

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, November 8

- 10:10 Student Forum - Preaching and Liturgics
Common Room
- 12:00 - 1:00 Office of Women's Concerns
Div 138
- 12:15-12:45 Prayer and Praise
Wightman Chapel Scarritt-Bennett Center
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dr. Ananda Abeysekara Lecture
301-F Garland (info below)
- 5:15 p.m. "Ethical Issues in Communication in the Provision of Culturally Competent
Medical Care" Cal Turner Program
407 Light Hall (info below)

TUESDAY, November 9

WEDNESDAY, November 10

- 10:10 a.m. Worship Service -- Prof. Leonard Hummel - Lutheran Service
All Faith Chapel
- 11:30 - 1:00 United Methodist Student Association
Private Dining Room
- 12:00 noon Eco Concerns Meeting
G-27
- 12:00 noon Baptist Student Meeting
Div 139
- 3:10 pm First Year Colloquy
Div G-23

THURSDAY, November 11

- 12:15-1:30 Randal Schnoor Lecture
Auditorium (Room 118) Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
(info below)
- 1:10 - 2:35 Dr. Katherine Ulrich Lecture
301-F Garland (info below)
- 5:30 p.m. PAN Meeting
Common Room (info below)
- 7:00 p.m. Carpenter Program presents Prof. Gale Yee
Div G-27 (info below)

FRIDAY, November 12

- 9:30 Coffee Hour
Common Room
- 2:10 p.m. Faculty Meeting
Private Dining Room

SATURDAY, November 13

- 9:00 am to noon Fall Symposium at Christ Church Cathedral
(info below)

The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions is pleased to invite you to the following student discussion:

"Ethical Issues in Communication in the Provision of Culturally Competent Medical Care"
The discussion will consider the role of interpreters and how efforts at communication both underlie and complicate cross-cultural communication in clinical meetings. Discussion leader: Elizabeth Heitman, Center for Clinical and Research Ethics Monday, November 8, 2004, 5:15 - 6:15 pm Light Hall, Room 407

Pizza and soda will be provided. Please register in advance by visiting our website at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership/eventstu.htm> and clicking on the "Register" button, or by calling the Cal Turner Program office at 343-5447. This event is part of the Cal Turner Program's focus on professions in global perspectives.

SEXUALIZING BIBLICAL WOMEN IN ART

Professor Gale Yee

Episcopal Divinity School

Thursday, November 11, 2004

7:00 p.m. Room G-23 (VDS)

Sponsored By: The Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

On May 21, 2003, 192 countries unanimously adopted the first global health and corporate accountability treaty. This treaty has the potential to save millions of lives and to change the way the tobacco industry operates around the world. Come hear more about the abuses of Big Tobacco, the treaty, and what you can do to encourage the U.S. to ratify this important treaty!

Wednesday November 10th from 12-1 in G-27.

Lunch provided - RSVP to Lisa Dordal at lisa.a.dordal@vanderbilt.edu

Background Info from Infact:

Nearly 5 million people die every year from tobacco-related illnesses. If current trends continue, tobacco will become the world's leading cause of death by 2030, with 70% of those deaths occurring in the Global South. Big Tobacco is one of the clearest examples of giant corporations profiting at the expense of the health and lives of people.

Lectures by candidates for Assistant Professor in the Sociology of Judaism in the Americas. The successful candidate will hold an appointment in Sociology and Jewish Studies.

A *cv* for each is posted at <<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/jewishstudies/opportunities.html>> where you will also find a *resume* for each presentation.

All lectures are free and open to the public

*Randal Schnoor

Lecture: Thursday, November 11, 2004 - 12:15-1:30 pm

Auditorium (Room 118) Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

Topic: "Intersections of Ethnicity and Sexuality: Exogamous Partnerships among Gay Jewish Men."

*Shaul Kelner

Lecture: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 - 12:15-1:30 pm

Auditorium (Room 118) Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
Topic: "Pre-Fab Pilgrimage: Tourism as a Community-Building Strategy among American Jews"

*Benjamin Phillips

Lecture: Tuesday, December 7, 2004 - 12:15-1:30 pm
Auditorium (Room 118) Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
Topic: "Who Counts? Understanding Jewish Identity through Surveys"

The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions is pleased to invite Faculty members to the following luncheon discussion:

"When Professional Boundaries Betray Us"
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt Divinity School
Friday, November 12, 2004, 12:10 - 1:00 pm
Private Dining Room, Divinity School
Lunch will be provided. Please make reservations.

