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CUNINGGIM LECTURE FEATURES SCIENCE SCHOLAR DR. SUE ROSSER

Each year the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center presents the annual *Cuninggim Lecture*. This endowed lecture on women in culture and society is given by a distinguished scholar. Lecturers are invited to address the broad topic from the perspective of their own discipline. Past lecturers have included Patricia Hill Collins, the Charles Phelps Taft Professor of Sociology and Professor of African-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati; Peggy McIntosh, Associate Director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women; and Beverly Guy Sheftall of Spelman University, among other distinguished scholars. This year we are honored to have *Dr. Sue Rosser*.

Dr. Rosser is one of the most prolific writers on the issues of women in STEM (science, math, engineering and technology) disciplines. She has edited collections and written approximately 120 journal articles on the theoretical and applied problems of women and science and women's health. She is the author of nine books: *Teaching Science and Health from a Feminist Perspective: A Practical Guide* (1986), *Feminism within the Science and Health Care Professions: Overcoming Resistance*

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Dr. Rosser currently serves on the editorial boards of *NWSA Journal*; *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering*; *Transformations*; and *Women's Studies Quarterly*. She has received several grants from the National Science Foundation.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

THE STORIES WILL FIND THEIR WAY...

by Kacy Silverstein, co-director, Project Safe

“I dream that love without tyranny is possible...” ~ Andrea Dworkin

I write this at the end of a long workday. I have sat with women in the grief and despair that rape brings and I have answered the crisis line, always wondering what will happen to the person at the other end. It's about 5:30 p.m. now and my co-worker and I are both clicking away on our computer keyboards. Today is one of those days where I wonder if this fight will ever end. I wonder how many more stories of rape and torture I will carry in my heart, how many more rallies I will attend, how many more articles I will write in April to help raise awareness of sexual violence. On days like today, I wonder how much more any of us have left to give.

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Celebrate V-Day in New Orleans!

V-DAY 10th ANNIVERSARY IN NEW ORLEANS

On Saturday evening, April 12, 2008, V-Day will stage a once-in-a-lifetime event —V TO THE TENTH. The evening will feature performances of award-winning play *The Vagina Monologues* by an all-star cast including *Oprah Winfrey, Salma Hayek, Jessica Alba, Jennifer Hudson, Jane Fonda, Sally Field, Ali Larter, Glenn Close, Rosario Dawson, Julia Stiles, Marisa Tomei, Kerry Washington*; Oprah Winfrey will perform a special new monologue written by Eve Ensler; and there will be musical performances by Faith Hill, Common, Eve, and New Orleans own Charmaine Neville. The event is a benefit and will raise funds for groups ending violence against women worldwide, and in New Orleans and the Gulf South. V-Day is a global non-profit that raises funds and awareness to end violence against women and girls, through art and action.

Location: New Orleans area and Louisiana Superdome

Cost: \$25 Registration Fee

For more information, visit www.vday.org

MCWC Welcomes Science Scholar Dr. Sue Rosser

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Foundation, including “A USC System Model for Transformation of Science and Math Teaching to Reach Women in Varied Campus Settings” and “POWRE Workshop.” She also served as co-PI on Georgia Tech’s \$3.7 million ADVANCE NSF grant (2001-2005). Currently, she serves as PI on an NSF grant (\$900,000) entitled, “InTEL: Interactive Toolkit for Engineering Learning.”

