E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 9 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER November 5, 2007

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, November 5

10:10 a.m. Forum on Vocation with Prof. Paul DeHart Tillett Lounge
12:00 noon Dean's Faculty Lunch - Prof. Melissa Snarr presenting Tillett Lounge
7:00 p.m. Holocaust Lecture Series -- Saul Friedländer "The Years of Extermination: an Integrated History of the Holocaust"

Lecture, Wilson Hall 103

TUESDAY, November 6

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Rev. Ronnie Elise Elrod Room G-23 (info below)

8:00 p.m. Activist Movie Night – Watch Students Changing the World "Occupation" and "A Living Wage" Butrick Hall, Room 309

WEDNESDAY, November 7

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, November 8

7:00 p.m. Documentary "Golden Rule Ethics: Reclaiming the Rightful Role of Faith in Politics" (info below) Second Presbyterian Church of Nashville

FRIDAY, November 9

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour Common Room1:30 p.m. Faculty Meeting Private Dining Room

SATURDAY, November 10

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Prospective Student Open House Common Room

A HUMOROUS, INSIGHTFUL LOOK AT GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER **Rev. Ronnie Elise Elrod** <u>www.eliseelrod.com</u>

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Divinity School Room G-23

The Interfaith Alliance Fall Dinner Program, "Welcoming the Immigrant: What is the Faith Community's Role?", will be Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6pm at Temple Ohabai Shalom. Tickets will be \$16 each.

It will be a time for music, dinner, and a panel discussion with distinguished guests from the Nashville community...

Panelists Include:

Catalina Nieto of the Welcoming Tennessee Initiative Representatives from Nashville Immigrant Communities Stephen Fotopulos of the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition Steven Miles of Strangers No Longer: Faithful Voices for Solidarity

Music by Gene Cotton.

Checks and reservations may be sent to: Interfaith Alliance of Middle TN 4732 West Longdale Dr Nashville, TN 37211

Center for Medicine, Health and Society Seminar Series

Local Innovation in Public Health: Barriers and Opportunities from a Governance Perspective

Everyone talks about the value of local empowerment in health, so why do people at the local level so often feel ignored and exploited? Burris will offer his reflections on some of the structural factors that make disempowerment such a sustainable characteristic of health and development aid, and some thoughts on strategies for change.

Scott Burris, J.D., James E. Beasley Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law; Associate Director, Center for Law and the Public's Health and Senior Associate, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Date: November 6, 2007, Time: 4-5:30pm, Location: Wilson 126

For more information, please contact Lynn Lentz at <u>lynn.lentz@vanderbilt.edu</u> or (615) 343-0916. <u>http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/home</u>

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 at Graybar Avenue just off Belmont.

The wife of Senior Lecturer in the Religious Studies Department Bushra J. Hamad is looking for a babysitting job. House is only ten minutes from Vanderbilt campus. If interested, please call Bushra at (615) 936-7275.

30th Annual Holocaust Series: Broken Silence

November Events

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

MC WOMEN'S CENTER EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 2007

RACE FOR THE CURE: NOVEMBER 3rd

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure® Series raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. With funds raised by the Komen Race for the Cure® Series, the Komen Foundation with its Affiliate Network is able to fund breast cancer research grants, meritorious awards, and community outreach programs. Up to 75 percent of the net proceeds raised by the Greater Nashville Race for the Cure® stays in middle Tennessee to fund outreach programs and initiatives that address the specific unmet breast health needs of our community, and a minimum of 25 percent of net proceeds raised supports the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program. The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center supports this event and the Vandy Feminists usually organize a team each year to participate.

Date: November 3rd;

Location: Bicentennial Mall in Nashville

For more information visit the website at: <u>http://www.komen-nashville.org/race.htm</u> or contact co-chairs Dawn Barnes Davis and Julie Filson at <u>race@komen-nashville.org</u>.

HAND IN HAND TRAINING

Hand in Hand is a group of students, staff and faculty trained to help students make informed decisions about services and options available to them related to sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. We invite you to our volunteer training the weekend of September 28, 29 and 30. Training lasts 16 hours and addresses violence against women on campus and in the Nashville Community. You will learn how to support and connect survivors to resources on and off-campus.

Date: November 9-12 Times: TBA

Location: TBA

For more information and to register email Amy-Lee at Amy.l.gillard@vanderbilt.edu

WOMEN IN ACADEME SERIES: ENGAGING YOUR NETWORK

This session will focus on giving tools and information to graduate level women on building/engaging a network to assist in navigating graduate school work, grants and

career development. This is a brown bag event, so bring your lunch and join us. This series of workshops, co-sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, the BRET Office of Career Development and the Warren Center for the Humanities explores issues pertinent to women in the academy and aims to foster dialogue between women in varying locations within the academy. Sessions are open to all Vanderbilt graduate students, professional students, and post-docs.

Date: November 9, 2007; 12:10 - 1:30 pm

Location: Warren Center for the Humanities; Vanderbilt University **For more information**, please contact <u>stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu</u>. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

International education Week is an annual, international event initiated by the U.S. Department of State and Department of Education, and coordinated at Vanderbilt by the office of International Student and Scholar Services and The Vanderbilt International Office. The week promotes programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the U.S. To learn more about International Week throughout the country, please visit: <u>http://iew.state.gov/</u>. To get more information on the International Education Week events on campus, please visit: <u>www.vanderbilt.edu/isss</u>.

Date: November 12th - 16th, various times

Location: Various locations; Vanderbilt University **For more information**, please contact sherif.barsoum@vanderbilt.edu.

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