

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 8

4:00 p.m. - "How Jews and Christians read Scripture Differently."

Prof. Amy Jill Levine at St. Timothy's (details below)

MONDAY, November 9

10:10 am - Monday Forum - Pray With Africa

G-20 Arts Room (details below)

7:00 pm - Movie Night -- Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*

G-20 Arts Room

7:30 pm - How do you characterize a Baccalaureate Service in a

Pluralistic Divinity School" Sponsored by Mosaic

Reading Room

TUESDAY, November 10

WEDNESDAY, November 11

9:00 am - Academic Planning Meeting

Tillett Lounge

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service - Alexander Raspberry

All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, November 12

7:30 am - Cal Turner Program Leadership Development Breakfast

Speaker – Kat Baker, Assistant Director, Center for Teaching

9:30 am – Divinity School Staff Meeting

Tillett Lounge

FRIDAY, November 13

10:10 am – Coffee Hour – Reading Room

12:00 noon – P&P Meeting

Private Dining Room

1:30 – Faculty Meeting

Private Dining Room

3:00 pm – Al’s Pub

Reading Room

Pray With Africa

We have a fabulous community forum event lined up this Monday (11/9). The producer of the film Pray With Africa will be at the Div school to show a short version of the film (38mins) and have Q&A. The event is from 10-11 in the Arts Room.

About Pray With Africa:

Pray With Africa is a new initiative coming out of Upper Room Ministries that seeks to inspire people to connect across continents, to pray each other’s prayers and to put those prayers into action by giving their time, energy and resources to address key issues facing the African people. We are about building relationships across the globe and changing the world through prayer and action. We inspire people to pray together, harnessing not only the immense power of prayer but also the incredible power of a worldwide community working together to make a difference. We believe that we can help unravel the issues that millions of people face by partnering with them as one community of faith, hope and prayer.

Two teams of volunteers, ages 18-27, are on the road right now and will visit more than 30 cities to discuss Pray With Africa’s goals and to screen Listen: A New African Narrative, a film that shows more than the

typical images of Africa – not just the warring, pain and suffering, but specific ways Africans work daily to change their communities. The 38-minute film follows individuals in five African nations who, with prayerful hearts and an undying faith in God, are making a difference in their own communities, Graham says. In Liberia, Christians dig wells to rebuild the clean water supply; in Mali, they help combat malnutrition; in Uganda, they work with people trying to overcome the ravages of conflict; in South Africa, they try to recover from systematic poverty brought about by decades of apartheid, and in Malawi, they provide love and care to people with HIV/AIDS.

To find out more about the film and the movement, visit us at www.praywithafrica.com.

The 9th Annual Nashville Jewish Film Festival

November 7-12, 2009, Belcourt Theatre

www.nashvillejewishfilmfestival.com

Announcement: The Program in Jewish Studies is co-sponsoring a film in the Nashville Jewish Film Festival. This will be *As Seen Through These Eyes*, an award-winning documentary narrated by Maya Angelou about art and artists of the Holocaust. There will be commentary afterward by Vivien Fryd of Vanderbilt History of Art and Sonja Hedgepeth of MTSU Hebrew and Germanic Languages. See the full schedule below.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

5:30 pm OPENING NIGHT COCKTAIL SUPPER - Cabana Restaurant

Opening Night Film:

7:15 pm Seven Minutes In Heaven

9:30 pm Mary & Max

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

12:00 pm Blessed Is The Match

4:45 pm Sixty Six

7:00 pm Lemon Tree

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

- 11:30 am MONDAY MATINEE BOX LUNCH
- 12:00 pm Monday Matinee Film: Lady Kul El-Arab
- 7:00 pm Holy Land Hardball

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

- 4:30 pm Student Film Competition - at Vanderbilt University Hillel
- 7:00 pm As Seen Through These Eyes - Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Program in Jewish Studies. Introduction by Professor Vivien Fryd (Vanderbilt) and Professor Sonja Hedgepeth (MTSU).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

- 7:00 pm Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg
- 9:30 pm Lost Islands

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

- 4:30 pm At Home In Utopia
- Closing Night Film:
- 7:00 pm A Matter Of Size
- 9:30 pm CLOSING NIGHT DESSERT/JAZZ RECEPTION - Sunset Grill

Prof. Amy Jill Levine to offer fresh biblical perspective—Vanderbilt Divinity School New Testament scholar, historian and author will offer two upcoming presentations at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hendersonville: Nov. 1 on “Mistakes Christians make about Judaism, and so, Jesus,” and Nov. 8 on “How Jews and Christians read Scripture differently.” Her most recent book *The Misunderstood Jew*, which has been used in numerous interfaith dialogues, is based on her study of the complex connections and divisions between Christianity and Judaism.

The lectures, **both at 4 p.m.** in the church sanctuary, lead off the second season of St. Timothy’s Education and Arts (E&A) ecumenical faith series for the community. The programs are free, and the sanctuary is wheelchair accessible. A nursery for babies and toddlers will be available, and a reception will follow each presentation. Please call ahead at 615-824-6244, if

possible, to indicate nursery needs or to request other assistance. The church is located at 650 E. Main St. across from the Holiday Inn Express. For details, also visit www.sttimothyonline.org.

Monday Forum

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

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

November 16 – Faculty Panel

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9 7:30-8:30PM READING ROOM

How do you characterize a Baccalaureate Service in a pluralistic Divinity School?
A discussion hosted by Mosaic and led by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine and Rev. Dr. Ted Smith on what the nature of the Baccalaureate service should be at Vanderbilt Divinity School... or should it even exist at all? Mosaic endeavors to create a proposal for the Div School that answers this question and establishes a framework for inclusivity for future Baccalaureate services. Refreshments will be provided.

Vanderbilt Divinity School Community Events and Continuing Education Calendar Fall 2009

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."

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