We are excited and honored to host Dr. Sue Rosser in this year’s Cuninggim Lecture. Her work and research alone would make this an exceptional lecture for 2008. However, her visit with us is also important for other reasons. As a university committed to academic excellence, it is important to create awareness and positive change in the STEM areas for women here at Vanderbilt, as well as at other academic institutions and for those young women currently in elementary, middle and high schools. **Join us for the Cuninggim Lecture, Tuesday, April 15th, 12 p.m. at the University Club, Vanderbilt University.**

Interesting Facts about Women in Science:

- Only 20% of information technology (IT) professionals are women. (American Association of University Women (AAUW) “Tech-Savvy: Educating Girls in the New Computer Age” 2000)
- Nearly 75% of tomorrow’s jobs will require use of computers, while fewer than 33% of participants in computer courses and related activities are girls. (U.S. Labor Statistics: JOBS 2000)
- Women make up just 9% percent of the recipients of engineering-related bachelor’s degrees. (American Association of University Women (AAUW) “Tech-Savvy: Educating Girls in the New Computer Age” 2000)



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I was having coffee with a friend and colleague the other day and she asked me if I thought that patriarchy was a system that could ever be defeated. I was surprised that she asked the question because when I look at her, I see her interrupting patriarchy on a daily basis. She is a therapist and one of the best I have ever seen. She walks hand in hand with trauma survivors as they find their way out of the violence. She listens to their stories, laughs with them, cries with them and bears witness to the pain that so often stays hidden. Most importantly, she sits with them in the silences—I’m talking about the silent space beneath words where the wounds reach deep into the core of your being. She sits in that place day after day and she wonders if patriarchy can ever be defeated. I wish she could truly know her worth. I wish she could know that what she does, what she gives day after day is changing the system.

I met with a student yesterday who stumbled into my office on her lunch break. She has been through such trauma during her four years on this campus. She is a survivor of rape and a testament to the power of the human spirit to overcome against all odds. She came to talk about her plans after graduation. I was listening to her talk and realized how scared I felt for her to go out into the world on her own. I know she will make it, she will do great things but I want to be able to protect her. I have always *continued on page 3*

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wanted to protect her from the nightmares, from her rapist, from the violence that is lurking. It is always lurking. But I know that in a few months she will be gone from this place.

I'm telling you these stories because they need to be heard. We talk so often about the fight and the struggle and the rallies—all of the actions we take to end violence against women on this campus and around the world but I think we need to talk about what is at the heart of it all. This work will break your heart. Rape will break your heart. Torture and abuse of women will break your heart over and over. To sit with women in their grief like my friend or to survive the violence or to question the system takes the heart of a warrior.

I once heard a Native American proverb that said, "It takes a thousand voices to tell a single story." There are thousands, millions of stories of rape out in the world now. They are told in rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, between friends over coffee, in the dark of night over the wires of a crisis line, in rural villages, in police stations, in college dorm rooms, in high school bathrooms, in refugee camps. These stories are as essential to our existence as food or air or sunshine and we cannot forget that—we cannot forget to listen.

I read today about another domestic violence shelter closing its doors because of lack of funding. A few minutes later I received an email announcing that President Bush's 2009 Budget proposes a \$129 million cut in Violence Against Women Act funds, caps Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding at the lowest level in 6 years, does not provide any increases for Family Violence and Services Act (shelter) funding, and ELIMINATES the \$2 billion dollars in the VOCA reserve. There are many ways to silence the stories. We silence the stories by saying that rape is not "my" problem, by not believing survivors, by taking away funding from programs and shelters, by ignoring the reality of such a pervasive and damaging violence.

The stories will keep finding their way to the therapists, and the crisis lines, and the rallies. We will breathe them in and out and carry them in our hearts as we go forward in this movement. I think the answer to this whole struggle is in the stories. In the stories we find the deepest grief and the greatest possibility for hope and change. So, during April and every month after remember to listen...who knows what you might hear?



