

**E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 14**  
**VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2007**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, January 29**

10:10 Spiritualities Forum – Patout Burns  
Tillett Lounge  
12:00 noon Dean’s Lunch  
Tillett Lounge  
7:00 pm Relevant Religion Series – Herbert Marbury  
Scarritt Bennett

**TUESDAY, January 30**

11:13 a.m. – noon UMSA Worship Service  
All Faith Chapel  
12:00 noon “So You Want to be a Pastor” Joe Pennel  
PDR (details below)  
12:30 Ecumenical mid-day prayer  
Benton Chapel  
12:45 pm GABLE Planning Meeting  
Common Room

**WEDNESDAY, January 31**

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service  
All Faith Chapel  
11:30 Community Meal  
Common Room  
Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies  
Vanderbilt Divinity School (details below)

**THURSDAY, February 1**

Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies  
Vanderbilt Divinity School (details below)

Job: Contest in Contexts

Thursday, February 1 - Friday, February 2, 2007

Tillet Lounge

Vanderbilt Divinity School

**FRIDAY, February 2**

Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies  
Vanderbilt Divinity School (details below)

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour

Common Room

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Tax Prep assistance for families earning less than \$40,000 in 2006

Easley Community Center

1000 Edgehill Avenue

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>

Tues/Thurs 5-8 pm

Sat 10-2 pm

Sponsored by The Vanderbilt University Office of Community, Neighborhood and Government Relations

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Want to Learn Spanish

Contact Emily Snyder at [emily.k.snyder@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:emily.k.snyder@vanderbilt.edu)

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Clergy Breakfast - Immigration Conversation

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel

February 28<sup>th</sup>

Must RSVP - no walk-ins

Contact Emily Snyder at [emily.k.snyder@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:emily.k.snyder@vanderbilt.edu)

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Office of Women's Concerns

Coming Up:

Feb 21: "Voices: articulating through vocabulary and language"

March 21: "Voices: Instructing"

April 18: "Voices: In action"

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"So You Want to be a Pastor of a Congregation..."

Professor Joe Pennel, a pastor for forty-two years, will lead a discussion of the factors you might want to consider before entering the pastoral life.

The insight about what it is like to be the pastor of a congregation will apply to a wide variety of faith traditions.

Bring your lunch to the Private Dining Room on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon to hear Professor Pennel speak about this topic.

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V-DAY- Until the Violence Stops

On Feb. 11, 13, 14 at 7:00pm there will be a benefit performance of the

Vagina Monologues in Sarratt Theatre. This is part of the V-DAY campaign to stop the continuing violence against women both here and abroad. All of the proceeds go to the Nashville chapter of Amnesty International and will be used specifically for their program focused on violence against women.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Sarratt box office or can be placed on Will Call through Lyndsey Godwin. (937.441.0605-[lyndsey.g.godwin@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lyndsey.g.godwin@vanderbilt.edu)). Please direct any questions her way.

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**Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies  
Vanderbilt Divinity School**

**Presents**

**National Black Church Studies Consultation:**

***Preparing Prophets and Priests for the Black Church Tradition***

**January 31 - February 2, 2007**

**"Preparing Prophets and Priests for the Black Church Tradition in the Twenty-First Century" is the theme for this consultation which will involve the participation of Black Church Studies Programs directors, scholars, students, and black church leaders in an effort to establish a national forum and network for dialogue regarding contemporary challenges of theological education and the ministry of black churches. Vanderbilt's Kelly Miller Smith Institute is pleased to continue this important conservation as we seek to discover theological methods and models that yield effective theological education and liberation ministry for black churches.**

***Consultation Schedule***

***The conference is free and open to the public.***

***For More Information Contact:***

***Sha'Tika Brown***

***(615) 936-8453***

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Relevant Religion Series

**January 29, February 5, 12, and 19, 2007, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**"Situating the Self: Finding A Common Horizon"**

**Herbert R. Marbury, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible**

Over the last two decades, African American and other voices have joined the conversation in biblical interpretation with increasing volume. As these voices raise questions of equity from their own social locations, they oftentimes find themselves in opposition to more established and accepted interpretive traditions. This four-part seminar will explore some key interpretations from other(ed) voices to appraise what value they have for the life of the Church and the work of the Academy.

