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VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, 24 March, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 24

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer

Scripture - Isaiah 50:1-6

Sermon - "The Challenge of Truth"

Preacher - Mark Reynolds

Special Music Duet - Heather Cash (Piano) Tricia Gardner (Recorder)

Wightman Chapel at Scarritt Bennett

ALL ARE WELCOME

2:00 Private Dining Room – David Warren Lecture

3:00 Tillett Lounge – Reception

Presented by REL/DIV 3975 (See details below)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. Community Worship

Ginger Skaggs – Service of Music

All Faith Chapel - All are welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

12:00-1:00pm Tillett Lounge OWC presents: The Church and Family Life
Rev. Kay Hereford Voorhees (VDS alumna) and her husband Rev. Jay Voorhees
will be our guest presenters. Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided.

1:00-3:00 p.m. G-23 First Year Colloquy

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

10:10 Community Coffee

KUDOS

Saturday night was the Spring Gala for the Divinity School given by the SGA. Congratulations to all who participated in the preparation for a magnificent job. The event was wonderful and well attended.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003 -- REL/DIV 3975: Readings in the NT, in conjunction with the GDR and the Divinity School presents David Warren speaking on the NT Apocryphal texts Acts of Thomas and the Gospel of Thomas - lecture- 2:00pm-3:00pm Reception- 3:00pm-4:00pm Location: lecture- Private Dining Room Reception- Tillett Faculty Lounge

If you are interested in spending about 10 hours a week (starting soon) in an after school program for the rest of the school year and about 30 hours a week doing more at an interesting, challenging, diverse, and not-so-traditional Nashville church, e-mail Alice Hunt at alice.w.hunt@vanderbilt.edu

The Office of Women's Concerns is sponsoring a two-part series on balancing your vocation with family life.

Session Two: The Church and Family Life

Thursday, March 27, 12:00-1:00pm in Tillett Lounge

The second session will focus on the challenges faced by clergy serving churches. Rev. Kay Hereford Voorhees (VDS alumna) and her husband Rev. Jay Voorhees will be our guest presenters. Kay and Jay are both ordained elders in the United Methodist Church. Kay is an associate pastor at West End UMC and Jay is an associate pastor at Bellevue UMC. Once again, please use this opportunity to share your concerns and suggestions! Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided.

Vanderbilt Medical Center, Department of Pastoral Care presents a Spring Seminar -- "What is a Good Death"

Larry Churchill, Ph.D., Anne Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics

John Lachs, Ph.D., Centennial Professor of Philosophy

Wednesday, March 26 noon - 1:00 p.m. Light Hall 202

Complimentary Lunch

For more information call

March is Women's History Month!

Monday, March 24:

· I Am Beautiful: lunch workshop for faculty and staff

· I Am Beautiful: evening lecture for all (see complete description below).

For more information contact President, April Ann Salcido at april.a.salcido@vanderbilt.edu or 421-3856.

Wednesdays in March (19, 26 and April 2) @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm at the Student Rec. Center

W.E.B.S. returns! (Women Empowered by Sports) Co-sponsored by the Student Rec. Center and the Wellness Center

Women, in honor of March Madness, this month's learning sport will be basketball. This is a basic skill level teaching and learning by doing experience that will be completely non-competitive and in a very safe environment. All women are welcome to attend-YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REC CENTER TO PARTICIPATE. (Just tell them you are there for WEBS and they will open the gate for you.)

All women of all ages, shapes and sizes from the Vanderbilt Community as well as the larger community are welcome to participate. It's never too late to learn something new!

April 3, 5:00pm reception, 6:00pm lecture at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life Wendy Doniger, this year's Margaret Cuninggim Lecturer, and one of the year's final speakers in the Chancellor's Lecture Series. Wendy Doniger is the University of Chicago's Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the Divinity school will be here at Vanderbilt to discuss women's roles in the Kamasutra, which she has recently re-translated. Free and open to the public. Contact 322-4843 for more information.