RESTORE FUNDING FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

YOU Can Help! Go to this web link to urge your legislators to restore full funding to the Violence Against Women Act:
<http://capwiz.com/sfvo/issues/alert/?alertid=11019446>

The Women's Center hosts Feminist Therapy Workshop

Thirty years ago Jean Baker Miller, M.D. and her colleagues gave voice to an undervalued concept in mainstream psychology. In a radical break from traditional psychology, Dr. Miller and her peers identified relationships rather than the notion of self as the foundation of our psychological and physical states. The work of the theorists at the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute so altered the way we understand the psychology of women (and men) that Pulitzer prize winning author Christina Robb summed it up in her work on the evolution of relational psychology with the apt title, *This Changes Everything*. Emerging research on the neurobiology of interpersonal relationships confirms the central premise of Relational Cultural Theory that people grow in relationship. Relational Cultural Theory has come a long way from its beginnings at the margin of psychology to recently being named by the American Psychological Association as one of the ten most important theories in the history of psychology. The Stone Center and its Relational Cultural model of therapy began with four women gathered in a small living room in 1975. At the beginning of 2008, the practitioners at the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute are still holding their weekly meetings, but their theory has expanded far beyond the original "working papers" to influence a nationwide and, to some extent, worldwide movement of relational thinking oriented to human rights.

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, in conjunction with Nashville Psychotherapy Institute and the National Association of Social Workers, is excited to bring to Nashville for its Spring Workshop *Amy Banks, M.D.* and *Maureen Walker, Ph.D.* of the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute. Dr. Banks is Director of Advanced Training, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute and instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medicine School. She is co-editor of *The Complete Guide to Mental Health for Women* and author of *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: Brain Chemistry and Relationships*. Maureen Walker, Ph.D. is Director of Program Development, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute and serves as Associate Director of Support Services at Harvard Business School. Dr. Walker is also the author and editor of numerous works, including *The Complexity of Connection: Writings from the Stone Center's Jean Baker Miller Training Institute* and *How Connections Heal: Stories from Relational Cultural Therapy*.

The Spring Workshop will explore the neurobiology of relationships and trauma, how sociocultural disconnections create and/or exacerbate trauma, and therapeutic applications of the Relational-Cultural Model of therapy.

Repairing Relationship: Neurobiological & Sociocultural Perspectives on Trauma

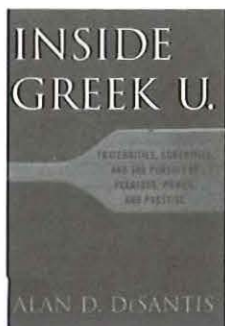
May 2nd & 3rd; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
University Club, Vanderbilt University

Registration available online at www.npiweb.org

Before April 18th: Professionals: \$200; Students: \$75
After April 18th: Professionals: \$225; Students: \$100

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

Inside Greek U: Fraternities, Sororities, and the Pursuit of Pleasure, Power and Prestige



Outsiders frequently wonder what goes on in sororities and fraternities while insiders often have strong positive or negative opinions about these organizations. In *Inside Greek U: Fraternities, Sororities, and the Pursuit of Pleasure, Power and Prestige* (University Press of Kentucky, 2007) Alan D. DeSantis presents a balanced account of Greek life, mostly as he participated in it at an unnamed average-sized public research university. The author, currently professor of

communications at the University of Kentucky, is well-qualified to write on this topic as he is both an academic and an insider. He was a fraternity member himself and has over 25 years' experience working with Greeks as a mentor and advisor at several very different universities.

For those readers unfamiliar with the details of the Greek system, the writer gives an overview of the system and of its history. He notes that while only about 8.5 percent of college students today belong to sororities or fraternities, they produce a large percentage of the nation's leaders in the fields of politics and business. (About 42 percent of undergraduates at Vanderbilt belong to Greek organizations).

DeSantis considers himself to be a strong but critical supporter of the Greek system. While belonging to a fraternity or sorority normally is advantageous to students there are also many drawbacks. Most notably, according to the writer, these organizations tend to limit the development of students by stressing and reinforcing traditional and fairly rigid concepts of gender. Fraternity members are expected to conform to certain standards of masculinity: they should be aggressive, promiscuous, independent, fond of partying, homophobic, muscular, and eventually successful in a career. Sorority sisters should be beautiful and very thin, nurturing, monogamous (or at least not "slutty"), dependent, nonassertive, and should value the domestic sphere.

