

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 14

10:10 am - Monday Forum - "Marginalia: To The Least of These"

G-27 (details below)

TUESDAY, September 15

12:00 noon - UMSA Lunch
Reading Room

WEDNESDAY, September 16

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service,

All Faith Chapel

3:30 pm - Mosaic Informational Meeting (newly formed interfaith club)

PDR - all Div & GDR students welcome

4:00 - 5:30 pm -- Colloquium on Religious History

Tillett Lounge -- Idit Dobbs-Weinstein from the Philosophy Department and

GDR presenting a paper entitled, "Generation without Corruption: An

Irreducible Tension between Gersonides' Physics and Metaphysics.

THURSDAY, September 17

FRIDAY, September 18

10:10 am – Coffee Hour – Reading Room

12:10 pm – Service of Word and Table

Benton Chapel

3:00 pm – Al's Pub

Reading Room

As we prepare for flu season, please be informed about the symptoms of seasonal flu and H1N1 flu. This information can be found at <http://emergency.vanderbilt.edu/plans/flu/h1n1virus.htm>, along with news about any actions the University is taking to respond to outbreaks.

Beginning Monday, September 14, Room 137 will be available on request to nursing mothers. Please check out a key at the main desk in the administrative suite, where there will be a sign to mount on the door during use of the room. Return the key and the sign to the main desk.

Monday Forum

10:10-11:00AM, Room G-27

September 14 – *Marginalia* – To the Least of These

“Bearing witness to the needs and experiences of the Nashville homeless community”
David Hoch, 2nd year MTS student and Brynn White, 2nd year MDV student

September 21 – Contemplative Pedagogy: meditative modes of inquiry that foster holistic learning (mind, body, soul) and attention

Kat Baker, Assistant Director, Center for Teaching; Senior Lecturer, Religious Studies

October 5 -- Consuela Knox, Senior Associate Director and Diversity Recruiting Manager of MBA Admissions, and Kelly Christie, Director of Academic Programs at Owen, will be hosting an Informational Session regarding our dual degree program with Owen Graduate School of Management. If you are interested in exploring this dual degree program - please attend!

October 26 – Come hear Trevor Hudson, author of [A Mile in My Shoes](#), and a pastor deeply committed to the spiritual care of the people of Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni, just outside Johannesburg.

GABLE Announcements

Safe Zone Training offered by VU's Office of LGBTQI Student Life

VU's Office of LGBTQI Student Life, in conjunction with the Psychological and Counseling Center, is offering a Safe Zone Training this **Wednesday, September 16 from 9-12.**

The Safe Zone Program is designed to create "a visible network of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) individuals and their allies" on campus, and does this through training individuals, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to create safe spaces to discuss LGBTQI issues. The training is free; all that is required is that you sign up.

GABLE highly recommends participating in a Safe Zone training session as a way to live out the Divinity School's commitment against homophobia and heterosexism. Please sign up for the upcoming session using this link:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi/safezone.php>

If you cannot make it this Wednesday, here are other sessions being offered this school year:

Thursday, Oct. 29th, 1:30-4:30pm

Friday, Nov. 13th, 9am-12pm

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 9am-12pm

Thursday, Mar. 25th, 1:30-4:30pm

Religion in the Arts and Contemporary Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School proudly presents *SHORTEST ANSWER--UP OR DOWN: Southern Folk and Outsider Art From the Collection of Robert Hicks*. This exhibition features important works from artists such as Rev. Howard Finster, Jimmie Lee Sudduth, Mose T, and B.F. Perkins. Robert Hicks is the author of the New York Times best-selling book, *The Widow of the South,* and a soon to be released novel*, A Separate Country

The exhibition will run from *September 8 through September 18 *in the Art Room (G-20) on the ground floor of the Divinity School. Gallery hours are 10 AM to 1 PM or by appointment. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

On *Tuesday September 15 from 4-6 PM *there will be a wine and cheese reception in the Art Room. At that time Robert Hicks will give a short gallery talk recounting his relationships with the various artists, and, discussing the works on display. Dulcimer artist, Linda Jane Sack will provide special music. The community is warmly invited.

[Katherine Carroll](#), an assistant professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, will describe her experiences in Iraq during a **Sept. 17** lecture in the [Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center](#).

Carroll's talk, which begins at 4:10 p.m., is titled "**The Green Bubble: My Year in Baghdad as an Embedded Professor.**" The center is located at 2301 Vanderbilt Place.

Carroll was in Iraq from April 2008 through April 2009 as a participant in the Human Terrain Systems Program, a United States military plan that places social scientists with combat brigades in Iraq and Afghanistan. During the talk, she will reflect on her experiences and show slides from her yearlong sabbatical

Religion in the Arts and Contemporary Culture

The Nashville community is warmly invited to a wine and cheese reception to celebrate our fall art exhibition, "Shortest Answer - Up or Down: Southern Folk and Outsider Art From the Collection of Robert Hicks." The exhibition features important works from Rev. Howard Finster, B.F. Perkins, Jimmie Lee Sudduth, Mose T, and others. During the reception, Hicks, the NY Times best-selling author of *Widow of the South*, will give a short gallery talk and discuss his

relationships with the various artists. Dulcimer artist, Linda Jane Sack will provide special music.

The reception is on Tuesday afternoon September 15th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Art Room

**Vanderbilt Divinity School
Community Events and Continuing Education Calendar
Fall 2009**

Community Breakfast October 1, 2009
Vanderbilt Divinity School Reading Room
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Kim Maphis Early
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor for the Practice of Ministry

Becky Eberhart
Director of Admissions and Students Services

The Spiritual Search of Young Adults

Prior to their current work at the Divinity School, Eberhart and Maphis Early worked with 88 church-related colleges and universities across the United States in an initiative funded by Lilly Endowment to encourage young adults to consider their life choices in the context of personal and communal values and faith commitments. During the community breakfast, they will share what they have learned about young adults and their relationships to religious organizations, point to contemporary educational and religious resources for use with adults, and introduce participants to several current Divinity School students whose own sense of vocation was shaped as young adults in the crucible of their undergraduate institutions.

