

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 24

TUESDAY, September 25

12:00 noon So you Want to be a Ph.D.?

G-23 (details below)

Relevant Religion Series (information below)

WEDNESDAY, September 26

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

11:30 Community Meal

Common Room

THURSDAY, September 27

4:00 p.m. Installation of Professor Ellen Armour as the

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Feminist Theology

Benton Chapel (information below)

FRIDAY, September 28

10:10 Coffee Hour - Common Room

All Divinity School and GDR faculty and students are invited to attend the installation of Ellen Armour, as the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Feminist Theology. Professor Armour's speech is entitled "Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve? Theology, Theory and the Debate over Homosexuality"

Where/When: Benton Chapel, September 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following in Tillett Lounge, 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Please RSVP to Carrie Pichler at 322-4205 or caroline.m.pichler@vanderbilt.edu

Colleagues:

So You Want To Be a PHD?

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Room G-23

September 25, 2007

12:00 noon (Bring your own Lunch)
Sponsored by Black Seminarians

If you are interested in learning more about getting a doctorate in Religion and getting funded to do so, please come out to this important meeting. Matthew Williams, a Recruiter and Doctoral Programs Associate for the Fund for Theological Education will be on campus to answer any of your questions about the doctoral process, funding, etc.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Wednesday, September 26th from 11:30am-1pm

Common Room

The menu is:

Vegetable Lasagna

Meat Lasagna

Fresh Fruit Salad

Toss Salad /Fat Free Italian Dressing & Ranch

Assorted Cookies

Hot Fudge Cake

Lemonade

SERVING BEYOND YOURSELF!

Ch. Maj. David Sumrall will be on campus on Friday, September 28, 2007, in the Common Room of the Divinity School from 9-2pm.

If you have any interest or questions regarding serving as a Chaplain in the Air Force Reserve please stop by or contact him at 478-396-2968 or David.Sumrall@afrc.af.mil

FALL 2007 FORUM ON VOCATION

PROFESSOR HERBERT MARBURY

Monday, Sept. 24, 10:10 a.m.

Tillett Lounge

"Why I Do What I Do"

A Series of Faculty-Student

Conversations on Vocation

¡Ven a la mesa! Come join us at Spanish Table on Fridays from 12-1:30 in the refectory. Come to practice your Spanish and join in fellowship together. Look for the purple "La Mesa" signs on the table (or just listen for Spanish). Questions?

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School Relevant Religion Series
September 25, October 2, and October 9, 2007, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

"Worship(ing) in the Converging Church"

Robin M. Jensen, Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art and
Worship & John S. McClure, Charles G. Finney Professor of Homiletics, Chair of the
Graduate Department of Religion, and Fellow in the Center for the Study of Religion
and Culture

Protestant worship has been in transition for half a millennium. Ministers, preachers,
lay leaders, worship teams, musicians, and artists all try to address the perceived (and
sometimes contradictory) needs for renewal, contemporaneity, identity, doctrinal
coherence, and cultural relevance. This set of workshops will explore new worship
styles and the questions of tradition, retrieval, evangelism, and pluralism in our
planning for worship of the future.

Location

Second Presbyterian Church
3511 Belmont Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37215

Information and Online Registration

www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html

(615) 936-8453

*This event is free for students. Please respond to this e-mail if you would like to attend
the series.*

Learn how to use the ATLA Religion Database . . .

- . . . to find articles, book chapters, and book reviews
- . . . to locate materials on specific scriptural texts
- . . . to make the task of research more efficient and effective

Session dates and times:

Wednesday, September 26, 2007: 10 – 11 am

Friday, September 28, 2007: 11 am - noon

Monday, October 1, 2007: 3 - 4 pm

Thursday, October 4, 2007: noon - 1 pm

(All sessions in the Divinity Library, Room 221. No reservations required.)

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: www.secsor.appstate.edu or through the AAR website: www.aarweb.org as well as the SBL website: www.sbl-site.org/default.aspx 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

AAR Southeast Region

Announcing:

New Islam Panel at the AAR/ SE

At the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the AAR in 2007, a new Islam panel was established. This marked a significant step toward raising the profile of the study of Islam in our region. We would like to make the first year of the new Islam panel as successful as possible. We invite faculty and

students to submit papers and/ or attend the conference. We look forward to seeing you in March. The call for papers is below:

Islam (3 open sessions and 2 joint sessions)

This new section was approved in 2007. Themes: Proposals on all topics will be considered, but the following themes are especially invited: (1) A joint session with Women and Religion on "Gender and Islam" (2) A joint session with Academic Study of Religion and Pedagogy on "Teaching Islam post 9/11" (3) Islam in the West (4) Islam and Modernity (5) Islamic Mysticism (6) Topics in Islamic History. Submit a copy of your proposal by October 1 to co-chairs, Julianne Hammer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, jhammer@uncc.edu, and Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech, rmscott@vt.edu

The AAR's physical address:
825 Houston Mill RD NE STE 300
Atlanta, GA 30329-4205

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