The researcher identified three tiers among traditionally-white sororities and fraternities: the elite, the aspirers and the strugglers. Students selected for the elite groups were the most attractive, were from wealthy Christian families, and were those who conformed most closely to traditional gender norms. The second-tier Greek organizations, whose members hope for acceptance from the elites, are considered the aspirers. The strugglers are the newer and smaller organizations that are the least desirable; members of such sororities might be less attractive, heavier, more assertive, unpopular, more ethnic or from poorer families.

Unfortunately, there are some elements of truth in films like "Animal House." Among the topics discussed by DeSantis are the ramifications of the misogyny and objectification of women by fraternity members, the effects of excessive alcohol

consumption, and how date rape is not uncommon but is seldom reported by victims. While fraternity brothers are encouraged by their peers to be promiscuous, both male and female Greeks encourage girls to be discreet in their relationships. Also analyzed are the pressures on girls to be as thin as possible so that members of elite sororities are always dieting and eating disorders are common. Fraternity brothers are expected to be strong and many of them spend hours exercising daily to build up their muscles. It appears that the ideal young woman should be as small as possible while the ideal young man should be as large as possible.

There are differences between the goals of the sisters and of the brothers. Sorority members are expected to achieve good academic results and their grades are generally better than are those of fraternity members. Nonetheless, the young men, who frequently feel that it's not cool to study, intend to have successful careers. The writer noted their lack of concern about balancing their work and family lives; that was to be the responsibility of their wives. Many of the young women have long-term career aspirations but about one-quarter of those interviewed by the author hope to be traditional stay-at-home wives after marriage or after motherhood.

Despite the many drawbacks of Greek life, DeSantis remains in favor of it. The advantages outweigh the disadvantages but the system needs to be reformed. While sororities may give young women skills in leadership, budgeting, and planning, while enhancing their confidence and self-esteem, some sisters graduate with problems like alcoholism and eating disorders. The writer details many ways in which he believes that the stakeholders in the education process could help to reform the Greek system and feels that "Professors, alumni, students, parents and administrators will all need to work together toward expanding gender conceptions. This... is not only the solution to making the Greek experience worthy of being part of the university experience but also the key to attenuating the campus problems of date rape, eating disorders, violence, and sexism."

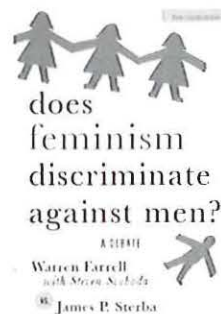
Other new acquisitions include:

Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? A Debate by Warren Farrell et al.; *The Infertility Treadmill: Feminist Ethics, Personal Choice, and the Use of Reproductive Technologies* by Karey Harwood; and *The Anti 9 to 5 Guide: Practical Career Advice for Women Who Think Outside the Cube* by Michelle Goodman.


In the Library



Barbara Clarke
Women's Center
Librarian



April 2008

denotes Project Safe programming 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14 <i>Book Group, 5:15pm-6:15pm</i> <i>MPAS, 7:30-8:30pm</i>	15 <i>Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm</i> <i>Vandy Feminists, 6pm</i> <i>Support Group, 8-9pm</i> <i>Cunningim Lecture, 12p.m. University Club, Vanderbilt</i>	16 <i>Peer Ed, 8-9pm</i>	17 <i>IMAGE group, 4pm, Sarratt, Rm 110</i> <i>Making Connections 5:30pm-6:50pm</i>	18	19
20	21	22 Pay Equity Day! <i>Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm</i> End of classes!	23	24 <i>Vandy Moms 11:30am-12:30pm</i>	25	26
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For details and descriptions of each group, please refer to page 6.



Don't Miss it!

PORNOGRAPHY—WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

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Date: April 8, 2008; 4:00 p.m. with standing reception to follow
Location: Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life (upstairs)
 For more information contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu

April Calendar of Events

SPECIAL EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS

(Events are 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.)

