# E-COMMUNICATOR No. 3 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, 7 OCTOBER 2002

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 A.M. Staff Meeting Tillett 10:00 A.M. FIELD ED AT VDS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS IN G-23

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 A.M. Morning Praise and Prayer at Scarritt Bennett TAIZE SERVICE
"Always do right. This will gratify some and astonish the rest."
Mark Twain
4:00 P.M. FIELD ED AT VDS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS IN G-26

# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:10-11:00 a.m. - Community worship. Interfaith service. GABLE Students ECUMENICAL

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:10-11:00 a.m. - Community coffee. Common Room 1:10-3:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting PDR

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#### FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The Field Education office has scheduled two sessions which will orient you to the opportunities and requirements of Field Education at VDS. **M. Div. Students must attend one of these sessions;** M.T.S. students should come if Field Ed is remotely a possibility in your degree. The sessions are as follows: Monday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. in G-23 Tuesday, October 8, 4:00 p.m. in G-26

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# Monday, Oct. 7 to Friday, Nov. 15, in the Schulman Center

Special Installation: "Living on ... A Tradition of Reflection," an exhibit of materials and posters from 25 years of Vanderbilt's Holocaust Lecture Series.

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# WITNESS FOR PEACE SOUTHEAST

LA CASA (Central American Solidarity Association)

TIRN (Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network)

Amnesty International Group 149 - present a double bill

An Afro-Colombian labor organizer in the Coca-Cola strike and musicians David Rovics and Melissa Fridlin, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 – DINNER AT 6:00 P.M., courtesy of TIRN; Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3201 Hillsboro Pike just off I-440.

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October 7, 14, 21, 28 Relevant Religion "Hebrew Narratives: Histories and Stories" Professor Jack Sasson, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible

Information and registration, 615 340 7543 spiritus@scarrittbennett.org Open to the Public Cost \$50 CEU'S available Register on-line: http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/events/rr\_register.html

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October 17, 2002, 7:30 to 8:30 A.M.

Professor A.-J. Levine

"The Historical Jesus: New Wine in Old Wineskins"

When we hear about Jesus today, we typically, and correctly, associate him with Christianity. Yet Jesus was not a "Christian" per se, and I suspect he may never have even used the word "Christ" (which is a Greek term). Jesus was not a Greek-speaking Christian, he was an Aramaic-speaking Jew. Our task for this breakfast is to begin to appreciate Jesus within his own historical context, Galilee and Judea, both under Roman control, in the 20s and early 30s of the first century. The point of this exploration is not to undermine any Christian confession. To the contrary, it is to show how a study of this first-century Jew within his own historical and cultural situation can lead to better understandings not only of the words of the gospels, but also of Judaism and of Jewish-Christian relations.

Cost \$10 Reservations Required (615.343.3994)

Open to the Public Register on-line:

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The Honorable Gerald Kogan "Executing the Innocent: The Threat of the Death Penalty System in America"
Thursday, October 17, 2002
Benton Chapel 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Reception to follow in Tillett Lounge

Justice Gerald Kogan is the former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court, a former judge in Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit and an administrative judge of that court's Criminal Division. He is a co-chair of the Constitution Project's Death Penalty Initiative. Justice Kogan has practiced law in the area of criminal trials and appeals and is the former chief prosecutor of the Homicide and Capital Crimes Division of the Dade County, Florida, State Attorney's Office. His professional activities have included membership on the Criminal Courts Committee of the Dade County Bar Association and service as special counsel to the Florida Legislature's Select Committee on Organized Law Enforcement. He is currently the president of the Alliance for Ethical Government in Miami, Florida. Free and open to the public.

Please visit the Events web page for more upcoming events: <a href="http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/events/index.html">http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/events/index.html</a>

Please send us upcoming events and announcements to be included in the E-Communicator by Thursday at noon the week prior to the information.

#### A TRUE FRIEND

A true friend is one who will be there for you when he would rather be anywhere else. L. Wein.