E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 7 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 22, 2007

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 22

October Break

TUESDAY, October 23

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WEDNESDAY, October 24

THURSDAY, October 25

6:30 p.m. Graduate Theological Society (info below) Tillett Lounge

FRIDAY, October 26

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour Common Room11:45 a.m. Hebrew Bible Brown Bag Private Dining Room

The Office of Women's Concerns and Black Seminarians are inviting you to have a conversation about feminism, race, and gender. Our panel discussion leaders are Keri Day Harrison, Amy Steele, and Dr. Ellen Armour. We'll be discussing the history of the women's movement within this country, and what that movement looks like today.

If you have a strong background in the women's movement, please join us and share your insight. If this is new information for you, please come and teach us with your questions.

Lunch will be provided by Grin's Cafe. We'll see you Wednesday, October 24th in the Private Dining Room.

Robyn, Jamie, and Darius

The Graduate Theological Society 6:30 p.m. Tillett Lounge "Little Screws, Big Machines: Evaluating Milbank's Infatuation with Bulgakov" Paper by David Dunn

Response by David Dault

Eating Disorders and Their Prevention: What Every Jewish Parent, Educator, and Concerned Adult Needs to Know

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Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Akiva Day School

801 Percy Warner Blvd., Nashville, TN

Presented by Jewish Family Service and Eating Disorders Coalition of Tennessee Call 356-4234 to rsvp

INTERESTED IN CPE?

Viki Matson will conduct an ORIENTATION TO CPE session on Friday, Nov 2 at 12:10 in the Private Dining Room. At this session you can learn more about the expectations of CPE, the ways it fits into a theological education, the application process, and much more. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Upcoming Events for the Center of the Study of Religion and Culture

October 30

4:00 pm, Divinity G-27

Religion and Politics in Tennessee: A Report from the Field

Researchers in the CSRC Religion and Politics project present on their summer field work.

November 15

4:00 pm, Wilson Hall 103

Religious Environmentalism: Promises and Challenges

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Second Presbyterian Church of Nashville will host a free screening of the documentary "Golden Rule Ethics: Reclaiming the Rightful Role of Faith in Politics" on Thursday, November 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

Produced by the Nashville based Baptist Center for Ethics, the documentary is rooted in the theological conviction that God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat and that neither party is thoroughly moral nor completely immoral.

The DVD explores the rightful role of faith in politics through interviews with clergy and politicians in Alabama, Missouri and Tennessee. It expands the moral agenda from the narrow list of issues prioritized by the Christian Right to the fuller expression of issues found in the Christian tradition, beginning with the biblical priority of doing justice.

A panel headed by the Rev. Robert Parham of the Center will respond to the 30 minute documentary.

The screening is co-sponsored by *Doing Justly*, a multi-denominational coalition of Christians in Nashville who seek to help church members better learn how to "walk the walk" of faith.

Second Presbyterian Church is located at 3511 Belmont Boulevard in Green Hills. The event will take place in the church's Café, located on Graybar Avenue just off Belmont.

Oct. 28-Nov. 1: Turner Center for Church Leadership: "Preaching the Gospel for These Times." Featured lecturers and preachers are Professors Brad Braxton, John McClure, Ted Smith and Mary Lin Hudson. The conference will be at Scarritt-Bennett Center. Please contact Danny Redding-Rhodes for more information danny.redding.rhodes@vanderbilt.edu

30th Annual Holocaust Series: Broken Silence

October Events

Monday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Holocaust Through the Eyes of a Child (in conjunction)

Conference, Sarratt Cinema

Sunday, October 28, 7 p.m.

Michael Bess

"Deep Evil and Deep Good: The Concept of Human Nature Confronts the Holocaust" Lecture, Schulman Center

November Events

Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m.

Nicholas Stargardt

"Children of Hitler's War"

Lecture, Flynn Auditorium, Law School

Monday, November 5, 7 p.m.