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We have a variety of events, programs and panels scheduled this month to increase awareness.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS RIBBON CAMPAIGN

(Teal Ribbons)

Wear a teal ribbon to show your support for ending sexual violence. Project Safe will place small boxes of ribbons around campus for you to wear. If your office or organization is interested in participating, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu for more details.

Date: Month of April

Location: Various

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Date: April 15, 2008; 12 p.m.

Location: The University Club; Vanderbilt University

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

PAY EQUITY DAY: WEAR RED ON APRIL 22nd !

April 22, 2008 marks Equal Pay Day in this country. This is the day on which women's earnings will match men's earnings from the previous fiscal year. In other words, it takes women approximately four months longer to earn the same salary as their male counterparts. In 2005, the most recent year for which data is available, women continued to earn only 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts. To match men's earnings for 2005, women have to work from January 2006 to April 2007— an extra four months. In Tennessee the wage gap is an average of \$0.75. And for women of color in the US, the wage gap increases (e.g. for African American/Black Women is it \$0.67 and for Hispanic/Latina women, it is \$0.56). Please help us to raise awareness about this unacceptable injustice and take the necessary steps to close the wage gap. You can help by wearing red on April 22nd to symbolize how far in the red women and minorities are in their pay. You can also take time to learn more about the wage gap and its effects on women and families. Some helpful information can be found at: www.pay-equity.org; www.state.tn.us/sos/ecw/; www.vanderbilt.edu/register/articles?id=33844. You can also create awareness by letting your friends and family know about this issue through discussions, or spread the word to your community through letters to the editor or emails to your e-lists.

Date: April 22, 2008

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

REGULAR GROUPS AND MEETINGS

(Groups listed alphabetically and are all sponsored or co-sponsored by the Women's Center.)

BOOK GROUP

Meets the second Monday of each month; 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

What/Who: The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. You can find a list of books being read on our website (www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter).

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at jdubose@bellsouth.net or Carmen Gherman at cgherman@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE LIFE PLANNING GROUP

Meets every Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What/Who: A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; for more information, call 322-4843.

IMAGE GROUP

Meets 1st Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. (except during Vanderbilt student breaks)

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Who: Free and open to any students interested in these issues.

What: IMAGE is an organization dedicated to supporting positive body and self-image issues in the Vanderbilt community. It provides a forum for interested community members to advocate the adoption of healthy body-image concepts and the reduction of eating disorders.

Where: Sarratt 114; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact stephanie.l.rogers@vanderbilt.edu or image@vanderbilt.edu.

L.I.F.E. (Lessons Inspiring Female Empowerment)

Please email us to get meeting dates and times.

Who: Free and open to any students interested in these issues.

What: L.I.F.E is group dedicated to mentoring young girls and women on a variety of issues important to them. This group works with a group of teen girls in the Nashville community covering topics such as economic empowerment, girls' and women's health, self-esteem, leadership and more.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center;
For more information, contact ashley.walker@vanderbilt.edu.

MAKING CONNECTIONS


Meets Thursday of every week from 5:30 to 6:50 p.m.

Who: Free and open to anyone with an interest in these issues.

What: A discussion group to learn about making closer connections with others, your body, and most importantly, yourself. Topics may include body image, intimate relationships, self confidence, managing anxiety and stress and many others. The group is facilitated by Dr. Tobl Fishel and is completely confidential.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center
For more information, contact tobl.fishel@vanderbilt.edu or 615-343-3561.

MEN PROMOTING A SOLUTION


 Meets every other Monday at 7:30 p.m. (except during Vanderbilt student breaks)

Who/What: A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change.

Where: Sarratt 114; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact bryan.r.adams@vanderbilt.edu


PEER EDUCATORS OF PROJECT SAFE

 Meets Wednesday of each week at 8:00 p.m. (except during Vanderbilt student breaks)

Who/What: Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center;
For more information, contact kathleen.e.adams@vanderbilt.edu.

