# E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 08 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 24, 2005

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, October 24

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Relevant Religion Series – Ted Smith Scarritt Bennett (info below)

# TUESDAY, October 25

# WEDNESDAY, October 26

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service with Ted Smith All Faith Chapel2:10 - 3:00 Library Database Open House Electronic Classroom

### **THURSDAY, October 27**

## FRIDAY, October 28

8:30-11:30am VDS-GDR Volunteers at Second Harvest Contact <u>ipsita.chatterjea@Vanderbilt.Edu</u> for carpool info.

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee

Commons Room

12:00 – 1:00 Mind the Gap Lunch Private Dining Room

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Lunch with Faculty

If you are interested in having (free) lunch with a professor, please drop by the dean's office and sign up at the receptionist's desk. The following professors still have available slots for you to join them.

Dr. Azzoni Monday, October 31 12 noon-1 PM Tillett Lounge

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Dr. Azzoni Monday, December 5 12 noon-1 PM Tillett Lounge Dr. Knight Wednesday, November 2 12:10-1 PM Tillett Lounge

Dr. McClure Wednesday, October 26 12 noon-1 PM Tillett Lounge

Dr. Thatamanil Wednesday, November 30 12 noon-1 PM Tillett Lounge

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MIND THE GAP is a series of lunchtime conversations (bring your own lunch), sponsored by the Field Education office, which focus on issues related to the practice of ministry in its many and wonderful variations. Mindful of the "gap" that often exists between academy, church and community, these lunches provide an opportunity for collegiality and dialogue around issues of common interest.

The first MIND THE GAP lunch is scheduled for Friday, October 28 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room. Our guests will be Rev. Sunny Buchanan Associate Minister at First Christian Church in Livingston, TN, and Rev. Vincent Campbell, Pastor at Kayne Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville. They will reflect on the topic: "My First Year of Ministry after Divinity School: What Nobody Told Me and What I Now Know."

Please bring your own lunch and join us for what is sure to be a lively discussion.

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# Center for the Study of Religion and Culture October Events in Buttrick Hall

Thursday, 10/27, 4-5:30pm,123 Buttrick Hall, the CSRC hosts a panel discussion touching upon the recent Intelligent Design controversies. The panel, *Critical Inquiry and Religious Belief: Science, Religion, and the Mission of Higher Education,* is co-hosted by the Faculty Senate and the Metanexus Templeton Research Lectures program at Vanderbilt. Rev. Edward A. Malloy, President Emeritus, Notre Dame, and member of Vanderbilt's Board of Trust, will be a featured guest panelist. Other panelists: Lenn Goodman (Philosophy), Senta Green (Physics), Douglas Knight (Hebrew Bible), Wallace LeStourgeon (Molecular Biology). John McCarthy (German), Chair of Faculty Senate will moderate. Reception to follow in the Buttrick Atrium.

Friday, 10/28, 3-4:30pm, 123 Buttrick Hall, CSRC Fellow Professor Ted Fischer (Anthropology, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies) will give a lecture sponsored by the CSRC Project in Religion and Economy. The title of Professor Fischer's talk is *The Limits of Self-Interest: Capitalist Vernaculars and Economic Moralities in Guatemala, Germany, and the United States*. Dr. Fischer is the author of *Cultural Logics and Global Economies* and *Broccoli and Desire: Global Connections and Maya Struggles in Post-War Guatemala* (forthcoming, Stanford U. Press). The Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies is the co-sponsor of this

talk. Professors James Foster (Economics) and Douglas Meeks (Theology) direct the CSRC project in Religion and Economy. Wine and cheese will be served.

These events are open to the public. For more information contact the CSRC office at 322-8910, visit our website at <a href="www.vanderbilt.edu/csrc">www.vanderbilt.edu/csrc</a>, or email the Assistant to the Directors, barbara.r.kaeser@vanderbilt.edu.

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Relevant Religion Series
October 17, 24, and 31, 2005
6:30-8:30 p.m.
1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN
"Reviving Democracy: Religion, Politics, and the Practice of Hope"

With Ted Smith, Director of the Program in Theology and Practice and Assistant Professor of Ethics and Preaching. This series of seminars will explore the complex relationships between religions and democracy in the United States.

Location: 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN Co-sponsored by Scarritt-Bennett Center For more information and to register online: www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity 615-340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org
Cost \$50 per person CEU's available

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The library will be holding another database open house on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 from 2:10-3 pm in the Electronic Classroom. The topic for this month's open house will be "Beyond ATLA...Other Databases for Religious Studies." The session will focus on some of the religion databases available in the library's collection that you may not know about, including

Ebsco Religion & Philosophy Collection
Index Theologicus
Infotrac Religion & Philosophy Database
Religious & Theological Abstracts
Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses, Elenchus Bibliographicus

The Divinity Library's Database Open Houses are monthly events open

to all Divinity and GDR students, faculty and staff. While a particular database or group of databases will be the focus each month, these are "open houses" in the sense that questions on any of the library's databases are welcome. If you have a particular question or topic you'd like to see covered, send it in advance to <a href="mailto:amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu">amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu</a>.

