E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 12 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER February 16, 2009

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, February 16

## **TUESDAY**, February 17

12:00 - 1:00 - La Mesa

Common Room

## WEDNESDAY, February 18

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Turner Scholar Interviews

Tillett Lounge, Reading Room

9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Private Dining Room

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

10:30 - 12:00 - Faculty Search & Personnel and Policy Committees

Private Dining Room, 129

**12:00 noon --** Lunch with 2nd Harvest (EEC/OWC)

Divinity 139

## THURSDAY, February 19

**7:30 - 9:00 am -** Cal Turner Program in Moral Leadership Breakfast Workshop Tillett Lounge (details below)

10:10 am - Lecture of Prof. Dale Andrews

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**11:45 am -** Faculty Lunch with Candidate Andrews

Tillett Lounge

7:30 pm - The Enduing Chill: Remembering Flannery O'Connor

Mercy Lounge (details below)

**6:30 pm -** Graduate Theological Society

Tillett Lounge

### FRIDAY, February 20

9:00 - 10:00 am - Prof. Andrews with GDR Students

Tillett Lounge

10:10 a.m. - Coffee Hour - Divinity Reading Room

**11:00 – 12:00 noon** – Divinity Students with Prof. Andrews

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**12:15 – 1:30 pm –**Brown bag lunch with Prof. Andrews & HL Doctoral Students

1:00 p.m. - Round Table Discussion "Shadows of the Word: Songwriters

And Literary Legacies of Religion and Place"

Art Room (details below)

2:00 pm - Faculty Meeting

Private Dining Room
7:00 - 11:00 pm - Vendredi Gras
Reading Room (details below)

For room reservations within the Divinity School go to the Divinity portal http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/p/and use the on-line room reservation form.

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Link to the SGA google calendar

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=si59sgmfmkh91ar5s6hdchjll4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago

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Cal Turner Program

Establishing and maintaining trust is an essential part of establishing effective relationships. In trusting relationship individuals are pre-disposed to work effectively with one another. Thus, it is imperative for leaders to model for others how to build trust in dynamic organizational relationships where the perception or experience of a breach of trust is highly predictable and inevitable.

In this brief conversation on February 19 Mark Cappellino will discuss what leaders can do to take the lead on building trust in working relationships. Commonly held beliefs and assessments will be discussed about how trust exists or does not exist in working relationships. New language and distinctions that open up the possibility for new conversations about trust will be introduced. Participants will have an opportunity to consider new choices in their working relationships.

Registration is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for non-students. Breakfast is included. To register, please visit www.vanderbilt.edu/moral\_leadership or email Michelle at michelle.bukowski@vanderbilt.edu.

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CONCERT: <u>The Enduring Chill: Remembering Flannery O'Connor - featuring Over the Rhine, Mary Gauthier, Minton Sparks, Old Black Kettle, Denice Hicks</u> Thursday February 19 / 7:30 PM / Mercy Lounge (8th Ave. S.) – \$15 at the door (All proceeds to benefit the Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation)

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: "Shadows of the Word: Songwriters and Literary Legacies of Religion and Place" featuring - Mary Gauthier, Minton Sparks, Linford

Detweiler and Karin Berquist, Julie Lee, and Jewly Hight (moderator). Friday February 20 / 1 PM / Divinity Art Room (G-20)

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#### Vendredi Gras

The Graduate Department of Religion/Divinity School is hosting a Vendredi Gras Party/Fundraiser for the New Orleans Women's Health and Justice Initiative and Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee.

What: A Mardi Gras themed Fundraiser to benefit Second Harvest Nashville and the continuing Hurricane Katrina recovery effort through the New Orleans Women's Health and Justice Initiative (NOWHJI)

Where: Vanderbilt Divinity School Reading Room (1st floor)

When: February, 20, 2009 from 7-11 pm

How: Transport yourself to New Orleans, Louisiana via the Divinity Reading Room decked out with beads, masks, a glutinous buffet of food and beverages with a coffeehouse/spoken word event and music. There will also be a bake sale that night and the winners of the Second Harvest Food Drive will be announced.

All proceeds go to NOWHJI and Second Harvest Nashville!!!