SUPPORT GROUP

 Meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

What/Who: A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential location; all information shared is kept confidential. For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or 322-3774.

VANDERBILT FEMINISTS

Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (except during Vanderbilt student breaks)

Who: Open to all students of any gender.

What: A student group that discusses and advocates for positive change in various issues of gender on campus and in the community.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center;
For more information, contact ali.c.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu or erica.d.santiago@vanderbilt.edu.

VANDY MOMS

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

What/Who: Open to all mothers of any age, partnered or single. This is a fun support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities. It also provides programming to inform, empower and enrich.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center;
For more information, contact misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu or call 343-4367.

VANDERBILT OR COMMUNITY EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS (Events listed by dates and are included here to help promote the events for our Vanderbilt and community partners. The Women's Center is not an official sponsor or collaborator for these events listed.)

INTERNATIONAL LENS FOREIGN FILM SERIES: NIGHT STOP

Presented by the Institute for Global Health

The highest incidence of HIV in Mozambique is concentrated along three roads. This dark documentary depicts a night in the life of the truckers who travel these roads and the women who make their living from them. (Director: Licinio Azevedo. Film is in Ndebele, Shona, Nhungwe and Portuguese with English subtitles. 52 minutes.)

Date/Location: April 2, 7:00 p.m.; Sarratt Cinema, Vanderbilt

INTERNATIONAL LENS FOREIGN FILM SERIES: Le CORBEAU

Presented by the French and Italian Department

This suspense thriller portrays a small French village whose everyday existence is shaken by a series of mysterious poison pen letters. (Director: Henri-Georges Clouzot. Film is in French with English subtitles. 91 minutes.)

Date/Location: April 9, 7:00 p.m., Sarratt Cinema, Vanderbilt

INTERNATIONAL LENS FOREIGN FILM SERIES: WHISKY

Presented by the Spanish and Portuguese Department

A perversely funny film set in Uruguay, depicts a lonely sock factory owner who convinces his employee to pose as his wife to impress his visiting long-lost brother. (Winner of 17 international awards. Director: Juan Pablo Stoll. Film is in Spanish with English subtitles. 94 minutes.)

Date/Location: April 16, 7:00 p.m.; Sarratt Cinema, Vanderbilt

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN)

meets the 4th Monday of the month at the First Unitarian Universalist Church located at 1808 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and run no later than 8:30 p.m. Each meeting features networking and refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For additional details, contact cynthianashnow@aol.com or 615-269-7141.

Nashville CABLE meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, contact nashvillecable.org

The New Parents/Returning to Work Support Group

When: Monday, April 7, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Room 8009, Hallway "B" of Patient Tower

Who: Anyone! VU staff/students/employees or non-VU people. PREGNANT or NEW PARENT! Tell your friends, too.

For more information, please contact kate.cropp@vanderbilt.edu

LIVE ACTION CAMP!

(Sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee) Gender Matters (of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center) is happy to co-sponsor and publicize the Live Action Camp held by Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee (PPMET). Live Action Camp! is an intense, two day program designed to help you educate and mobilize fellow students in support of reproductive health and rights. It is the best way for you to learn what it takes to be an activist on campus and in your community. Plus it is free to attend! This camp will help you or your group organize and plan events to educate peers and support local Planned Parenthood centers. It will help you learn how to mobilize other students to speak out for reproductive rights and access to reproductive health services. Sessions include marketing, coalition building, recruiting and retaining members, fundraising, online organizing and planning activities. This is about getting involved!

Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 5th – 6th

Location: Memphis, TN (TBA)

Cost: FREE!

To register: Pick up a registration brochure at the women's center or at PPMET. You can also request one be mailed/ emailed to you by contacting the PPMET contact below.

For more information, please contact Jessica Dauphin at jessicad@ppmet.org or 615-345-0952.

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