

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 15
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
January 12, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, January 12
Hebrew Bible Program (details below)

TUESDAY, January 13
9:30 New Student Orientation
Tillett Lounge

WEDNESDAY, January 14
10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service – All Faith Chapel
12:00 – 1:00 Lavender Lunch Time - PDR

THURSDAY, January 15

FRIDAY, January 16
10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room
2:10 Faculty Meeting – PDR

HEBREW BIBLE PROGRAM

King David as a biblical figure has generated centuries of historical investigation and imaginative interpretation. On January 12, 2004, graduate students in Vanderbilt's Hebrew Bible program will feature this fascinating phenomenon in our first annual Hebrew Bible Symposium: "Does Biblical History Have a Future? David as a test case for Historical Criticism." In addition to student papers and plenary discussion, the conference will offer two keynote speakers: Baruch Halpern of the University of Pennsylvania and Steven McKenzie of Rhodes College. Both are senior scholars in the field who have recently published books on David. Vanderbilt's own Joel Harrington and Annalisa Azzoni will give responses. The Sessions themselves are free to students. For more information contact: Stephanie Wyatt stephanie.m.wyatt@vanderbilt.edu (615) 298-5323

RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES

Jan. 19, 26, and Feb 2, 9 at 7-8:30pm Forrest Harris will be speaking for the Relevant Religion series. His topic is "A Survey of Prophetic Responses to Racism." Please call 615-340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org to sign up. The cost is \$50; CEU's are available.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On Jan. 29, 7:30-8:30am Melissa Snarr will be speaking at our Community Breakfast. Her topic is "God is in the Details: Ethical Formation 101." Please call 615-343-3994 to make a reservation. The cost is \$10.

On Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 pm. at All Faith Chapel, there will be a special service of live healing music, readings from sacred text, and some remarks of remembrance of Michelle Jackson. You are invited. I hope you will make a special effort to be part of what we hope will be a magical experience.

Blessings,
Erie Chapman, MTS '02

LIBRARY TRAINING SESSIONS

The Divinity Library will be offering training this spring semester for both the ACORN Library Catalog and the ATLA Religion Database.

In the ACORN training, you will learn the basics of the catalog as well as how to construct simple and complex searches. Features such as setting up ACORN Alerts, renewing materials online, and placing interlibrary loan requests will also be covered.

The ATLA Religion Database is the essential tool for finding articles and book reviews in Theology and Religious Studies. Features of the database that will be covered in the training sessions include constructing both simple and highly complex searches, saving searches from session to session, and setting up email search alerts for new items found. Both sessions will include time for practice exercises and questions and answers. All new students are required to attend these sessions. They are also open to Divinity and GDR students, faculty and staff. They will be held at the following times in the Electronic Classroom (across the hall from the Divinity Library and through the Reserves room):

ACORN Training
Thursday, January 15, 2004: 1-2 pm

ATLA Religion Database Training
Friday, January 16, 2004: 10:30-11:30 am

Sessions will last approximately one hour in length. No registration is required, just show up! For more information, please contact Amy Limpitlaw, Public Services Librarian at amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu, 343-5844.

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.