

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 23
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
March 15, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 15
Senior Projects to be turned in by 4:00

TUESDAY, March 16

WEDNESDAY, March 17
10:00 - 11:00 Community Worship Service
11:30-1:00 UMSA Lunch
PDR
3:00 Jeremy Rehwaldt Alexan – Defense
PDR
4:00 p.m. Dr. Sjoerd L. Bonting
G-23 (information below)

THURSDAY, March 18
3:00 p.m. David Barnhardt – Defense
PDR

FRIDAY, March 19
10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room
1:10 Graduate Prof. Academic Committee
Tillett Lounge
2:10 GDR Faculty Meeting
Tillett Lounge

SATURDAY, March 20
7:00 – 10:30 pm GALA

The organizers behind Arts Day (April 2nd) invite all of those artists and non-artists who would be willing to share some of their creative theological reflections to a wine and cheese reception on Wed. March 3rd in Tillett Lounge. Please stop by between 4:00-5:30pm to discuss your ideas. At 4:30 we will speak specifically to the aims and importance of holding such a day.

Dr. Sjoerd L. Bonting
The Science and Religion Dialogue: The Application of Chaos Theology?
Wednesday, March 17, 2004
4:00 p.m.

The Divinity School, Room G-23
Reception to follow in Tillett Lounge

Dr. Bonting, an emeritus professor of biochemistry and an Anglican priest-theologian, is a frequent lecturer in Europe and the Americas at conferences and for professional and general audiences on the convergence of religion and science. In the course of his work, Bonting has developed a revised creation theology, Chaos Theology, which has useful applications to theology (God's action in the world; Christ's reconciling work; health; eschatology) and for the reconciliation of science and theology.

Bonting was professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands. His main research topics were biochemistry of vision and active sodium transport. He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, and has served as a scientific consultant for NASA at the Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA, for preparation of biological research on the International Space Station.

Save the Date! Save the Date!

The 2004 Antoinette Brown Lecture will be given by rev. dr. emilie townes on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00! There will be a related worship service on Wednesday and a reception will follow the lecture. Please plan to join us for these exciting events!

Thanks,
Stephanie Barger and Sunny Buchanan
Antoinette Brown Lecture Coordinators, 2004

GALA

you are cordially invited to Vanderbilt Divinity School's Spring Gala
Saturday March 20, 2004 Downtown Nashville Public Library 7:00-10:30
Evening Dress

Tickets go on Sale March 2 or 3 - March 16 in the Administration Office

You're night at the Gala includes/involves:

Heavy Appetizers Drinks (Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks)

DJ and Dancing Door Prizes Admission to the Art Gallery

A lovely decorated room at the Library Paid security to keep you safe

Bartenders Catering With reservation, FREE BABYSITTING on site for children ages 3-10 (no diapers) with movie and snacks.

You're ticket price: \$25.00 per person A night among friends, PRICELESS!

Gala Committee: Co-directors, Luke Smith and Tricia Gardner Ginger Skaggs, Matt Kelly, Susan Dye, Elaine Faithful, Staff Support, Chris Sanders questions:
(patricia.k.gardner@vanderbilt.edu or lucas.r.smith@vanderbilt.edu)

James and Jane Barr to Visit

March 30

12:00 G-23 Jane Barr Lecture

“Medieval Women Mystics”

3:30 Tillett Lounge James Barr Session with GDR Students

“Trends & Future Direction for Biblical Theology”

March 31

4:10 G-23 James Barr Public Lecture
"Prophetic Surprises"
5:15 Tillett Lounge Reception following lecture for the Barrs

April 1

12:00 PDR Brown Bag Lunch with James Barr
"Biblical Theology and Congregational Ministry"
1:30 James Barr Session with GDR Students – open discussion

Tuesday, March 30th
5-6:30 p.m. University Club
Center for the Study of Religion and Culture
Announces the "Conversation with the Author" series
Inaugural event, featuring Professor Paul Dokecki
Paul will talk about his forthcoming book *The Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis: Reform and Renewal in the Catholic Community*
www.vanderbilt.edu/csrf

Women's Center 25th Anniversary Event!

Friday and Saturday March 19 and 20, Wyatt Center, VU Peabody Campus

Judith Jordan and Maureen Walker from the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute

When: Friday 1:00 ? 4:00pm, 7pm lecture. Saturday 8am-11:30am.

What: This conference will be covering the Relational Cultural Model, Feminist Therapy, Trauma and Diversity Issues.

Who: The cost of the conference is \$50. The conference is free for students. It is open to everyone.

For more information, contact Shelly.Sowell@Vanderbilt.Edu or go to the Women's Center [website](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter/announcements) to register at www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter/announcements

Job Openings

The Dollar General Corporation, which is based in the Nashville area, has generously made a grant available for 4 students interested in doing field education placements at non-profit organizations that either focus on literacy or have a program component dealing with literacy. The grant makes it possible for the Divinity School to award \$1500 stipends plus \$3750 in scholarship support (which may or may not be in addition to your existing scholarship support) to each student who is selected.

Literacy issues provide a rich context for theological reflection upon poverty, cultures that are primarily oral as opposed to literate, the theology of the Logos, Bible translation, and community organizing.

If you are interested in learning more, please let me know. We will be

holding an informational meeting in late March to provide further details.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER -- First Christian Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky is searching for a second, full time, Associate Minister who will have pastoral responsibility for ministry to young families, youth and children. the Associate Minister will join a stable, progressive and dedicated team of ministers who coordinate the worship and ministries of the congregation. First Christian Church is a growing and dynamic congregation located in a rapidly growing county seat town just outside Louisville, Ky. The congregation, 2 1/2 years ago, relocated to new facilities on a 16 acre campus. the new Associate Minister will not only have state of the art audio, video and lighting equipment with which to augment ministry, but also a family life center and expansive outdoor recreation space. Interested persons should contact First Christian Church at 502-633-3345 or email at firstchc@dcr.net.

Library News
MAKING ROOM, no. 1

As regular users of the Divinity Library, most of you are aware of the space problems for both books and journals. We have moved tens of thousands of books and journals to the library annex already, based upon measured use patterns. For the first time, however, we now have removed the print copies of Religion Indexes, Catholic and Periodical Literature Index, Old Testament Abstracts, and Religious and Theological Abstracts for which we own electronic database copies.

We all would prefer to have both print and electronic versions of all materials available to us at all times, but we are in a difficult physical library environment, and choices must be made. We have moved these print copies of our electronic indexes to the collection development staff area, so that if something ever did happen to the electronic databases, we would still be able to retrieve these items.

This decision is just one of many that will of necessity be made over the upcoming months and years, as we attempt to keep the Divinity Library a functioning resource for all of you. Any ideas or comments will be most appreciated as we proceed. We will try to keep you informed via the Communicator about any new approaches to "making room."

We thank you for your patience,
The Divinity Library Staff

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.