LIFT EVERY VOICE

"Joining Together to Dismantle Racism & Oppression"

March 27 - 29, 2003

For details please contact jason.a.shelton@vanderbilt.edu

~~ Retreat Invitation ~~

"Embracing the Beauty and Blessing of Creation: An Ecumenical Retreat" will take place Saturday, March 29, 2003, 9am -4pm, at the Ogburn House on the Scarritt Bennett Center campus. This retreat will be a time and space to:

affirm Creation as a blessing, a sacred trust, and a source of spiritual renewal; integrate care for the natural world with ones faith journey; seek the source of peace that nourishes work for peace in the world; and draw upon music, poetry, and visual arts for prayer and reflection. The retreat will be led by Fr. Albert Merz, OFM (Franciscan Peace Center), Jill Shashaty (Tennessee Environmental Council), Ray Waddle (Nashville-based religion writer and lecturer), and Joyce Wilding (Episcopal Province IV Environmental Ministry Coordinator). A \$25 fee includes lunch, refreshments, and materials. Space is limited, so please register by contacting Jill Shashaty, 615.248.6500; jill@tectn.org.

Relevant Religion

Vanderbilt at Scarritt-Bennett

March 10, 17, 24, 31

“Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls”

Alice Hunt, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and lecturer in Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Dean Hunt, scholar of Hebrew Bible, will lead an exploration of the Dead Sea Scrolls and what they teach us about scripture. For two millennia these scrolls lay hidden in pottery jars in caves in the Judean desert. In 1947 the first scrolls were discovered accidentally. Who found them? Who hid them? How many are there? How old are they? How do we know they are real? What do they tell us about the Bible? Do they conflict with existing scriptures? Come and join us as we explore answers to these and other questions regarding these important and somewhat mysterious documents. Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center, this class will meet on four Monday evenings, March 10, 17, 24, and 31st from 7-8:30 p.m. in Laskey Building at Scarritt-Bennett Center. For more information and registration call 615/340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org. Show your student ID.

"Understanding the Middle East" Series examines Islam and post-Saddam Iraq in two events

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Two upcoming events at Vanderbilt in March and April hope to shed light of current events in the Middle East.

Second part:

Kanan Makiya, professor of near eastern studies at Brandeis University, presents "The United States and Post-Saddam Iraq" on Wednesday, April 2 at 4:10 p.m. in Room 114 Furman Hall. Makiya is an adviser for the Iraqi

National Congress. The program is free and open to the public. His book "Republic of Fear," written under the pseudonym Samir al-Khalil, became a bestseller after Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. "Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny, Uprising and the Arab World", published under his own name, was awarded The Lionel Gelber Prize for the best book on international relations published in English in 1993.

Makiya has collaborated on two films for television including "Saddam's Killing Fields" (American Title), which first exposed the 1988 campaign of mass murder in northern Iraq known as the Anfal. The film received the Edward R. Morrow Award For Best Television Documentary on Foreign Affairs in 1992.

Makiya's work was recently the subject of a feature story in the "New York Times Sunday Magazine"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/02/magazine/02IRAQ.html> .

The programs are sponsored by Vanderbilt's Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities. More information about the Humanities Center is available at:

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center/ .

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please see more information about the job opportunities on the Job Board or contact the Field Ed Office at 343-3994.

VU Calendar Events

ACADEMIC

Monday, March 24

Noon-1:15 p.m. Geology Seminar. "Geochemical Tracers for Quantifying Environmental Processes, Pollution Histories, and the Impacts of Catastrophic Events: Implications for Assessing Contaminant Sources, Risks, and Remediation." Curtis R. Olsen. 5326 Stevenson Center. Additional information: call Jewel Williams at Sewell.williams@vanderbilt.edu or visit <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/geology>.

4-5 p.m. Vision Sciences Research Seminar. "Computational Neuroimaging Tracing Color Responses from Retina through Visual Cortex." Dr. Brian Wandell. 112 Wilson Hall. Additional information: call Gale Fox at 343-7620 or visit <http://vision-research.vanderbilt.edu>.

Wednesday, March 26

3:10-4:30 p.m. Department of Economics Kirk Dornbush Seminar Series.
"Optimal Tax Treatment of Private Contributions for Public Goods With and Without Warm Glow Preferences." Peter Diamond. 218 Calhoun. Additional information: e-mail Anne Hokenstad at anne.hokenstad@vanderbilt.edu or visit <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/econ>.

