# E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 01 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER September 7, 2007

WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, September 10

12:00 noon Dean's Lunch Tillett Lounge

## **TUESDAY**, September 11

## WEDNESDAY, September 12

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

## **THURSDAY**, September 13

## FRIDAY, September 14

10:10 Coffee Hour - Common Room

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PRESENTE: The effort to close the School of the Americas (WHINSEC) continues. Folk will gather on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Don and Judy Beisswenger at 7:00 p.m. to consider the issues, especially the gathering at Ft. Benning the weekend before Thanksgiving, Nov 16-18. Copies of Presente, the newsletter describing recent happenings around this event, are on the table in the sanctuary. An interesting video made by high school students in California will be shown entitled Cross the Line: Journey to Awareness. A letter saying more about this will be found on the bulletin board. Call Don Beisswenger if you have questions. 269-7980.

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Need to shred a few confidential items from time to time? The Divinity Library has a locked Shred It! container.

Shred It! picks up the items to be shredded from the locked container and provides the library with proof of shredding.

Carl Smith, Senior Lecturer in Music Theory at the Blair School of Music, will lead a narrated showing of the award winning film "Brokeback Mountain," comparing themes in the movie to themes in Scripture and in classic Greek epics, especially Homer's Aeneid.

Smith's announcement of the lecture describes his presentation: "A composer examines the symbolism, iconography, metaphor, and mythology in Ang Lee's film of the story by Annie Proulx, with screenplay by Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossrnm. The evening will

include a narrated showing of this powerful contemporary work of cinematic art, highlighting its extraordinary religious and mythological subtexts."

The lecture will take place in the Sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church, 3511 Belmont Boulevard, on Sunday, October 14, beginning at 7 p.m. The showing is free to the public.

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Job Opportunity

There is a family in Brentwood seeking a dependable person for approximately 5-8 mornings per month (6:30-8:30 a.m.) when the father is out of town. This person would need to arrive at the home at 6:30 a.m. when the mother leaves for work. He or she will help get the 3 children (ages 6, 7, and 8) ready for school and take them to school (approximately 5 min from the home). They are willing to pay \$10 per hour. Please call 775-1088 if interested.

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SECSOR stands for the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. It is comprised of the southeastern regional groups of the American Academy of Religion (AAR/SE), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL/SE), and the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR/SE) which covers the study of Near Eastern culture.

This year SECSOR's theme is "Religion, Healing, and Public Health." This regional meeting will be located in Atlanta, Georgia at the Marriott Century Center and held from March 7-9, 2008.

The Call for Papers/Proposals DEADLINE is OCTOBER 1, 2007. You can go directly to the website: <a href="www.secsor.appstate.edu">www.secsor.appstate.edu</a> or through the AAR website: <a href="www.aarweb.org">www.aarweb.org</a> as well as the SBL website: <a href="www.sbl-site.org/default.aspx">www.sbl-site.org/default.aspx</a> for more information.

The plenary speaker for next year's meeting is Professor Musa Dube of the University of Botswana who teaches Biblical studies with a focus on post-colonial feminist interpretations of the Bible and has taught courses on reading the Bible in the context of HIV/AIDS.

Please consider submitting a proposal (1-2 pages) or even a paper that you are in the midst of writing or have written on the topic, "Religion, Healing, and Public Health." Regional meetings tend to be very student friendly! :~) Contact me with questions, Nichole Phillips, nichole.r.phillips@vanderbilt.edu

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Folks – share your announcements!! Email your announcements to <a href="mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu">sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu</a> by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, and they will be placed in the weekly E-Communicator