

**E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 17  
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2007**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 17***

**WALK IN THEIR SHOES**

On the Fourth Anniversary of the War in Iraq

Let's March for Peace

Saturday March 17

Beginning @ 2:00 pm @ Owen Bradley Park (adjoining the Musica roundabout)

Sponsored by the Nashville Peace Coalition

***WEEKLY CALENDAR***

**MONDAY, March 19**

3:00 p.m. Ted Smith Lecture

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3:00 p.m. Office of Women's Concern, Book discussion

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7:00 pm Relevant Religion Series - Fernando Segovia

Scarritt Bennett (details below)

**TUESDAY, March 20**

9:45 a.m. UMSA Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

12:30 Ecumenical mid-day prayer

Benton Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, March 21**

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service - Sharon Howell

All Faith Chapel

12:00 noon Office of Women's Concern "Voices: Instructing"

Private Dining Room (130)

3:10 p.m. First Year Colloquy

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**THURSDAY, March 22**

**FRIDAY, March 23**

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour

Common Room

8:00 p.m. - midnight GALA

Student Life Center Ballroom A

Free parking central Garage

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GALA – March 23

Tickets on sale in the administrative office (113), see Angela Dillon

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center

Relevant Religion Series

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 2007, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

"Latino/a Immigration: Reasons, Faces, Expectations"

Fernando F. Segovia, Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity

As in the case of previous massive waves of immigration in U.S. history, the Latino/a phenomenon has become a lightning rod for a heated national debate regarding the identity, the mission, and the future of the country. The statistics are clear: in its projections for the year 2050, mid-century, the Census Bureau portrays a nation in which not only 50% of the population will be of non-European origins or descent but also 25% will be of Latino/a descent or origins. This series seeks to address, in the light of the ongoing demographic transformation and social/cultural controversy, the experience, reality, and expectations of recent Latino/a migration in the United States, focusing on various communities of origin and settlement and using documentaries as points of departure for information and discussion.

Location

Scarritt-Bennett Center

Laskey Building

1008 19th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37212

Information and Online Registration

[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel\\_religion.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html)

<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/programs/calendar.aspx>

(615) 936-8453

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**On the Lip(s) of Miriam's Well: Jews | Women | Cultures**

18-20 March 2007 Vanderbilt University

**A global examination of Jewish women's cultural practices**

with artists and academics, performances and presentations from North African to North American, from Sephardic to South Indian, from orthodox to no dox, from the cantorial to the culinary, from photography to publishing, from the margins of the arts to (so-called) marginal arts.

Sponsored by: Program in Jewish Studies, Center for Ethics, Carpenter Program in Religion, Sex, and Gender, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Center for the Americas, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Max Kade Center for European and German Studies, English, Philosophy, Spanish/Portuguese, French/Italian, Religious Studies, German/Slavic Languages, American Studies, Department of

Art, Hillel, University Lectures Committee, Office of the Provost, Office of Arts and Creative Engagement, Office of Dean of Students, College of Arts & Science, Divinity School, Office of Religious Life, the Hanai Family. For more information, contact [jay.geller@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jay.geller@vanderbilt.edu).

•Sunday, 7:30pm:

*Evening of Musical and Visual Midrash of Biblical Women.* Musicians Galeet Dardashti and Lila Sklar with visual artist Siona Benjamin  
@ Sarratt Cinema

•Monday, 9am:

*Practitioners.*  
Siona Benjamin, Galeet Dardashti, Nancy Reisman.  
@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

•Monday, 1:30pm:

*Which of these {Jews/Women/Cultures} Do Not Belong?*  
Renee Levine Melammed,  
Allison Schachter, Nina Warnke  
@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

•Monday, 4pm:

*Public Reception.*  
@ Robert Penn Warren  
Center for the Humanities:

•Monday, 7pm:

*A Conversation with Contemporary Jewish Women Writers.* Allegra Goodman, Nancy Reisman, Marjorie Agosin, Esther Dischereit.  
@ Schulman Center

•Tuesday 9am:

*Marginalizing Jewish Women's Art.* Ellen Koskoff, Joelle Bahloul, Chava Weissler  
@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

•Tuesday, 1:30pm:  
*On the Margins of Culture.*  
Barbara Hahn, Howard Tzvi  
Adelman, Laura Levitt  
@ Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center

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### **One Million Voices, One Message: Stop Genocide in Darfur**

**Gloria White-Hammond**, a globally recognized humanitarian, pediatrician, and pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston, will speak on **March 27 at 7 p.m. at the West End United Methodist Church**, 2200 West End Ave., about the genocide in Darfur. Dr. White-Hammond will give an update on the stark realities of the genocide taking place in Darfur and also describe practical ways in which each individual can help. She is a terrific speaker and should not be missed!

Dr. White-Hammond, who chaired the Million Voices for Darfur postcard campaign last year, culminating in the April 30, 2006 rally for Darfur in Washington, DC, has recently returned from Sudan. Previously, she has worked as a medical missionary in several African countries, has traveled to Sudan, including Darfur, many times since 2001, and has been involved in obtaining the freedom of Sudanese women and children who were enslaved during the two decades long civil war in Southern Sudan. In 2002 she co-founded My Sisters Keeper, a women's group that partners with women in Sudan to reconcile and reconstruct their communities.

Daily news about the war in Iraq and elsewhere in the Mid-East often pushes aside the horrors happening in Darfur. Yet approximately 400,000 people have been killed, tens of thousands of women raped, and another 2 and 1/2 million have been displaced in this ongoing, government-sanctioned ethnic cleansing of the Darfur region of western Sudan. Two to three hundred die daily, according to the United Nations. That rate is likely to increase over this year as famine approaches and the violence directed at aid groups force them to leave. You can find out what can be done about this situation at this event.

The event is free but donations will be accepted for humanitarian aid for the people of Darfur. The donation will go to the Darfur Peace and Development Organization, which has a project to distribute solar cookers in Darfur so that women will not have to risk attacks in going outside the refugee camps to gather firewood.

This event is presented by Tennesseans against Genocide with the generous support of many individuals in our community, the Nashville Jewish Federation's CRC, Belmont University, West End United Methodist Church, Loew's Vanderbilt Hotel, Amnesty International, and Fisk University's Race Relations Institute. For more information, contact Kitty Calhoon at [kcalhoon103@aol.com](mailto:kcalhoon103@aol.com), or Hazel Joyner-Smith, [hsmith@fisk.edu](mailto:hsmith@fisk.edu), phone 329-8575..

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Michael Perry (Emory Law) will present a public lecture as part of the Democracy and Moral Conviction series on Monday (3/19) at noon in the Renaissance Room of the law school.

His talk is titled "Is Religion a Constitutionally Legitimate Basis of Lawmaking in the United States?"

As many of you know, Perry defends the controversial position that neither the Constitution nor the ethos of liberal democracy prohibits government from enacting laws and policies on the basis of religious reasons alone. The session will likely be particularly spirited.

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If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to [sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu) All information must be received by Friday morning for the following week's E-Communicator.