

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:00-7:30pm Viewing of "No! The Rape Documentary" (notherapedocumentary.org)

and Discussion of "Spirit-Colonizing Violations: Racism, Sexual Violence

and Black American Women."

Facilitated by Kate Lassiter and Andrea Tucker.

Location: Disciples Divinity House, 1917 Adelia Ave. (close to campus)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 -1:00 pm -- Reading Discussion of "Sex and Tradition" in Talking about

Homosexuality: A congregational Resource.

Facilitated by Carolyn Davis and Andrea Tucker.

Sponsored by GABLE.

Location: PDR

12:00 - 1:00 pm - La Mesa

Common Room

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Relevant Religion, Prof. Annalisa Azzoni

West End United Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, March 25

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service, "Depending on God and Other People"

All Faith Chapel

12:00 noon - EEC Lunch

Private Dining Room

4:00 pm -- Graduate Department of Religion/Divinity School's Colloquium

in Religious History

Tillett Lounge

THURSDAY, March 26

7:30am - 9:00am. Cal Turner Program in Moral Leadership Breakfast

Tillett Lounge

7:00 pm - Antoinette Brown Lecture

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

Delivered by Dr. Traci West

Benton Chapel. Reception following in Tillett Lounge.

Childcare provided 6-9pm in PDR.

FRIDAY, March 27

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

12:00 - 1:00 pm - EEC Concerns Meeting

Private Dining Room

1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting

Private Dining Room

Appreciative Inquiry Introductory Workshop, Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions, Vanderbilt Divinity School, March 21, 2009,

Noon - 4:00 PM

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.

35th Annual Antoinette Brown Lecture Schedule March 23-27, 2009

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Thursday, March 26

7pm "Lying on Women: Religion, Race, and Intimate Violence in the African Diaspora" Delivered by Dr. Traci West.

Location: Benton Chapel. Reception following in Tillett Lounge.

Childcare provided 6-9pm in PDR.

Friday, March 27

10:15-11:15am **Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Traci West**, Divinity, and GDR Community.
Location: Back of Reading Room (or moved to Tillett Lounge, TBA)

12-1pm **Traci West lunch with GABLE**

Location: TBA

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the ABL committee.
Thanks for your support!

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The third event in the Graduate Department of Religion/Divinity School's Colloquium in Religious History will be held Wednesday, 3/25, at 4 pm, in Tillett Faculty Lounge, followed by a reception at 5:30 in the same venue.

The presenter for this Colloquium is Charles Lippy, LeRoy A. Martin Professor of Religious Studies emeritus at Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga. His paper is entitled, "Challenges to American Religion: From Consensus to Struggle in the Public Square," and it promises to be an exciting and generative conversation. James Hudnut-Beumler will be the respondent.

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

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

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

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

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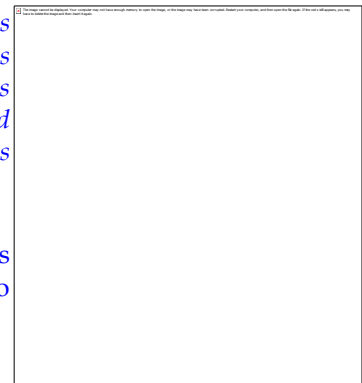
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Metro Baptist Church in NYC Announcement

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.