E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 17 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER March 30, 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 am - 5:00 pm -- 23rd annual Graduate Student Research Symposium Student Life Center (details below)

10:10 am – Community Forum

Common Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

12:00 – 1:00 pm – La Mesa

Common Room

5:30 pm - Dinner and a Movie

Arts Room (details below)

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Relevant Religion, Prof. Annalisa Azzoni

West End United Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, April 1

10:10 am – Weekly Worship Service, "Depending on God and Other People" All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, April 2

7:30 - 9:00 am - CTP Breakfast

Tillett Lounge (details below)

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Happy Hour with the Student Life Team

Mellow Mushroom

5:00 - 7:00 pm - UMSA Colloquy

Ministry with the Poor in a Time of Economic Depression

Reading Room

FRIDAY, April 3

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

8:00 pm - 12:00 midnight - GALA

Reading Room

Just a reminder that each Thursday the Student Life Team will a weekly Happy Hour! In an effort to just get away, have some fun, connect with friends and make some new, we will meet at Mellow Mushroom on Thursdays from 3-5pm for Happy Hour. Divinity students, GDR students, Faculty and Staff are all welcome to come enjoy a little fellowship and frivolity.

Mellow Mushroom Thursday, 3-5pm **EVERYONE** is welcome! Drink specials (and of course non-alcoholic options) Free appetizers!

Come to the Art Room **tomorrow** (**Tuesday**) **night at 5:30pm** for Dinner and a Movie, sponsored by Economic Empowerment Coalition and Ecological Concerns!!

Dinner: Locally/hand-made Tamales!

Movie: The Future of Food! (examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what we eat as huge multinational corporations seek to control the world's food system)

Discussion: GDR PhD Tim Eberhart will help us discuss the issues together!

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.

The 23rd annual Graduate Student Research Symposium (GSRS), will be held on Monday, March 30th from 8:30am-5:30pm in the Student Life Center. For the schedule and additional information, see http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/researchsymposium/ This interdisciplinary conference is sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, and features presentations by the following students from the Divinity School and GDR:

Staff from the Human Rights Campaign will be offering a workshop on Gender Identity and Faith Communities in Nashville this Spring. You'll be hearing more about the workshop in the coming weeks, but for now, I want to be sure that you have the date and time so you can mark it on your calendar and share it with anyone that you think might be interested.

HRC Gender Identity and Faith Community Workshop April 26, 2009 2-5 p.m. Glendale Baptist Church

You can find information about HRC's new curriculum, *Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities: A Congregational Guide for Transgender Advocacy*, and download a copy of it at http://www.hrc.org/issues/religion/11618.htm

The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions

Leadership Development Breakfast

Thursday, April 2, 2009 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m

Guest Speaker: Sawrie Becker, M.S.E.

"To Lead is to Follow"

Behind every great leader is a great follower. Much has been written and discussed about what makes a great leader, but what is the role of the follower when it comes to leadership? Join professional life coach, Sawrie Becker, for an interactive, roundtable discussion that will explore what it takes to be an effective follower, when do we know when we are being called to follow versus lead and what is the role of choice is in our following. Here is an opportunity to become present to how our own leadership capabilities and strengths may be measured by discovering more what our willingness and effectiveness to serve as followers.

Please join us for breakfast with Sawrie in Divinity School's Tillett Lounge from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for non-students. Pre-register: www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership or call our office: 615-343-5447

Link to the SGA google calendar

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

To make 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.