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VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER April 6, 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**MONDAY, April 6**

12:30 pm - ABL Informal Meeting re: 2010 Lecture

Reading Room (**Details below**)

**TUESDAY, April 7**

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, April 8**

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

12:00 noon - Lunch Panel on Sexual Assault Awareness

PDR

4:00 - 6:00 pm - Graduate Department of Religion/Divinity School's Colloquium

in Religious History - Professor Peter Lake, Vanderbilt University

"Shakespeare and Religion in Tudor- Stuart England"

Tillett Lounge

**THURSDAY, April 9**

7:30 – 9:00 am – CTP Breakfast

Tillett Lounge (details below)

3:00 – 5:00 pm – Happy Hour with the Student Life Team

Mellow Mushroom

## FRIDAY, April 10

**Good Friday, No Class (Offices are open)**

6:00 p.m. – “The Last Seven Words”

Howard Congregational UCC, 2802 Buchanan Street

(Details below)

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### **...And God Said It Was Good**

Celebrating the Lives of Artists with Developmental Disabilities

The art will be on display **April 13 – April 17**, in the Arts Room (G-20)

Meet the artists at the closing reception, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Reading Room.

For more information contact Mary Beth McSwain at [mary.b.mcswain@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:mary.b.mcswain@vanderbilt.edu)

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Dear Community,

The Antoinette Brown Student Lecture Committee **thanks you** for your generous support and thoughtful engagement with Dr. Traci West during the 35th annual Antoinette Brown Lecture last week.

We invite you to an **informational meeting on Monday, April 6 at 12:30pm in the Reading Room** if you are interested in serving as a Co-Chair for the 2010 Antoinette Brown Lecture. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity to be a part of the longest student-run lecture series

in the country.

The ABL commemorates the life of the first woman in the U.S. to be ordained to the Christian ministry. Established in 1974, the annual lecture invites distinguished female theologians and church leaders to the Divinity School to address the concerns confronting women in ministry.

Previous Antoinette Brown Lecturers include Rosemary Radford Ruether, Sallie McFague, Rita Nakashima Brock, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Elizabeth Schüessler Fiorenza, Sharon Welch, Katie Cannon, Letty Russell, Diana Eck, Renita Weems, Kwok Pui-lan, Susan Thistlewaite, Mary C. Churchill, emile m. townes, Stephanie Paulsell, Laurel Schneider, Karen Baker-Fletcher and Amina Wadud.

Please direct questions to Lindsey Hammond ([lindsey.s.hammond@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lindsey.s.hammond@vanderbilt.edu)) or Merrilee Wineinger ([merrilee.m.wineinger@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:merrilee.m.wineinger@vanderbilt.edu)).

In service,

Lindsey, Merrilee, and Melanie  
2009 ABL Co-Chairs

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Just a reminder that each Thursday the Student Life Team will a weekly Happy Hour! In an effort to just get away, have some fun, connect with friends and make some new, we will meet at Mellow Mushroom on Thursdays from 3-5pm for Happy Hour. Divinity students, GDR students, Faculty and Staff are all welcome to come enjoy a little fellowship and frivolity.

Mellow Mushroom  
Thursday, 3-5pm  
**EVERYONE** is welcome!  
Drink specials (and of course non-alcoholic options)  
Free appetizers!

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### **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.

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## The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions

### *Leadership Development Breakfast*

*Thursday, April 9, 2009 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m*

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Pearl Sims*

### *“How Leaders Learn”*

This session will begin with the understanding that all individuals have mental models of leadership, some of them shaped by the literature as far back as 350 BC, with Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*, a treatise to morality, power, and doctrine in the service of victory, and with Plato's 400 BC work, *The Republic*, an exploration of leadership and justice in the state. While each age has contributed to our understanding of leadership, a clear definition of “leadership” still eludes us. Like good art, we seem to recognize it only when we see it. However, one fact remains true- all leaders must learn. Over the past decade theories exploring and explaining the evolution of how leaders learn have slowly emerged. We will examine the central themes in these theories of learning and will look closely at the conditions needed to foster leaders' learning.

Dr. Pearl Sims is a faculty member in Peabody's Department of Leadership, Policy and Organizations where she teaches classes in leadership and in instructional technology. Her primary research interests are centered on educational and organizational leadership and using technology for leadership development.

*Please join us for breakfast with Pearl in Divinity School's Tillett Lounge from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for non-students. Pre-register: [www.vanderbilt.edu/moral\\_leadership](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership) or call our office: 615-343-5447*

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### **Event: The Last Seven Words**

**When: Friday, April 10 • 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Howard Congregational UCC, 2802 Buchanan Street • Nashville, TN 37208 • 254-6335**

Christophe D. Ringer, Pastor

Join us as we reflect on the last seven words of Christ.

Guest Ministers:

Rev. Brandon McCormack  
"Father, forgive them, for they know  
not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Min. Kimberly Russaw  
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)

Rev. Michael Lomax  
He said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"  
Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"  
John 19:26-27)

Min. Tadhi Coulter  
"I thirst!" (John 19:28)

Rev. Dr. Herbert Marbury  
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be  
with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Rev. Asha Hunter  
"It is finished!" (John 19:30)

Rev. Dr. Victor Anderson  
"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."  
(Luke 23:46)

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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>

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Link to the SGA google calendar

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

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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.