

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 10
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
November 3, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, November 3

Registration

12:00 - 1:00 Fabulous Divinity School Choir Practice
All Faith Chapel

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. A.-J. Levine Relevant Religion Series
Scarritt Bennett

TUESDAY, November 4

Registration

7:00 p.m. The School for Living Theology
"The Matrix Reloaded" Panel Discussion
Vine Street Christian Church (info below)

WEDNESDAY, November 5

Registration

10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service - All Faith Chapel

12:00 noon Eco Concerns -- Emily Askew
"Ecofeminism: Wild Politics or Leisure-class Spirituality?"
G-27

12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Second LAVENDER LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION
Diana Pepper (MTS 2) and Ben Papa (MDiv 1) will discuss
lesbian and gay parenting.
Private Dining Room

THURSDAY, November 6

7:30-8:30 a.m. Community Breakfast Series
"Clothed in Nothingness." Leonard Hummel
University Club

12:10-1:00 PM OWC presents: Randall March, Nutritionist at St. Thomas Hospital
Divinity G-23

7:00 - 8:30 PM Vanderbilt Interfaith Panel Discussion
Vanderbilt Campus, Wilson 103A

FRIDAY, November 7

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Drop-in conversation with Dr. Dorothy Bass
Tillett Lounge (info below)

10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room

6:00 p.m. First Friday Service

Christ Church Cathedral

November 3, 7:00 p.m. Calhoun Hall, Room 109

Clive Webb

"We Will Not Yield: Racial and Anti-Semitic Violence in 1950s Nashville"

Vanderbilt University Program in Jewish Studies

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RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES

Vanderbilt at Scarritt Bennett Center

November 3, 10 and 17

A.-J. Levine, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament "Interfaith Dialogue & Biblical Understanding: The Next Steps in Jewish-Christian Relations"

Information and Registration: www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity 615 340-7543 or

spiritus@scarrittbennett.org

Cost \$37.50 CEU's available

The School for Living Theology will hold a panel discussion of "The Matrix Reloaded," and Seay & Garrett's book, *The Gospel Reloaded, Exploring Spirituality and Faith in "The Matrix,"* at Vine Street Christian Church, 4101 Harding Road, Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. Admission \$10 (students \$5). Seay & Garrett's book is 25% off at Cokesbury.

Panelists are Dr. Win Myint (Nashville Buddhist Congregation), David Cox (Ph.D. candidate in religion at Vanderbilt), and Revs. Doug Lofton (Woodmont Christian), Ken Locke (Downtown Presb.), Stacy Rector (2nd Presb.), and Michael Williams (Blakemore UMC).

Wednesday, November 5th, 12:00 PM in G-27.

"Ecofeminism: Wild Politics or Leisure-class Spirituality?"

a lunchtime presentation by Emily Askew.

Emily Askew, a PhD. candidate in theology, is currently teaching "Christ in Cultural Studies" at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Next semester, she will be teaching a seminar on ecofeminism.

Hosted by Eco-concerns and the Office of Women's Concerns

Lunch will be provided, please be sure to R.S.V.P. to

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Wednesday, November 5th, 12:00 PM Private Dining Room

GABLE LUNCH

Diana Pepper (MTS 2) and Ben Papa (MDiv 1) will discuss lesbian and gay parenting. Diana is the mother of an adolescent daughter and Ben and his partner, Brad, are expecting twins in January. Come and hear about some of the issues and concerns that are unique to lesbian and gay people who decide to be parents. GABLE will provide beverages and dessert.

GABLE has asked Diana and Ben to consider three questions:

1. Why did you decide to become a parent?
2. What are some of the social and legal questions you had to address in becoming a parent?
3. What is your relationship with your family of origin?

Bring your lunch and come to the Private Dining Room (across from the Refectory)

Thursday, November 6

7:30-8:30 a.m. Divinity School Community Breakfast Series. "Clothed in Nothingness." Leonard Hummel. The University Club of Nashville. \$10, pre-registration required. Free parking. 343-3994, <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/index.html>.

Drop-in conversation with Dr. Dorothy Bass

Friday, November 7

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Tillett Lounge

(coffee, juice & doughnuts)

Dr. Dorothy Bass, a historian of American religion, is the director of the Valparaiso University Project on the Education and Formation of People of Faith. She is perhaps best known for her work as editor of the groundbreaking book, *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, and author of an equally important book, *Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time*. She is also a co-editor of *Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life* with Miroslav Volf and of *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens* with Don Richter. A graduate of Wellesley College, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Brown University, Dr. Bass has taught at several colleges and theological schools.

Books by Dr. Bass will be for sale by Cokesbury at the drop-in conversation.

Please join us for our monthly First Friday service at Christ Church Cathedral on November 7 at 6:00 pm. The theme for this month's service is "Remember: A Celebration of All Saints." In addition to the Gallery Musicians and Epiphany Dance Company, our special guest will be Mark Jarman, Poet and Professor in the English Department at Vanderbilt, reading his poetry. Great reception following the service. Childcare is provided. The Cathedral is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. Hope to see you there! Alice Nichols

Job Opportunity

"The Microform and Media Center in the Central Library is looking for work-study students to fill new hours that have opened up. Please contact David Anderson at (34)3-6042, david.l.anderson@vanderbilt.edu."

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

"Lies, Liars, and Parody"

A speech by Al Franken, Author and Political Satirist

Monday, November 17th

7:30 p.m., Langford Auditorium

Al Franken, political satirist and author of the New York Times #1 Best Selling Book, Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right, will continue Project Dialogue's yearlong exploration of its theme "Ideas, Images, Internet: Who Owns What?" on Monday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. in Langford Auditorium.

Tickets are free for students with Vanderbilt ID, and are available now at Sarratt Student Center front desk. Starting Wednesday, October 29th, remaining tickets will go on sale for the public, and are \$5 for Vanderbilt faculty and staff, and \$10 for the general public.

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Nashville Chapter Americans United for Separation of Church and State is trying to hold public meetings every other month in order to act in its educational capacity and let the public know what is happening in our nation. On Saturday, November 22, we will hold such a meeting at the Green Hills Library, 3701 Benham Avenue in Nashville. We have ordered a copy of the Public Broadcasting System's recent program -- NOW with Bill Moyers -- exposing how the Bush administration did an end-run around a reluctant and skeptical Congress to implement its faith-based initiative. It indicates which religious groups are -- and which are not -- receiving faith-based grants from the administration.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a brief introduction and will be followed by a discussion. We must leave the meeting room by noon. Those interested in continuing discussion will gather at a nearby

restaurant for lunch. Wild Oats has been suggested, but someone may wish to suggest some other place where we would have a good chance for seating together or could reserve a room or tables.

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