

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 16

TUESDAY, March 17 🍀

12:00 – 1:00 pm – La Mesa

Common Room

2:00 pm -- African American Lectionary Homiletics Symposium

American Baptist College (Details below)

WEDNESDAY, March 18

10:10 am – Weekly Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

10:00 am -- African American Lectionary Homiletics Symposium

American Baptist College (Details below)

12:00 noon – Lavendar Lunch

Private Dining Room

THURSDAY, March 19

10:00 am -- African American Lectionary Homiletics Symposium

American Baptist College (Details below)

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Queer 101

Reading Room

FRIDAY, March 20

10:10 a.m. - Coffee Hour - Divinity Reading Room

SATURDAY, March 21

Noon - 4:00 pm - Cal Turner Program in Moral Leadership

Appreciative Inquiry Introductory Workshop

Reading Room

Save the Date for Gala

Friday, April 3rd

8:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

Vanderbilt Divinity Reading Room

Relevant Religion Series

March 24, 31 and April 7, 2009
West End United Methodist Church
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Annalisa Azzoni
Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures

Marriage at the Beginning: Marriage in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible

This series will examine different aspects (religious, legal, socio-economic) of marriage through a survey of ancient Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian sources and the relevant sections of the Hebrew Bible. The variety of literary and historical texts will reveal a complex picture of how this "institution" developed at the very beginning of recorded history.

Staff from the Human Rights Campaign will be offering a workshop on Gender Identity and Faith Communities in Nashville this Spring. You'll be hearing more about the workshop in the coming weeks, but for now, I want to be sure that you have the date and time so you can mark it on your calendar and share it with anyone that you think might be interested.

HRC Gender Identity and Faith Community Workshop

April 26, 2009

2-5 p.m.

Glendale Baptist Church

You can find information about HRC's new curriculum, *Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities: A Congregational Guide for Transgender Advocacy*, and download a copy of it at <http://www.hrc.org/issues/religion/11618.htm>

Cal Turner Program in Moral Leadership Breakfast

Thurs, March 26th from 7:30am – 9:00am.

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is the University Distinguished Professor at Vanderbilt University and partner with the private investment firm Cressey and Company LP. He is a heart and lung transplant surgeon. Frist majored in health policy at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs before graduating with honors from Harvard Medical School and completing surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and a heart transplantation chief residency at Stanford. Dr. Frist represented Tennessee in the U.S. Senate for 12 years and was elected Majority Leader to the Senate.

Today he is focused on domestic health reform, the basic science of heart transplantation, global health policy, economic development in low-income countries, health care disparities, medical mission work in Sudan, genocide in Darfur, the health of the mountain gorilla, and HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Frist annually leads medical mission trips to Africa and is co-chair of the ONE Campaign's presidential initiative: ONE Vote '08 and Save the Children's Survive to Five Campaign. He is married and has three sons.

At the Cal Turner Program Breakfast, Dr. Frist will take up the question of effective leadership, drawing on his many years of experience as a political figure, doctor and activist. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and provocative presentation and discussion.

Breakfast is at the University Club. Registration fee is \$10.00 for students and \$20.00 for non-students. Pre-register: www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership or call our office: 615-343-5447

Appreciative Inquiry Introductory Workshop,
Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions
March 21, 2009, Noon – 4:00 PM

Cal Turner
Vanderbilt Divinity School,

Workshop Brief:

Join this introductory seminar to **Appreciative Inquiry** – a positive, practical and purposeful approach to personal and organizational development. Learn how to renew or revive your life and your organization as you set a clear intention for what you want to create. See how the process of (1) **discovering** what is, (2) **dreaming** what might be, and (3) **designing** effective strategies will lead you and your organization to (4) the **destiny** that is your new reality. Learn how this participative, generative, transformative and integrative typology will unleash an inquiry (conversation) in your organization among all participants. The process allows you to appreciate and celebrate what is already positive within your organization and build on this strength. Through the practice of Appreciative Inquiry you can move positive energy, transform your life and your organization and turn your dreams into reality. It's more than a process; it's a way of being.

Bio of Presenter:

Rev. Larry R. Wynn, D. Min., is the president of Transforming Possibilities, Inc., a capacity building consulting firm for churches, religious organizations and nonprofits. Larry has worked with over fifty organizations as a consultant and has been an executive in for profit, nonprofit and religious settings. He enjoys merging spiritual principles and cutting-edge leadership and organizational development technologies in his work. He is certified as an Appreciative Inquiry practitioner with the Corporation for Positive Change and has employed it successfully as an executive and consultant for over six years.

