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VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER September 21, 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 21

10:10 am - Monday Forum -

G-27 (details below)

Noon - Dean's Brown Bag Lunch

Tillett Lounge

6:00 p.m. - Jesus in Film Series

"King of Kings"

Divinity Arts Room (G-20)

TUESDAY, September 22

WEDNESDAY, September 23

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service,

All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, September 24

7:30 am - Cal Turner Program Leadership Breakfast

University Club - speaker Mayor Karl Dean

4:30 - 6:30 pm -- Cal Turner Program presents Rush Kidder

Law School Flynn Auditorium (details below)

FRIDAY, September 25

10:10 am – Coffee Hour – Reading Room

3:00 pm – Al’s Pub

Reading Room

6:00 – 9:00 pm -- Marginalia: To the Least of These – Faces of the Invisible

A symposium on the plight of the homeless

Private Dining Room (Div 129)

Saturday, September 26

9:00 am - Noon – Marginalia: To the Least of These – Faces of the Invisible

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As we prepare for flu season, please be informed about the symptoms of seasonal flu and H1N1 flu. This information can be found at <http://emergency.vanderbilt.edu/plans/flu/h1n1virus.htm>, along with news about any actions the University is taking to respond to outbreaks.

Accommodations for Nursing Mothers:

Beginning Monday, September 14, Room 137 will be available on request to nursing mothers. Please check out a key at the main desk in the administrative suite, where there will be a sign to mount on the door during use of the room. Return the key and the sign to the main desk.

Marginalia: To the Least of These – Faces of the Invisible. A symposium on the plight of the homeless.

Private Dining Room (Div 129)

Friday, September 25, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 am – Noon

Admission is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Please visit www.nashvillemargins.org or call (615) 343-3964 to register.

The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership Presents:

Rush Kidder, Executive Director, Institute for Global Ethics

Thursday, September 24, 2009 4:30-6:30 pm

Vanderbilt Law School Flynn Auditorium

Rush Kidder, Executive Director of the Institute for Global Ethics, will be the keynote speaker, September 24, 2009, at Vanderbilt Law School's Flynn Auditorium (131 21st Avenue, South). The keynote, titled *The Ethics Recession: Reflections on the Moral Underpinnings for the Current Economic Crisis*, begins at 4:30 p.m. with refreshments. Admission is free to the public, however, registration is required. Kidder will begin speaking at 4:50 pm.

Ethics Workshop, Saturday, September 26, 2009

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Vanderbilt Divinity School Reading Room

Guest Speaker: Rush Kidder

Executive Director, Institute for Global Ethics

“Ethics Fitness: A Workshop on Professional Ethics”

You know it’s the right thing to do – but have you got the moral courage to do it? In the rogue’s gallery of executive failures, there’s a wing reserved for those whose integrity buckled in a crisis. Legendary leaders are known for two things: They make the tough ethical calls, and they’ve got the guts to act when their values are put to the test. Kidder, a consummate

storyteller, uses gripping accounts from his decades of interviewing to describe how individuals and organizations build *Ethical Fitness*®.

This workshop draws on two of his highly regarded books – *How Good People Make Tough Choices* and *Moral Courage* – to help us understand what characteristics define the morally courageous leaders who are most apt to change our collective futures.

The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast in Vanderbilt Divinity School's Reading Room. Registration is \$50.00 (\$25.00 for Vanderbilt Faculty/Staff and free for Vanderbilt Students). Kidder will begin speaking at 9:30 am

Monday Forum

10:10-11:00AM, Room G-27

September 21 – We welcome Kat Baker to the Forum at 10:10 in Room G-27. Dr. Baker is the assistant director of the Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt and a senior lecturer in Religious Studies. She will be leading a session on “Contemplative Pedagogy,” how to foster meditative modes of inquiry that nurture holistic learning and attention.

October 5 -- Consuela Knox, Senior Associate Director and Diversity Recruiting Manager of MBA Admissions, and Kelly Christie, Director of Academic Programs at Owen, will be hosting an Informational Session regarding our dual degree program with Owen Graduate School of Management. If you are interested in exploring this dual degree program - please attend!

October 26 – Come hear Trevor Hudson, author of [*A Mile in My Shoes*](#), and a pastor deeply committed to the spiritual care of the people of Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni, just outside Johannesburg.

Vanderbilt Divinity School Community Events and Continuing Education Calendar Fall 2009

Community Breakfast October 1, 2009
Vanderbilt Divinity School Reading Room
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Kim Maphis Early
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor for the Practice of Ministry

Becky Eberhart
Director of Admissions and Students Services

The Spiritual Search of Young Adults

Prior to their current work at the Divinity School, Eberhart and Maphis Early worked with 88 church-related colleges and universities across the United States in an initiative funded by Lilly Endowment to encourage young adults to consider their life choices in the context of personal and communal values and faith commitments. During the community breakfast, they will share what they have learned about young adults and their relationships to religious organizations, point to contemporary educational and religious resources for use with adults, and introduce participants to several current Divinity School students whose own sense of vocation was shaped as young adults in the crucible of their undergraduate institutions.