In her book, *When Boundaries Betray Us*, theologian Carter Heyward started an uproar because she argued that objectivity and neutrality on the part of the professional therapist actually harm rather than heal the client. Whether one agrees or disagrees, Heyward raises important questions worthy of further discussion about the relationship between professional and client, patient, or parishioner and whether or how much the professional reveals about their own thoughts, emotions, and private life.

To make reservations, please visit our website at
<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership/eventfac.htm#facPP> and click on the "Register" button. You may also call the CTP office at 343-5447.

Miroslav Volf, professor of theology at Yale Divinity School, will be the speaker for the Fall Symposium at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am to noon. The title of his presentation is "Gift and Grace"--"At its heart, the Christian faith is about God who gives abundantly. What does God's giving mean in a world in which so many are needy? According to the Christian faith, human beings are called to imitate God's giving in their own lives. But how should we give when we ourselves are needy? If we do, should we give indiscriminately to all in need or just to those who are in some way deserving?" The symposium is open to the public. There is a charge of \$10.00. The Cathedral is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. The phone number is 255-7729. Hope you can join us!

"You are cordially invited to our Wednesday Evening Adult Education series at Christ Church Cathedral this fall. We have an impressive series of presentations by VDS faculty:

October 13: Doug Meeks, "Exclusion and Inclusion in the Global Household"
October 20: Paul DeHart, "Sharing God's Life"
October 27: Marjorie Suchocki, "Religious Diversity and the Reign of God"
November 3: Fernando Segovia, "Church and World: The Struggle for Inclusion in Central America"
November 10: John Thatamanil, "The Bhagavad-Gita and the Gospel of John: Contemplating Divinity across Traditions"

Each session meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, preceded by a Healing Service at 5:15 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm, for a cost of \$5.00. Childcare is provided. The Cathedral is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. Please call for reservations for dinner--255-7729. We hope many of you can join us! Alice Nichols MDIV3"

Candidates for the tenure track position in Asian Religious Traditions in the Department of Religious Studies, College of A&S, and the Graduate Department of Religion

Dr. ANANDA ABEYSEKARA will lecture on "History, Ethics & Non-Judicial Justice: Rethinking Buddhist History in Sri Lanka" Monday, November 8, 2004, 4:30-5:30 pm Garland Hall, 301-F (reception follows)

Dr. ANANDA ABEYSEKARA currently teaches in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, VA. He received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University (1999). His first book, *COLORS OF THE ROBE: RELIGION, IDENTITY, AND DIFFERENCE*, has received the 2003 American Academy of Religion Award as "Best First Book in the History of Religion". In the last issue of *JAAR* you can find his most recent article, "Identity for and against Itself: Religion, Criticism, and Pluralization," in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (Dec. 2004, Vol. 72, #4). His areas of expertise include: Buddhism and Politics, Religion and Violence, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, Intersection of the ethnography of religion, nationalism, political theory, and postcolonial criticism in South Asia.

Dr. KATHERINE ULRICH, will lecture on "Methodology for the Study of Divided Bodies: Death, Sacrifice, and Fragmentation in Hinduism and Early Buddhism" Thursday, Nov 11, 2004: 1:10-2:35 pm in Garland Hall, 301-F (reception follows)

Dr. KATHERINE ULRICH currently teaches at Wesleyan University, holds her Ph.D. (2002) from the University of Chicago (History of Religions). Her first book, -- *DIVIDED BODIES: DEATH, SACRIFICE, AND FRAGMENTATION IN HINDUISM AND EARLY BUDDHISM*, under review by a press, is the result of field work research in India. Her expertise includes South Asian Religions, Cultures, and History (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism); Methods and Theories of Religious Studies; Religious Rituals & Practices; Gender and Religion; Sanskrit, Tamil, and Pali Languages and Literatures; Islam in South Asia..

Are you ready to discuss the outcome of the election? The Political Action Network is providing that space for a community discussion!

My vision for the gathering will be two-fold:

1. Venting session (be militant, passive, elated --- however you feel!)
2. What ought we do?
 - a. the landscape of the country
 - b. what can we do in our local communities?
 - c. ORGANIZE! Map out a proactive plan around our priorities for the next four years.

When: November 11, 2004 at 5:30 PM

Where: VDS, Common Room

All are welcome!!!!

Safe Sex in the City at Bar23 in Nashville
Tuesday, November 16th, 2004 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Another cool, hip evening with 100 of your closest pro-choice friends! Support Planned Parenthood of TN while sipping tasty martinis or maybe even a mojito! For more information or to volunteer for this event, please contact Jeanna Emert at 615-345-0952.

If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu All information must be received by noon on Friday for the following week's E-Communicator.