Relevant Religion Series October 6, 13, 20, 2009
Belmont United Methodist Church
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Joe Pennel
Professor of the Practice of Leadership

The Art of Caring for Those Who Suffer

This series will explore practical suggestions for those who care enough to walk alongside those who are traveling the winding path of suffering. It will also provide help for understanding the different responses individuals can have to suffering and address common questions about God during such an experience.

Cole Lectures October 15 & 16, 2009

Vanderbilt Divinity School
Benton Chapel
7:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

"Seeking First the Kingdom: The Nashville Story, 1958-1962"

Friday, October 15, 2009, 10:00 A.M.

"Unfettering Jesus"

The Reverend Doctor James M. Lawson Jr., D'60

Community Breakfast November 19, 2009

Vanderbilt Divinity School Refectory

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

M. Douglas Meeks

The Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies and Theology

Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise: Worship in the Anglican and Wesleyan Tradition

In May 2009, as they have done every other year since 1999, Prof. Douglas Meeks and writer Blair Gilmer Meeks took Divinity School students to England to study Anglican and Methodist Worship and Spirituality. The students find gracious hospitality for their stay at Sarum College in the Close of Salisbury Cathedral. The immersion experience includes visitation of important historical sites in Bristol, Oxford, and London.

This breakfast presentation will introduce you to the historical settings and rich experiences of the trip. Four students will also talk about their experiences from their various viewpoints. Students come home with a new interest in the roots of our worship practices and a renewed sense of calling as pastors and worship leaders. The blending of time for spiritual reflection, opportunities for communal worship, and a connection to the rich history of worship (starting with the beginnings of modern Western liturgy in the twelfth century at Old Sarum) offers unique possibilities for growth. One student remarked, "My understanding of worship will never be the same; my life has changed."

[Eco Concerns Announcements](#)

Hope your week's have gone well! Here are a few of Eco-concerns' upcoming events.

Saturday, September 12 Hiking in Radnor Lake State Park
Saturday, 10:00-1:00
Meet in the Div School Common Room, and we'll car pool

Dinner and a Movie

Monday, September 14, 5:00 G-23

Meet in the Div School Common Room, and we'll direct you to the proper classroom. The Movie is Kilowatt Ours, a nationally acclaimed, but locally produced documentary by a Nashvillian couple who went carbon neutral. Along the way Jeff Barrie (carbon neutral guy) explains the nation's energy situation and gives some really good information on reducing our personal and communal carbon footprints.

Gardening

Saturday, October 3

East Nashville Cooperative Ministry, Inglewood.

We'll be preparing soil for the first year of this new garden and eating lunch together.

More details to come

September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th from noon-2pm in the Warren Penn Center. For our first meeting we will be reading selections from *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*, ed. Cherrie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldua. At the moment we are looking at discussing the following selections but welcome suggestions from the group. For those who do not have a copy, we will be putting up the selections on our OAK site. If you would like to be added to the OAK site, as well as receive updates on our meeting, please e-mail andrea.l.tucker@vanderbilt.edu or natalie.p.cisneros@vanderbilt.edu.

Intro, 1981, Moraga

The Bridge Poem, Kate Rushin

For the Color of My Mother, Moraga

La Guera, Moraga

Open Letter to Mary Daly, Audre Lorde

Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House, Audre Lorde

Across the Kitchen Table, Barbara Smith and Beverly Smith

Lesbianism: An Act of Resistance, Cheryl Clarke

A Black Feminist Statement, Combahee River Collective

Chicana Feminist Literature, Norma Alarcon
La Prieta, Gloria Anzaldua

“Society of King Charles the Martyr” to Meet

An organizational meeting to form a chapter of the Society of King Charles the Martyr in the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 11:00 AM at St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, 419 Woodland Street, Nashville.

Interested persons are invited to attend and learn about this Anglican devotional society. The Society is dedicated to remembering King Charles I of England who died for the faith in defending the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Episcopacy.

For more information contact Greg Smith at (615) 310-4765 or by email:
gregsmithdtm@charter.net

For directions to St. Ann’s Church visit www.stannsnashville.org

“The Opportunity for Entrepreneurial Ministry Outside Church Structures” a conversation with The Reverend Doctor Ray Dykes, MDiv’70, DMin’73

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, Tillett Lounge

Join The Reverend Dr. Ray Dykes, MDiv ’70, DMin ’73, for a conversation on how you can fulfill your call to ministry without the support of the institution. Learn that you *can* have an exciting, wonderful pastoral ministry of loving, teaching, counseling, nurturing and caring for people, and make a better than average salary. If your vision of ministry doesn’t include church administration, committee meetings, budgets, building campaigns, staff relationships, church

roll administration, and weekly sermon preparation, Dr. Dykes will show through his experience that there is an alternative journey for ministry.

The Reverend Dr. Ray Dykes received a Master of Divinity degree in 1970, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1973 from the Vanderbilt Divinity School. He is the originator, president, and the first Personal Pastor of the Personal Pastor Program. The program provides pastoral services to unchurched households. He is the author of several books including *Mark, Matthew and Luke As You've Never Seen Them Before: a theoretical history of the writing of the Synoptic Gospels*, and *Personal Faith with a Passion: how to know what you really believe*. Ray served within the Presbyterian Church as pastor and as a denominational leader. In 1994, he began his current ministry.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Please send information to be included in the weekly E-Communicator to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by Thursday afternoon of each week.