Location

Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Laskey Building  
1008 19th Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37212

Information and Online Registration

[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel\\_religion.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html)

<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/programs/calendar.aspx>

(615) 936-8453

Cost

\$50 per person

CEUs available

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We are pleased to invite you to  
the 2nd Biennial Vanderbilt Graduate Symposium in Hebrew Bible

"Job: Contest in Contexts"

Thursday, February 1 - Friday, February 2, 2007

Tillet Lounge

Vanderbilt Divinity School

A symposium to examine the Book of Job  
and the notions of suffering and theodicy  
from a variety of religious and cultural perspectives

Thursday, Feb. 1

4:00-4:45 Richard King (Vanderbilt University)

"Theodicy in Comparative Perspective: Some Reflections from Asia"

5:00 Reception

Friday, Feb. 2

9:30-10:00 Breakfast

10:00-11:00 Justin Harkins and Linzie Treadway (Graduate Students,  
Vanderbilt University)

"Overview of the Book of Job"

11:00-12:00 Carol Newsom (Emory University)

"Job in an Ancient Near Eastern Context"

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Choon-Leong Seow (Princeton Theological Seminary)  
"Job in Early Jewish Interpretation"

2:30-3:15 Lenn Goodman (Vanderbilt University)  
"The Predicament of Job: Muslim and Jewish Readings"

3:15-4:15 Discussion

RSVP by Tuesday, January 30 if you plan on attending lunch to either  
[ellen.r.lerner@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ellen.r.lerner@vanderbilt.edu) or [christopher.t.paris@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:christopher.t.paris@vanderbilt.edu).

For more information, contact Ellen Lerner or Chris Paris at the email  
addresses above.

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**Ignorance is Not Bliss:  
Violence Against Women and What  
Ministers Need to Know**

**Friday, February 9, 2007**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presentations and Discussion, G-23**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Reception, Tillett Lounge**

**An afternoon of exploring such questions as:**

- What sort of world-view deems violence against women acceptable?
- How does religion contribute to that world-view?
- How might religion challenge that world-view?
- How do we care for victims of violence?
- How do we preach about this issue?

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Brad Braxton**, Associate Professor of Homiletics and New Testament

**Dr. Amy-Jill Levine**, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament

**Dr. Linda Manning**, Director of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center

**Dr. Barbara McClure**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology

**Dr. John McClure**, Charles G. Finney Professor of Homiletics, Chair of the Graduate  
Department of Religion, Fellow in the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

*Sponsored by the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality*

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Ordinary Heroes - an original play created by Amun Ra Theatre and Actors Bridge Ensemble  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 6:00 P.m.

Fisk Memorial Chapel

Tickets available at [ordinaryheroesplay.com](http://ordinaryheroesplay.com)

Or call 615 341-0300

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Project Safe Calendar of Events  
January - February 2007

"Nightmare on Stalker Street"

What: Presentation by stalking victim and survivor Amy Hillman. Amy will tell her own story and offer information and statistics on stalking

When: January 30th @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Wilson 115

For more information or directions to the event please contact

[kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu)

"V-DAY: Until the Violence Stops"

What: Documentary film highlighting the rise of V-DAY and The Vagina Monologues around the world!

When: February 6th @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Furman 114

For more information or directions to the event please contact

[kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu)

The 2007 College Campaign Production of The Vagina Monologues

What: Eve Ensler's award winning play ([www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org) <<http://www.vday.org/>> ). All proceeds benefit a local organization working to stop violence against women.

When: February 11, 13, & 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sarratt Cinema

Tickets: Tickets may be purchased for \$12.00 at the Sarratt Cinema box office (Vandy Card, Cash, or Check) or by will call at 322-1333.

For more information please contact [vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu) or

[kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu)

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GALA - March 23 - Save the Date

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If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to [sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu) All information must be received by noon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.