

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**MONDAY, October 13**

10:00 a.m. P&P Meeting  
Tillett Lounge

**TUESDAY, October 14**

**WEDNESDAY, October 15**

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service  
All Faith Chapel

**THURSDAY, October 16**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Art Exhibit  
Come hear the artist, Samuel Dunson, speak and answer questions  
about his work  
Art Room G-20

**FRIDAY, October 17**

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour – Divinity Reading Room  
12:10pm Eucharist (Benton Chapel)

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Justin Rosolino has a new record coming out in November and wanted to let you all know about the big CD release show at Mercy Lounge, Thurs. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Justin says, it is his first recorded project in a few years, and he hasn't played a show in Nashville in quite a while--so come on out and support a brother. Details...

Thursday, November 20th  
the Mercy Lounge  
1 Cannery Row  
Nashville, TN  
(615) 251-3020\*\*\*\*\*

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Religion in the Arts and Contemporary Culture is pleased to announce its first art exhibition, Trivial Pursuit: Recent Works of Samuel L. Dunson Jr. We invite the Vanderbilt community to join us and hear the artist speak and answer questions about his work on Thursday evening October 16 from 7-8 PM in the Art Room. The exhibit will be open M-F from 10-1, or, by appointment [raccvu@gmail.com](mailto:raccvu@gmail.com)

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Anyone interested in participating in an artist improv session, please contact  
cecilia.o.tribble@anderbilt.edu

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website for this Fall's VU Holocaust Lecture Series  
<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife/hls/index.html>

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### **GABLE Events for October:**

October 14: Coming Out Stories This is one of the highlights of the Divinity School, in my humble (not really unbiased) opinion. This is an evening when we gather to share our experiences of Coming Out as GBLTQ folks AND coming out as allies. **If you are interested in attending, please send me an email at [khettecox@gmail.com](mailto:khettecox@gmail.com) or [khette.cox@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:khette.cox@vanderbilt.edu).**

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### **First year M.Div and MTS Students:**

**Please mark your calendars for the required first year student meetings:**

**MTS Students- Monday, October 13, 10:00 am in Room G-23.**

**MDiv Students- Monday, October 13, 10:30 am in Room G-23.**

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Classical forms of Christian prayer are being offered DAILY in ALL FAITH CHAPEL at 8:30 a.m., and lasting until not later than 9:00.

ALL ARE WELCOME, regardless of affiliation, denomination, belief, etc.  
The intent of these practices is TO BRING ONESELF CLOSER TO GOD. As such, they transcend our differences and remind us that God belongs to no one, but we all belong to God.

Centering Prayer (knowing God's presence in silence)  
Lectio Divina (knowing God's presence in scripture)  
Walking meditation (knowing God's presence in our embodied selves)

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October is Theological Libraries Month. The Divinity Library will have a exhibit of Bibles from the Sam Fleming collection in Special Collections. On October 13, we will

start a "Guess the Number of Candies in the Jar Contest", with the winner announced on October 23 at a reception of cookies and coffee.

Margaret Ann Trotter, Public Services Coordinator, Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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**Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Relevant Religion Series**  
**October 7, October 14, and October 21, 2008, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**"Religious Diversity After Religion"**

**John Thatamanil**

Assistant Professor of Theology

"Religious Diversity After Religion"

Christian theologians have, over the course of last century, been asking about the meaning of religious diversity for Christian faith. One central question has set the terms for most of these conversations: Are other religions paths to salvation? Although a variety of answers to that question have been offered and hotly debated, few have asked whether the question itself is a good one. There is growing evidence that the question is problematic. After all, most cultures and civilizations do not think of their traditions as religions nor are they willing to take the religious/secular distinction for granted. So, just what is a religion? Do all cultures have religions? What is gained and lost when we think of the world as divided neatly into seven or so major religions and several minor religions? Are there dimensions of life that are considered "religious" in every culture? This series will argue that we can neither live with nor without the category "religion." But we can seek to minimize the confusions and distortions that come with the term. If we do, we can enter into richer and more profound conversations with persons and communities whose traditions differ from our own.

**Location**

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3900 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205

**Information and Online Registration** [www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel\\_religion.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html)  
(615) 936-8453

**Cost**, \$10 per person , CEUs available

*\*This event is free for students. Please respond to this e-mail if you would like to attend the series.\**

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VDS Community,

This Wednesday (10/15), before the debate, join the Office of Women's Concerns to celebrate national Love Your Body Day. We will have wine, cheese, chocolate and other treats (catering by the one and only Cherisna Jean-Marie). In addition, many of your div. school colleagues will be performing music and spoken word poetry in celebration

of the female form.

Some of the performers include: Carry A. Nation (Julie Hight and Sherry Cothran's group), Cathy Chalmers, Mike Lehman, & Viki Matson on drums, Woody Lucas, Alaenor London, Asha Hunter, Tadhi Coulter, and Steve Mason

Johannah Chase will also be joining us ([www.johannachase.com](http://www.johannachase.com)). She is a singer/songwriter and spoken word poet currently touring the Southeast.

What: National Love Your Body Day Celebration, Where: The Reading Room, When: Wednesday, October 15th, 5:30-7:30 pm As always, partners and friends are welcome. Come eat, drink, and listen to the wealth of talent present in our community as we celebrate national Love Your Body Day!

Peace, Cherisna, Jamie and Sarah, OWC Co-Chairs

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A reminder that Eco-Concerns will be meeting in its routine (every other Friday) fashion his Friday at 12pm in the Private Dining Room (across from Suzie's Cafe). Bring your unch and join us to get the scoop (and get involved, if you wish) on the eco-stuff of VDS.

We'll be:

- 1) Putting together pieces of the Eco-Voting Forum scheduled for Wed., Oct. 29 from 12-1 pm in the Divinity Reading Room.
- 2) Getting the update on our campus-wide eco-connections.
- and 3) Continuing to look ahead.

We hope to see all that can attend! And if you can't attend, we're always happy to have your input via e-mail or in-person. ([derek.w.axelson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:derek.w.axelson@vanderbilt.edu), [jessica.p.bridges@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jessica.p.bridges@vanderbilt.edu)).

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**Thursday, October 23, Cole Lecture: Part 1, 7:00 p.m. in Benton Chapel**

“So Help Me God: Faith and the Presidency from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush”

Randall Balmer, Professor of American Religious History, Barnard College

Reception following the lecture.

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Cole Lecture: Part 2, 10:00 a.m. in Benton Chapel**

“Keep the Faith: Reclaiming Christianity from the Religious Right”

Randall Balmer, Professor of American Religious History, Barnard College

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Folks - share your announcements!! Email your announcements to [sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu) by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, and they will be placed in the weekly E-Communicator