Saul Friedländer

"The Years of Extermination: an Integrated History of the Holocaust"

Lecture, Wilson Hall 103

Thursday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Andrew Goldberg

"The Armenian Genocide"

Film, Wilson Hall 126

Monday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.

Keith McDaniel

The Clinton 12 (in conjunction)

Brief reception followed by Film and Discussion with director, at The Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Thursday, November 15, 7:35 p.m.

Peter Balakian

"The Transmission of Trauma Across Generations: Writing a Memoir About Growing Up in the Suburbs and the Armenian Genocide"

Lecture, Wilson Hall 126

¡Ven a la mesa! *Please note the change of date.* Beginning with October 11th, La Mesa will be meeting on **Thursdays** for lunch from 12:00-1:15 in the refectory. Come to practice your Spanish and join in fellowship together! Questions? angela.m.flanagan@vanderbilt.edu

CENTER FOR MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SOCIETY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Center for Medicine, Health, and Society offers two types of funding opportunities for Vanderbilt faculty and graduate or professional students who are engaged in collaborative projects. Projects that examine health and health care in their social and cultural contexts are eligible. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary groups of three or more individuals.

Collaborative projects between faculty members at Vanderbilt and other institutions will be considered. The project leader must, however, be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member, or have a full-time, faculty-rank appointment.

Exploratory Grants Up to \$1,500 is available to faculty and graduate students who wish to meet regularly to explore the possibility of a collaborative project.

Product-based Proposal Up to \$20,000 is available to faculty and graduate students who require resources to pursue a collaborative project. Projects may include but are not limited to co-authoring an article, writing a grant for external funding, or planning a conference.

Application Process Requests for funding will be accepted twice yearly: December 1 and March 1. Applications should include:

- 1. A brief proposal (2-3 pages) describing the intellectual merits of the project. It should explain specifically how the project examines health and health care in its *social and cultural contexts*.
- 2. A budget explaining how the funds will be used.
- 3. The project leader's *curriculum vitae* and biographical sketches for each of the participants.

Requests will be reviewed by the Steering Committee of the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society.

Questions Please address all questions to Arleen Tuchman, Director, at 3-0916 or arleen.m.tuchman@vanderbilt.edu.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Tennessee Department of Health is seeking a bilingual candidate for a temporary part-time position of not more than 20 hours per week. The applicant chosen will be paid an hourly rate based on experience and education. Benefits are not provided in a part-time position. The selected candidate will work with the Pregnancy Risk Assessment and Monitoring Survey (PRAMS) project. PRAMS is a federally funded project that will determine the prevalence rates of behaviors, experiences and lifestyles of new birth mothers in Tennessee. The candidate will be expected to conduct individual interviews by telephone of randomly selected Spanish speaking females who are Tennessee residents. The candidate must be fluent with reading, writing and conversing in Spanish. The candidate should have proficiency with Windows based applications and be able to administer a telephone survey. The candidate will be required to maintain confidentiality and be able to handle asking questions of a sensitive nature. The candidate will be trained in the use of specific software, procedure/protocol and human subjects protocol.

To find out how to apply for this position, contact Tony Rico, Project Coordinator, at anthony.rico@state.tn.us or 615.253.8621.

The Nashville Wealth Building Alliance and the Vanderbilt Office of Community, Neighborhood and Government relations is looking for a qualified and passionate student to run the Vanderbilt free tax preparation site for low-income employees and Edgehill families. Specifically, we are talking about 15 hours a week (two weeknights and Saturdays) at \$10 an hour from mid-January through mid-April. The tax site is staffed by volunteers trained and certified through the IRS, so anyone applying for this position does not need to have any prior tax experience. What the person must have rather, are good organization, people and computer skills. They must also be interested in serving those in poverty through financial empowerment. Last year this tax site served 260 taxpayers and brought over \$320,000 in federal refunds back into the community. The site also saved low-income, working families hundreds of dollars in costly tax preparation fees.

If you have any questions or are interested in this position, please contact Samantha Hamernik at samantha.j.hamernik@vanderbilt.edu.

