WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 8

12:00 noon Dean's Faculty Lunch

Tillett Lounge

TUESDAY, October 9

Relevant Religion Series (information below)

WEDNESDAY, October 10

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service - Ellen Armour

All Faith Chapel

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. UMSA Lunch Meeting

Private Dining Room (details below)

THURSDAY, October 11

7:00 p.m. Cole Lecture Part I - "The Bible in American Public Life:

Dilemmas at the Center, Insights from the Margins"

Mark Noll, Francic A. McAnaney Professor of History, Notre Dame

Benton Chapel

FRIDAY, October 12

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts

Common Room

10:00 a.m. Cole Lecture Part II - "The Bible in American Public Life:

The Special Case of the King James Version"

Professor Mark Noll

Benton Chapel

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lilly Steering Committee

Tillett Lounge

1:00 2:00 p.m. GPAC

Tillett Lounge

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. "The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal

of the Jewish Jesus"

Amy-Jill Levine

Sarratt Cinema

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. GDR Faculty Meeting

Private Dining Room

2:10 - 3:10 p.m. "Religion and Politics in the 2008 Election Cycle"

James Hudnut-Beumler

All Faith Chapel

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fair Trade Coffee House: A Concert Celebrating

Vanderbilt Divinity School Alumni/ae

Vine Street Christian Church (Details below)

SATURDAY, October 13

1:00 p.m. Vanderbilt Commodores vs. Georgia Bulldogs Dudley Field

In Concert together!

Craig Wiseman and Marcus Hummon

With guest Leslie McClure

Friday, October 12, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Vine Street Christian Church 4101 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

The cost is \$5.00 per person

Parking at the church is free.

Infant/toddler care provided

While enjoying Fair Trade coffee and the music of Nashville,

We invite you to make a donation to the Divinity School's

student scholarship fund.

A planning meeting for a Nashville wide College and University chapter of the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK) will take place on Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30-7:15 in the Divinity School Common Room.

For Questions, contact Jamie Kopetz at Jamie.H.Kopetz@gmail.com

Our guest at next week's Wednesday Luncheon will be **Professor Dennis Dickerson**, who holds the James. M. Lawson chair in History at Vanderbilt and who teaches in the areas of American and African American history.

Dr. Dickerson will be reflecting with us on some of the issues surrounding the work of the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and Union, which is seeking to foster meaningful cooperation among the major Methodist denominations – the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, and the United

Methodist Church.

As always, we will gather around the tables in the Private Dining Room for (free) lunch from 11:45 to 1:00.

Hope to see you there. Peace, Tim Eberhart UMSA Coordinator

GABLE Events for October

October 10- Wednesday Worship- Celebrates National Coming Out Day. Ellen Armour will be speaking at 10:10 in All-Faith Chapel as we celebrate communion and ALL being welcome at the table.

October 11- National Coming Out Day- This is the day that Open Dores will be published. If you want to add your name to the list of folks who support the GLBTQ community (allies and GLBTQ folks all welcome- students, faculty, staff- come one, come all) send an email to khette.cox@vanderbilt.edu. There will also be an opportunity to chalk around campus and share National Coming Out day with the broader community.

October 18- Coming Out Stories-7pm GLBT Resource Center on campus-this is an opportunity for all folks who support and are part of the GLBTQ community to come together and share stories of struggle and joy surrounding one's own coming out. (allies, partners, faculty, students, and staff are all included) Last year we heard stories from both allies and GLBTQ folks. It was a very open, moving, and healing evening. There will be wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks. If you are willing to bring a dessert or appetizer to share, please email lyndsey.g.godwin@vanderbilt.edu. You can also RSVP for the event at the same email.

October 19- God and Gays- http://www.godandgaysthemovie.com/ More info to come.

Also look for a Lavender Lunch later in the month. Hope to see you at these events.

Khette Cox and Lyndsey Godwin

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@vandy).

On Saturday, October 13th is the Historic Germantown Oktoberfest 5K in Nashville. This event kicks off the Oktoberfest celebration and has hundreds of participants each year. Plus, the race director, Sam Davidson, is a divinity student! Sam has offered a 10% discount to any that show up with a Vandy ID.

Sam has invited the school to come out and run or volunteer together. Plus (the best part) there is a free beer promised at the finish line, and a t-shirt for all runners and volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit http://www.coolpeoplecare.org/event/2007/10/13/germantown-oktoberfest/.

For more info on the race, please visit http://www.nashvillestriders.com/forms/2007/Oktoberferst5K-2007-strider-ad.pdf

For general info on the Germantown neighborhood, please visit http://www.historicgermantown.org/site/Main/HomePage

Hope to see you out there in one of Nashville's coolest neighborhoods!

30th Annual Holocaust Series: Broken Silence

October - November 2007

In 1977, then Vanderbilt University Chaplain, Beverly Asbury, conceived what has become the longest running Holocaust Lecture Series at any American university. The theme for this year's Thirtieth Annual Holocaust Lecture Series – Broken Silence – reaffirms our long-standing commitment to expand the frontiers of our conversation about the Holocaust and other genocides by providing a stage for new perspectives, new questions, and for conveying those narratives that have struggled to find a voice or an audience. Hence, in these lectures, we will listen to the voices of victimized Jews as well as Kurds and Armenians, and, in the process, we find the courage to confront the question of "racial cleansing" on American soil. At the same time, we do not let the testimonies from men and women drown out the stories recounted by children, whose soft voices touch us deeply and reverberate loudly, about life under the Nazis. In opening ourselves to the full spectrum of sound, and bringing more witnesses to speak about our human capacity for deep good and deep evil, we discover that the terrible crimes of the Holocaust and other genocides are not someone else's stories, nor are they the stories of particular people, places, or time, far beyond our own communities. Their stories emerge as our stories because they speak to us and about every one of us. Indeed, we hope that long after the Broken Silence, these voices will continue to echo not only in these lecture halls, but within ourselves.

October Events

Sunday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Elliot Jaspin

"The Skeleton in Our Closet: Misremembering America's Racial Cleansings"

Lecture/multimedia, Sarratt Cinema

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m.

Michael Newton

"The Iraq Genocide: Personal Perspectives and Legal Residue"

Lecture, Moore Room, Law School

Friday-Sunday, October 19-21

Trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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

Elliot Jaspin

Ethnic or racial cleansing generally conjures images of Rwanda, Kosovo, or Nazioccupied Europe, but not America. Yet, following the period of Reconstruction until the Great Depression, organized groups of whites in the Midwest and the South terrorized, murdered and forced thousands of Black Americans to flee their homes. To this day, many of the counties in which these attacks took place remain free of Black residents. Elliot Jaspin, an award-winning journalist, including the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting, discusses material from his provocative book, *Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America* (2007), which is based on roughly a decade of research in census records and archives.

¡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

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 Homilietics, 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.

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