

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 17

TUESDAY, September 18

WEDNESDAY, September 19

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service
All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, September 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Community Breakfast - presentation by Dean James Hudnut-Beumler
"Religion and Politics in the 2008 Election: A Look to the Future"
Refectory

FRIDAY, September 21

10:10 Coffee Hour - Common Room
11:30 - 12:30 P&P Mtg - Tillett Lounge
12:00 noon SGA Meeting - Rm. 138
12:30 Faculty Meeting -- PDR

PRESENTE: The effort to close the School of the Americas (WHINSEC) continues. Folk will gather on September 25th at the home of Don and Judy Beisswenger at 7:00 p.m. to consider the issues, especially the gathering at Ft. Benning the weekend before Thanksgiving, Nov 16-18. Copies of Presente, the newsletter describing recent happenings around this event, are on the table in the sanctuary. An interesting video made by high school students in California will be shown entitled Cross the Line: Journey to Awareness. A letter saying more about this will be found on the bulletin board. Call Don Beisswenger if you have questions. 269-7980.

Need to shred a few confidential items from time to time? The Divinity Library has a locked Shred It! container.

Shred It! picks up the items to be shredded from the locked container and provides the library with proof of shredding.

If you would like to use this service, just ask the staff at the Public Services Desk in the Divinity Library.

Vanderbilt University Divinity School Relevant Religion Series

September 25, October 2, and October 9, 2007, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

"Worship(ing) in the Converging Church"

Robin M. Jensen, Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art and Worship & John S. McClure, Charles G. Finney Professor of Homiletics, Chair of the Graduate Department of Religion, and Fellow in the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

Protestant worship has been in transition for half a millennium. Ministers, preachers, lay leaders, worship teams, musicians, and artists all try to address the perceived (and sometimes contradictory) needs for renewal, contemporaneity, identity, doctrinal coherence, and cultural relevance. This set of workshops will explore new worship styles and the questions of tradition, retrieval, evangelism, and pluralism in our planning for worship of the future.

Location

Second Presbyterian Church
3511 Belmont Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37215

Information and Online Registration

www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html

(615) 936-8453

This event is free for students. Please respond to this e-mail if you would like to attend the series.

Members of the Vanderbilt community are invited to come to Second next Sunday, September 16, when McCormick Presbyterian Theological Seminary President Cynthia Campbell will preach at both the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services. Cynthia will lead a discussion of her recently published book, *A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity*, at a 9:30 a.m. adult education class. Second Presbyterian Church, 3511 Belmont Boulevard.

Job Opportunity

There is a family in Brentwood seeking a dependable person for approximately 5-8 mornings per month (6:30-8:30 a.m.) when the father is out of town. This person would need to arrive at the home at 6:30

a.m. when the mother leaves for work. He or she will help get the 3 children (ages 6, 7, and 8) ready for school and take them to school (approximately 5 min from the home). They are willing to pay \$10 per hour. Please call 775-1088 if interested.

SECSOR stands for the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. It is comprised of the southeastern regional groups of the American Academy of Religion (AAR/SE), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL/SE), and the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR/SE) which covers the study of Near Eastern culture.

This year SECSOR's theme is "Religion, Healing, and Public Health." This regional meeting will be located in Atlanta, Georgia at the Marriott Century Center and held from March 7-9, 2008.

The Call for Papers/Proposals DEADLINE is OCTOBER 1, 2007. You can go directly to the website: www.secsor.appstate.edu or through the AAR website: www.aarweb.org as well as the SBL website: www.sbl-site.org/default.aspx for more information.

The plenary speaker for next year's meeting is Professor Musa Dube of the University of Botswana who teaches Biblical studies with a focus on post-colonial feminist interpretations of the Bible and has taught courses on reading the Bible in the context of HIV/AIDS.

Please consider submitting a proposal (1-2 pages) or even a paper that you are in the midst of writing or have written on the topic, "Religion, Healing, and Public Health." Regional meetings tend to be very student friendly! :) Contact me with questions, Nichole Phillips, nichole.r.phillips@vanderbilt.edu

AAR Southeast Region
Announcing:

New Islam Panel at the AAR/ SE

At the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the AAR in 2007, a new Islam panel was established. This marked a significant step toward raising the profile of the study of Islam in our region. We would like to make the first year of the new Islam panel as successful as possible. We invite faculty and students to submit papers and/ or attend the conference. We look forward to seeing you in March. The call for papers is below:

Islam (3 open sessions and 2 joint sessions)

This new section was approved in 2007. Themes: Proposals on all topics will

be considered, but the following themes are especially invited: (1) A joint session with Women and Religion on "Gender and Islam" (2) A joint session with Academic Study of Religion and Pedagogy on "Teaching Islam post 9/11" (3) Islam in the West (4) Islam and Modernity (5) Islamic Mysticism (6) Topics in Islamic History. Submit a copy of your proposal by October 1 to co-chairs, Julianne Hammer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, jhammer@uncc.edu, and Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech, rmscott@vt.edu

The AAR's physical address:
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Folks - share your announcements!! Email your announcements to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, and they will be placed in the weekly E-Communicator