Queer 101" - Thursday, March 19 from 6-8 pm in the Reading Room.

“Queer 101” is a moderated panel discussion and question-and-answer session for the entire Divinity community to explore issues of sexual orientation together in a safe environment. All questions respectfully asked will be respectfully answered. If you’ve got questions you’ve never been able to ask anyone, or just want to hear more about what the GLBTQ community faces on a daily basis, as well as taking in a little civil rights history from the Queer side, come on out! (As it were).

Panelists are Tadhi Coulter, Khetta Cox, Domingo Martinez, and Cathy Chalmers. The session will be moderated by Professor Barbara McClure.

GLBTQs, straight allies, inquiring minds, skeptics, inerrantists, homophobes -- ALL ARE WELCOME

Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies

Spring Saturday Intensive with

Stacey Floyd-Thomas

Associate Professor of Ethics and Society

&

Anthony Pinn

Agness Cullen Professor of Theology, Rice University

Black Literature and Music as a Resource for Womanist Ethics and Liberation Theology

March 14, 2009, Vanderbilt Divinity School , Arts Room, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

This event is free and open to the public.

Antoinette Brown Lecture March 26, 2009

Vanderbilt Divinity School Benton Chapel

Traci C. West

Professor of Ethics and African American Studies, Drew University

Lying on Women: Religion, Race, and Intimate Violence in the African Diaspora

The lecture will address intimate violence against women and girls who are often stymied by cultural myths about women's culpability. These myths work together with the lies the perpetrators tell. Christian religious beliefs can add to this problem or offer truth-telling resources that counter it. This lecture will focus on what it means to cross cultural, national, and historical boundaries to identify Christian activist strategies that confront this deceit as well as the violence, especially sexual violence, against women in Africa and America.

**The Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies
Vanderbilt Divinity School and the African American Pulpit Journal
Presents the African American Lectionary Homiletics Symposium &
Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series**

Strengthening the Black Family: An Agenda for Sound Homiletics in Black Preaching

March 17 – March 19, 2009

Location: American Baptist College

Symposium Schedule, Tuesday, March 17, WORKSHOPS • 2:00–2:50 pm

Baptist World Center Classrooms–Second Floor,

Room A -- Homiletics for Strengthening the Family

Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Theological Seminary

Room B -- Impact of the Prison Industry Complex on Children

Dr. Juan Floyd-Thomas, Associate Professor for Black Church Studies, Vanderbilt University

Room C -- Black Church Sacred Music

Mr. James Scandrick, Director of the Institute on Black Sacred Music

Room D -- Institute on Pastoral Excellence

Rev. Amy Steele, ABC, and Rev. Charles Mock, Home Mission Board, NBC

WORKSHOPS • 3:00–3:50 pm, Baptist World Center Classrooms–Second Floor

Room A -- Financial Strategies for Money Management

Rev. Michael Lomax, Group Vice President, Private Wealth Management

Room B -- Church and Business Administration

Rev. Dr. Judy Cummings, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church

Room C -- Ministry for Children

Rev. Marilyn Thornton, Lead Editor of African American Resources, Abingdon Press, United Methodist Publishing House

7:00 pm, Sanctuary, Worship with Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, March 18 , 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Community Emphasis

Mr. William C. Bell, President and CEO, Casey Family Programs

11:00 am, Sanctuary, Sermon

Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Theological Seminary

Noon, BWC Cafe , Nannie H. Burroughs Luncheon

Exploration of Ministry with Rev. Melva Sampson

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Room C -- Preaching that Empowers Black Women

Rev. Melva Sampson, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 19, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Lecture: Strengthening the Black Family

Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Associate Professor of Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University

11:00 am, Sanctuary, Sermon

Rev. Michael Lomax, Group Vice President, Private Wealth Management

Conference Location

**American Baptist College
1800 Baptist World Center Drive
Nashville, TN 37207
For More Information Contact:**

(615) 936-8453
Kelly Miller Smith Institute

The Conference is free and open to the public.

Announcements of Paper Competitions:

North American Academy of Ecumenists

2009 Student Essay Contest \$250 and funding to attend the 2009 NAAE Conference

The Ethical Horizon from an Ecumenical Perspective

Does ecumenical dialogue contribute anything to ethical analysis?

Does analyzing ethical issues contribute anything to ecumenical dialogue?

June 15, 2009 Deadline

Please go to www.naae.net for details on the competition.