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# Winter Symposium, Christ Church Cathedral February 28 - March 1

As part of its Sacred Space for the City Programming, Christ Church Cathedral is pleased to present a winter symposium, "Living Our Faith – Creation and Care of the Earth – A Spiritual Approach to Environmental Concerns"

Friday, February 28, 5:15 pm – 8:30 pm starting with a reception and dinner Saturday March 1, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson

Cost \$25 and \$15 for students including the dinner Reservations and childcare requests are needed by Monday, February 23 <a href="https://www.christcathedral.org">www.christcathedral.org</a> for online registration or call Becky Rochford at 615-255-7729

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The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture at Vanderbilt is pleased to announce the 2009 Mafoi Carlisle Bogitsh University Seminar in Religion and Culture:

How Many Ultimate Realities Are There? Religious Diversity and The Trinity

## John J. Thatamanil

Assistant Professor of Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7:00 pm

Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Reception to follow in Tillett Lounge

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# **Institute for Seminarians and Rabbincal Studies May 19-21 2009**

Each year the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) of Sacred Heart University welcomes 30 students from Christian and Jewish seminaries across the country for a three-day study institute to prepare the next generation of religious leaders to intelligently and critically carry the dialogue forward.

If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions, please register your interest with the associate dean's office as the first step in the nomination process. The deans will nominate 2 VDS representatives by the close of February.

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School invites you to a Community Breakfast
Thursday, February 12, 2009

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# **Divinity Reading Room**

Vanderbilt Divinity School

Featuring

# Professor Paul Chang-Ha Lim

"Preaching Against Pharaoh: Liberation Theology from the Puritan Revolution to Reverend Jeremiah Wright"

## Breakfast \$10.00, students \$5.00

## **Reservations Necessary**

Please RSVP to (615) 936-8453 or register online at <a href="www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity">www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity</a> (click "Events")

by February 9, 2009

Preaching Against Pharaoh: Liberation Theology from the Puritan Revolution to Reverend Jeremiah Wright

What connection is there between a cadre of English Puritans who preached against the reign of Charles I in the 1640s and Jeremiah Wright, popularly known as President Barack Obama's pastor? Most do not see any connection at all between: the "conservative" Puritans (they were most assuredly not!) and the liberal Reverend Wright. During this breakfast presentation, Professor Lim will discuss the theme of "Preaching Against Pharaoh" as an interpretive thread that connects these key "pulpiteering" efforts of some Puritan parliamentary preachers and Jeremiah Wright, both of whose "patriotism" was often questioned, reputations besmirched, and pulpits assailed and misunderstood. Liberation theology, Lim argues, has its origin in the revolutionary period of the 1640s where much of preaching was done "against Pharaoh," and it is this similar tendency that connects the Puritans with Reverend Wright.

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Community Breakfast March 12, 2009 Vanderbilt Divinity School Refectory 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Stacey-Floyd-Thomas Associate Professor of Ethics and Society

"I found God in myself, and I loved her fiercely": Womanist Literature as a Resource for Ethics

In observance of Women's Month, our time together will focus on a choreopoem performance and discussion taken from Ntozake Shange's For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf. With this presentation of vignettes and accompanying conversation, this gathering will address how Black women's fiction aids in advancing the search for the imago Dei via an interlocking race-gender-class analysis that asserts the theological and moral dimensions of their lives in ways that undermine the dominant society's impositions upon them.

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Relevant Religion Series

March 24, 31 and April 7, 2009 West End United Methodist Church 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Annalisa Azzoni Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures Marriage at the Beginning: Marriage in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible

This series will examine different aspects (religious, legal, socio-economic) of marriage through a survey of ancient Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian sources and the relevant sections of the Hebrew Bible. The variety of literary and historical texts will reveal a complex picture of how this "institution" developed at the very beginning of recorded history.

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Antoinette Brown Lecture March 26, 2009 Vanderbilt Divinity School Benton Chapel

Traci C. West Professor of Ethics and African American Studies, Drew University

Lying on Women: Religion, Race, and Intimate Violence in the African Diaspora

The lecture will address intimate violence against women and girls who are often stymied by cultural myths about women's culpability. These myths work together with the lies the perpetrators tell. Christian religious beliefs can add to this problem or offer truth-telling resources that counter it. This lecture will focus on what it means to cross cultural, national, and historical boundaries to identify Christian activist strategies that confront this deceit as well as the violence, especially sexual violence, against women in Africa and America.

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