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VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 19, 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, October 18,**

**6 p.m.**

Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II (Exhibition Reception)

*Sarratt Student Center Promenade*

**7 p.m.**

Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II (Lecture)

*Sarratt Cinema*

**MONDAY, October 19**

**10:10 am** – Monday Forum Hosted by Mosaic

G-27 (details below)

**TUESDAY, October 20**

**12:00 noon** UMSA Lunch

Arts Room

**7:00 pm** – Relevant Religion Series with Bishop Joe Pennel

Belmont United Methodist Church (Details Below)

**WEDNESDAY, October 21**

**10:10 am** – Weekly Worship Service, Sharon Moore-Caldwell, MDiv 3 Preaching

All Faith Chapel

**THURSDAY, October 22**

**Fall Break**

**FRIDAY, October 23**

**Fall Break**

**Announcement:**

**All returning Divinity and Graduate students must present their current ID cards and have new ID cards issued the weeks of October 12-30 in 327 Sarratt. Your current ID card expires on November 2!**

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**Sunday, October 25 at 7 pm at Second Presbyterian**

What can a pastor, a rabbi and a sheikh teach us about interfaith dialogue? The Islamic Center of Nashville, Congregation Micah and Second Presbyterian Church are co-sponsoring a presentation by three faith leaders from Seattle: the Reverend Don Mackenzie, retired pastor of University Congregational United Church of Christ, Rabbi Ted Falcon, founder of Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, and Sheikh Jamal Rahman, co-founder and Muslim Sufi Minister at the Interfaith Community Church. They are on tour in support of their new book, *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh*. The presentation will be Sunday, October 25 at 7 pm at Second Presbyterian, 3511 Belmont Boulevard, 37215.

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**Monday Forum**

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

**October 19- MOSAIC- The Experiences of Non-Christian Students at the Divinity School**

**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.

**November 2-** Applying to Graduate School hosted by Jimmy Byrd, Assistant Professor of American Religious History and Associate Dean for the Graduate Department of Religion

**November 9-**Prayers for Africa-Robin Porter will host the filmmaker and describe the project following the viewing of the film

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**Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Community Events and Continuing Education Calendar  
Fall 2009**

**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.

**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."

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#### FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

##### **Friday, December 11**

Reading Day

##### **Saturday, December 12**

##### **Sunday, December 13**

No academic obligations

##### **Monday morning, December 14**

Formation of the Christian Tradition

10:00 until noon

Mr. Burns

##### **Tuesday morning, December 15**

Hebrew Bible

10:00 until noon

Mr. Knight

**Wednesday morning, December 16**

Jewish and Christian Relations

10:00 until noon

Ms. Levine and Mr. Smith

**Thursday morning, December 17**

Pastoral Care and Theology

10:00 until 1:00

Ms. McClure

**Friday morning, December 18**

Biblical Hebrew      Ms. McMurtry

Koine Greek      Ms. Redman

10:00 until noon

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