The 2009 Mercersburg Prize -- \$750

For the best paper on any topic in Mercersburg Theology

Winning paper to be presented at the Mercersburg Society Convocation

In June 2010 and considered for publication in the

New Mercersburg Review

Send submissions by June 1, 2009 to:

Dr. Anne Thayer

Lancaster Theological Seminary

555 West James Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

Questions? Contact athayer@lancasterseminary.edu

**The Journal of Law and Religion is issuing a
Call for Presenters and Papers at its Annual Symposium on Friday,
October 16, 2009
On the Global Economic Crisis**

This Symposium will focus on how the religious traditions can contribute to the discussion about the future of the global economy and state and international intervention in that economy in light of the current economic crisis. The Journal is seeking presenters who are working on issues involving law and religion that respond to this crisis. We seek to present a diversity of religious and secular traditions and viewpoints at these symposia, and to engage these issues critically and constructively.

The kinds of questions that the Symposium will engage are the following but they should not be considered an exclusive list of possibilities: What is the proper role for law and legal institutions in a situation of global economic crisis, from the perspective of the religious traditions (and secular traditions that engage them)? What do these traditions counsel about the proper regulation of the accumulation of capital, business practices, the relationship of workers and owners, and national and international economies? What do they say about government responsibility or the legal and moral responsibility of non-governmental actors to those who are economically vulnerable or devastated due to the structure of the global economy? How do the religious traditions respond to international legal regimes that engage economic and related social issues, such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?

Presentations may, but need not, be accompanied by publishable papers. The Journal Board regularly invites presenters as well as others submitting abstracts whose work cannot be presented at this program due to time constraints to publish their work in a subsequent issue of the Journal. Travel funding for presenters is quite limited.

If you are interested in presenting at this Symposium, please send a brief abstract (one to three paragraphs) describing your proposed presentation to Linda Berglin, production mgr. of the Journal of Law and Religion, at lberglin@hamline.edu or Hamline University School of Law, 1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104. If you are new to the Journal community, some background on your work in law and religion would be much appreciated. The Journal will start selecting presenters from the call for presenters and papers about April 1, 2009 but abstracts are welcome after that date. Presentations are most likely to be delivered in panel or roundtable style, perhaps 15-20 minutes per presentation, depending on what proposals are received. Abstracts will be kept confidential within the selection committee until presenters are chosen and confirmed.

PASTORAL VACANCY

Corinthian Baptist Church in Des Moines, Iowa, is searching for a full-time pastor. We serve a mid size congregation of mostly African American families. Our congregation is committed to a wide variety of ministries, including Youth Cheerleaders for Christ, Pantomimes, Church Drama Troupe, Prime Timers, Prison Ministry, Health Clinic, Radio Ministry, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Discipleship Ministry, Christmas Angel Tree, Food Baskets and Angel Food Ministry.

Corinthian built a new edifice in 1972; constructed Corinthian Gardens, a 75-unit home for elderly and handicapped in 1988; remodeled and expanded the sanctuary; and added a new Family Life Center in 1996. Corinthian has had only 8 pastors in its 111 years. The pastor God is leading us to call is a visionary; has outstanding faith in God and a commitment to Christian service. The candidate should demonstrate preaching and teaching skills; proven leadership skills, particularly with African American youth; integrity and high moral standards; and a love for congregational care. If you feel God is leading you to accept this challenge, please send us your resume by May 9, 2009.

Deacon Julius Conner

Pulpit Committee Chairman

Corinthian Baptist Church

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Metro Baptist Church in NYC Announcement

Metro Baptist Church an Alliance of Baptist affiliate congregation in Hell's Kitchen, NYC and home to Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, has called Rev. Alan Sherouse to serve as Senior Pastor. In 2008, the Alliance of Baptists supported Rauschenbusch Ministries with a \$2,000.00 grant for the Page Turner's After-School Program thanks to *your* giving to the Bridges of Hope Mission Offering.

"We are drawn to the city for its life and energy, its opportunity and its challenges. We feel called to the church for many reasons - its progressive witness among Baptists, its visible commitment to justice, its creative worship

tradition, its model of urban ministry, its sense of community and welcome - and we're excited to partner with the dynamic and diverse community of ministers and parishioners that call Metro home." -- Alan Sherouse

Rev. Sherouse, a [Wake Forest University Divinity School alumni](#), is currently finishing his Ph.D. at [Vanderbilt University](#) and preparing to move with his wife Jenny to New York . Let's keep Alan and Jenny Sherouse in our prayers as they make this exciting change.

Link to the SGA google calendar

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=si59sgmfmkh91ar5s6hdchjll4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

To make room reservations within the Divinity School go to the Divinity portal

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/p/>

and use the on-line room reservation form.