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**Holocaust Lecture Series** 

Holocaust series at an American university, will examine genocides throughout the world through films, lectures and conversations starting October 9 and continuing with events up through November 14.

Now in its 28th year, the theme for this year's series is "Legacies: Remembering, Forgetting, Reconciling" with discussions focusing on the Holocaust, Rwanda and Sudan.

The first events of the 28th Annual Vanderbilt University Holocaust Lecture Series "Legacies: Remembering, Forgetting, Reconciling" are:

# Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Film and Discussion, Sarratt Cinema

Secret Lives: Hidden Children and their Rescuers During World War II (2003, USA)

Director Aviva Slesin will take questions following film

Secret Lives tells the complex and emotional story of a number of Jewish children who were saved from the Nazis by non-Jews who, at great personal risk, took them into their homes as an extraordinary act of human decency. Whether hidden for months or years, the experience affected both the hidden children and their rescuers and is the focus of this documentary film written, produced and directed by Academy Award winner Aviva Slesin, herself a former hidden child from Lithuania. Slesin will take questions after the screening. Cosponsored by the Sarratt Film Committee. Secret Lives tells the complex and emotional story of a number of Jewish children who were saved from the Nazis by non-Jews who, at great personal risk, took them into their homes as an extraordinary act of human decency. Whether hidden for months or years, the experience affected both the hidden children and their rescuers and is the focus of this documentary film written, produced and directed by Academy Award winner Aviva Slesin, herself a former hidden child from Lithuania. Slesin will take questions after the screening. Cosponsored by the Sarratt Film Committee.

#### Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

Film and Discussion, Sarratt Cinema

Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance after the Holocaust (2004, USA)

Directed by Menachem Daum and Oren Rudavsky

Discussion moderated by Rabbi Saul Strosberg

This award-winning documentary recounts the remarkable journey of filmmaker Menachem Daum, Orthodox Jew and child of Holocaust survivors, who travels with his wife Rifka and their two ultra-Orthodox sons to Poland to try to find the Christian farmers who hid his wife's father from the Nazis. Daum hopes that by encountering these seemingly unlikely exemplars of decency that they will recognize, as does he, that all humanity, Jew and Gentile, has the potential for goodness. A discussion moderated by Rabbi Strosberg follows the film. Cosponsored by Sarratt Film Committee.

# Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Lecture, Law School Renaissance room

An Uncommon Friendship: From Opposite Sides of the Holocaust Bernat Rosner and Frederic Tubach with introduction by Sally Tubach Bernie Rosner, a Hungarian Jew, survived the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II, before eventually being adopted by an American soldier and moving to the United States. Fritz Tubach was the son of a German army soldier and member of the Nazi Youth Movement. In their poignant memoir, ?An Uncommon Friendship: From Opposite Sides of the Holocaust?, they tell how they became friends and how their friendship forced each of them to come to terms with his past. Co-author Sally Tubach Ph. D., wife of Fritz Tubach, will introduce the program.

# Sunday-Saturday, November 6-12

The Irvin and Elizabeth Limor Educational Outreach Program of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission

# 5th Annual Nashville Jewish Film Festival

In 2005, this conference designed for secondary school teachers and mature high school students turns its focus to Jewish children hidden by non-Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe and the courageous people who sheltered them at great risk to their own lives. It explores the emotional connections that flowered between hidden children and those who offered them refuge during the war years and what happened once peace was established. For registration information call or contact the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, Inc., 2417 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37240; telephone: (615) 343-2563 or 343-1171; e-mail: tnholcom@vanderbilt.edu

#### Monday, November 14, 6 p.m.

Sarratt Cinema

Film with panel discussion

## "Lost Boys of Sudan"

Reception following at the Bishop Johnson Black Cultural Center

The Nashville Jewish Film Festival will celebrate its fifth anniversary at the Belcourt Theatre in Hillsboro Village, November 6-12, 2005. These films highlight the history, heritage, and culture of the Jewish experience and include the Kathryn H. Gutow Student Film Competition, a panel of experts discussing the Berlin Jewish Museum, and several invited guests, including filmmakers and directors. For more information, call 356-1322, or visit the Web site at www.nashvillejff.org.

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The Nashville School of the America's Watch group will gather on October 18th, 6:30 PM at the Peace and Justice Center (across from Scarritt) to continue panning for the vigil at Ft. Benning, in Columbus, Ga. on Nov. 19-20. The effort to close the SOA will continue with the two day vigil, including song, and sharing, puppets, and the reading of the names of persons killed by graduates of the SOA over the years. VDS students and faculty are invited to attend For more information call Prof. Beisswenger, 269-7980

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# Job Opportunity

Positions available at the Campus for Human Development: two weekend positions at the Campus. The positions involve working with people who are homeless during the weekends. The shifts last 10 hours on Saturday and Sunday, and the rate of pay is about \$10 per hour. Ideally, the candidates would need to be fairly assertive and easy-going. We might be able to split the shifts if needed. Contact Mary Wilder at <a href="MaryWilder@chd-nashville.org">MaryWilder@chd-nashville.org</a>.

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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 All information must be received by noon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.