MC WOMEN'S CENTER EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS

(Events listed by dates and include any events, programs and series for which the Women's Center is solely responsible or for which we are a major sponsor or collaborator.)

OCTOBER 2007

(October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

PURPLE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Wear a purple ribbon to show your support for ending domestic violence. Ribbons will be available throughout the month.

Date: Month of October

Location: Various

For more information, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu.

4th ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT FOR WOMEN

An event of the Tennessee Economic Council or women and the TN Economic Council Foundation to explore the economic status of women in a variety of areas, create dialogue around those issues and work towards positive and meaningful change. The summit will feature breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to the economic status of women and girls in Tennessee. The summit also features the "E" Awards to honor women and teen who are making a difference in various areas of economic empowerment for women and girls. In addition scholarships will be awarded to 3 high school students and 3 non-traditional students (one each from each of the 3 great divisions of Tennessee). Keynote speakers and presenters include: Karyl Innis, Patricia Schroeder, Coach Melanie Balcomb and many more.

Date: October 22, 2007; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Marriott Nashville Airport Hotel

Cost: Depends on what parts you attend; student tickets are \$40. Other tickets range from \$40 to \$80.

For information on the summit, scholarships, costs and registration go to www.tnwomensmmit.org. The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is supporting this event by being involved on the steering committee. The center's contact for this event is stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu.

SILENT WITNESS EXHIBIT

A display of life-sized red wooden silhouettes representing women killed as a result of domestic violence in Davidson County. They will be displayed at various offices on campus.

Date: October 24-30, 2007

Location: Various offices on campus and agencies in the community.

For more information contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu.

THE SHAPE OF WATER FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The Shape of Water is a feature documentary by **Kum-Kum Bhvanani** and narrated by **Susan Sarandon** that tells the stories of powerful, imaginative and visionary women confronting the destructive development of the Third World with new cultures and a passion for change. Narratives of rescue and salvation often underlie documentaries about women's lives in the Third World. In contrast *The Shape of Water* offers a complex look that is simultaneously inspiring and yet candid about the contradictions that dace women in the Third World as they make change. This event is being brought to you by the Women and Gender Studies department. The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is a proud co-sponsor of the event. **Date: October 25, 2007; 4:30 p.m.**

Location: TBD at Vanderbilt (will likely be held in Buttrick 101) **For more information** contact shubhra.sharma@Vanderbilt.Edu.

INFORMAL RECEPTION WITH THE SHAPE OF WATER DOCUMENTARIAN KUM-KUM BHVANANI

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Date: October 25, 2007; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: The Galley at Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at Vanderbilt.

For more information contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Take part in this night of healing. Join Project Safe at the Vanderbilt University Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center in a community rally and march against domestic and sexual violence. The event will feature displays of the "Clothesline Project," vocal performance, information and a key note speaker.

Date: October 29, 2007; 7:15 p.m.

Location: Walk will originate on the Vandy campus on Olin Lawn and end at Centennial Park. **For more information** contact <u>vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu</u> or <u>kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu</u>.

WELLNESS BASH

The Wellness Bash is an annual fair event held in the Student Recreation Center (SRC). The Wellness Resource Center invites different wellness-related groups and companies to come and demonstrate their services. Some of the services previously involved with the Bash have been Angelic Touch Massage, Vanderbilt Sports Medicine, Vanderbilt Student Health and the Margaret Cunningham Women's Center. There are also lots of giveaways from local companies. Representatives of the Vanderbilt Feminists and the IMAGE student group will have a booth with information about women's health. We hope you will stop by and visit our booths.

Date: October 31, 2007

Location: Student Recreation Center at Vanderbilt

For more information about the event, contact wellness.center@vanderbilt.edu or visit their

website at: www.vanderbilt.edu/wellnesscenter/wellnessbash.html

Folks – share your announcements!! Email your announcements to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, and they will be placed in the weekly E-Communicator.