Thursday, March 27

7:30-8:30 a.m. Vanderbilt Divinity School Community Breakfast. "The New Center for the Study of Religion and Culture." Doug Knight. The University Club. \$10, pre-reservations required, online at <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/events/register.html>. Free parking. Open to the public. Additional information: call 343-3994 or visit <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/index.html>.

3:10-5 p.m. Law School, Hyatt Fund Event: Discussion of the International Criminal Court by Ambassador David J. Scheffer. Flynn Auditorium. Additional information: e-mail Anna Henderson at anna.henderson@law.vanderbilt.edu or visit <http://law.vanderbilt.edu>.

Friday, March 28

7:30-9 p.m. Lecture on American Foreign Policy in the Middle East. "The Unmaking of the Modern Middle East." William B. Quandt. 103 Wilson Hall. Reception to follow. Open to the public. Additional information: e-mail Katherine Carroll at katherine.carroll@vanderbilt.edu.

STUDENTS

Sunday, March 23

Noon. KD Dash 2003. 5-K Road Race in support of the Prevention of Child Abuse America. The proceedings will go to both local and national chapters of PCAA. Race/walk begins at the Kappa Delta House (203 24th Ave. S.) at noon and winds throughout campus. Anyone may participate. \$10. Additional information: e-mail Sarah Fulton at sarah.a.fulton@vanderbilt.edu.

5 p.m. Variations (co-ed a cappella group) Spring Concert. Sarratt Cinema. Come hear all your favorites a cappella style! Everyone invited. Tickets available at the ticketmaster in Sarratt (call 343-3361). Additional information: e-mail Hayley Harris at hayley.a.harris@vanderbilt.edu.

Tuesday, March 25

12:15-1 p.m. Community Vanderbilt Open House. Come talk to the current Community Vanderbilt board about our organization and to tell us what you

would like to see happen on campus. Lunch will be provided. 315 Sarratt. Board Applications are out! Applications are available at the Sarratt Welcome Desk, Towers lobbies, Lewis, Mims, Branscomb, Vanderbilt Barnard, Gillette, or McTyeire Residence Halls. Applications are due on March 28. Additional information: e-mail Karen Williams at karen.l.williams@vanderbilt.edu.

Wednesday, March 26

6-7 p.m. The Vanderbilt Undergraduate Seminar in Mathematics. "Do You Know Your Roots?" David Petersen. 1206 Stevenson Center. Free pizza! Additional information: visit <http://math.vanderbilt.edu/~ugsem>.

6-8:30 p.m. The Middle Eastern Night. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Tickets, \$3; and Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Free for Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff. Additional information: e-mail Hamad Al Rugaib at hamad.m.al-rugaib@vanderbilt.edu.

7-8:30 p.m. Students for Life presents "Abortion: Democrats and African Americans." Tennessee House Representative Mike Turner and Lolita Crenshaw. 103 Wilson. Open to the Vanderbilt community. Additional information: e-mail Honora Logue at honora.j.logue@vanderbilt.edu.

Friday, March 28

All Day. Parents Weekend, March 28-29. For parents and families of all undergraduates. Saturday, March 29 is the day of activities. Additional information: call the Student and Family Development Office at 322-2855 or visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ParentsWeekend>.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Vanderbilt Crew Erg-a-thon, March 28-29. Come out and support the Vanderbilt Crew team! We will be erging all day on the Sarratt Terrace. We are also selling T-shirts! Additional information: e-mail Lily Jones at lily.c.jones@vanderbilt.edu.

Saturday, March 29

4:30-7 p.m. Sarratt Live Concert. "Barefoot Manner: Concert With A Cause." Alumni Lawn. This concert is being held to support recycling on campus. Admission is free. Open to the Vanderbilt community. Rain site, Sarratt Cinema. Additional information: e-mail sarratt_live@vanderbilt.edu.

10:30 p.m.-midnight. Kissam RAs Outdoor Games. Wilson Lawn. Outdoor night games will make for a relaxing and fun time on Saturday night. Additional information: e-mail Eric Fast at eric.m.fast@vanderbilt.edu.

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