Relevant Religion Series October 6, 13, 20, 2009
Belmont United Methodist Church
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Joe Pennel
Professor of the Practice of Leadership

The Art of Caring for Those Who Suffer

This series will explore practical suggestions for those who care enough to walk alongside those who are traveling the winding path of suffering. It will also provide help for understanding the different responses individuals can have to suffering and address common questions about God during such an experience.

Cole Lectures October 15 & 16, 2009
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Benton Chapel
7:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
"Seeking First the Kingdom: The Nashville Story, 1958-1962"

Friday, October 15, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
"Unfettering Jesus"

The Reverend Doctor James M. Lawson Jr., D'60

Community Breakfast November 19, 2009
Vanderbilt Divinity School Refectory
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

M. Douglas Meeks
The Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies and Theology

Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise: Worship in the Anglican and Wesleyan Tradition

In May 2009, as they have done every other year since 1999, Prof. Douglas Meeks and writer Blair Gilmer Meeks took Divinity School students to England to study Anglican and Methodist Worship and Spirituality. The students find gracious hospitality for their stay at Sarum College in the Close of Salisbury Cathedral. The immersion experience includes visitation of important historical sites in Bristol, Oxford, and London.

This breakfast presentation will introduce you to the historical settings and rich experiences of the trip. Four students will also talk about their experiences from their various viewpoints. Students come home with a new interest in the roots of our worship practices and a renewed sense of calling as pastors and worship leaders. The blending of time for spiritual reflection, opportunities for communal worship, and a connection to the rich history of worship (starting with the beginnings of modern Western liturgy in the twelfth century at Old Sarum) offers unique possibilities for growth. One student remarked, "My understanding of worship will never be the same; my life has changed."

[Eco Concerns Announcements](#)

Gardening
Saturday, October 3
East Nashville Cooperative Ministry, Inglewood.
We'll be preparing soil for the first year of this new garden and eating lunch together.
More details to come

JOHN SEIGENTHALER, speaking on: "Justice David Souter, Champion of Religious Liberty" reflecting on his retirement and the Supreme Court

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 7:00 P.M.

**St. Ann's Episcopal Church
419 Woodland Street
East Nashville**

sponsored by: Americans United for Separation of Church & State – Nashville Chapter

contact: President@Nashville-AU.org or (615) 646-9946

John Seigenthaler founded the First Amendment Center in 1991 with the mission of creating national discussion, dialogue and debate about First Amendment rights and values.

A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Seigenthaler served for 43 years as an award-winning journalist for *The Tennessean*, Nashville's morning newspaper. At his retirement he was editor, publisher and CEO. He retains the title chairman emeritus. In 1982, Seigenthaler became founding editorial director of *USA TODAY* and served in that position for a decade, retiring from both the Nashville and national newspapers in 1991.

Seigenthaler left journalism briefly in the early 1960s to serve in the U.S. Justice Department as administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Questions of further information: Dave Thomas 262-8035 born2step@gmail.com

“Society of King Charles the Martyr” to Meet

An organizational meeting to form a chapter of the Society of King Charles the Martyr in the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 11:00 AM at St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, 419 Woodland Street, Nashville.

Interested persons are invited to attend and learn about this Anglican devotional society. The Society is dedicated to remembering King Charles I of England who died for the faith in defending the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Episcopacy.

For more information contact Greg Smith at (615) 310-4765 or by email: gregsmithdtm@charter.net

For directions to St. Ann’s Church visit www.stannsnashville.org

“The Opportunity for Entrepreneurial Ministry Outside Church Structures” a conversation with The Reverend Doctor Ray Dykes, MDiv’70, DMin’73

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, Tillett Lounge

Join The Reverend Dr. Ray Dykes, MDiv '70, DMin '73, for a conversation on how you can fulfill your call to ministry without the support of the institution. Learn that you *can* have an exciting, wonderful pastoral ministry of loving, teaching, counseling, nurturing and caring for people, and make a better than average salary. If your vision of ministry doesn't include church administration, committee meetings, budgets, building campaigns, staff relationships, church roll administration, and weekly sermon preparation, Dr. Dykes will show through his experience that there is an alternative journey for ministry.

The Reverend Dr. Ray Dykes received a Master of Divinity degree in 1970, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1973 from the Vanderbilt Divinity School. He is the originator, president, and the first Personal Pastor of the Personal Pastor Program. The program provides pastoral services to unchurched households. He is the author of several books including *Mark, Matthew and Luke As You've Never Seen Them Before: a theoretical history of the writing of the Synoptic Gospels*, and *Personal Faith with a Passion: how to know what you really believe*. Ray served within the Presbyterian Church as pastor and as a denominational leader. In 1994, he began his current ministry.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Please send information to be included in the weekly E-Communicator to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by Thursday afternoon of each week.