, 2006. Directors of Black Church Studies programs across the country will be in dialogue about the future of Black Church Studies and the academy. This consultation was initiated last year at the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Community and black church leaders will be in dialogue with Vanderbilt University professors during the Black Church and Public Policy Conference on April 4-6, 2006. Participants include the following:

Governor Phil Bredesen , Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. , Commissioner Kenneth Robinson, Professor Victor Anderson, Professor Brad Braxton, Professor Herbert Marbury, Professor Dennis Dickerson, Professor Lewis Baldwin

I invite you to participate in each of these events. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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Job postings

Technical Services Positions Immediately Available (Periodicals Assistant)

Positions begin at \$8.00 depending on experience.

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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 noon on Friday for the following week's E-Communicator.