E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 12 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER February 6, 2006

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 6

10:10 Monday Forum - Conversation with the Deans Commons Room
12:00 UMSA - Worship Service All Faith Chapel

5:00 p.m. Black Seminarians Reception Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

TUESDAY, February 7

WEDNESDAY, February 8

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service All Faith Chapel11L30-1:00 UMSA Lunch with Taylor Burton Edwards Private Dining Room

THURSDAY, February 9

FRIDAY, February 10

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee Commons Room
12:30 P&P Meeting Tillett Lounge
2:10 p.m. Faculty Meeting Private Dining Room
2:15 Carpenter Program presents Dr. Sahye Cohen G-23

You are cordially invited to Black History NOW - A reception honoring those who are making black history now in the Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion Date: Monday February 6 Time: 5 - 8 pm Venue: The Auditorium at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center next to Rand/student center, behind Buttrick)

We will be honoring: Dr. Victor Anderson Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin Dr. Brad R. Braxton Dr. Dennis Dickerson Dr. Forrest E. Harris Dr. Herbert Marbury Dr. Linda E. Thomas

Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Upcoming Events

Dr. Shaye Cohen, Harvard Divinity School February 10, 2006 2:15 p.m. Room G-23 Lecture Title: Are Women in the Covenant? Circumcision and Brit in Judaism

Dr. James Alison

February 23, 2006 7:00 p.m. Room G-23

Lecture Title: Original Sin and the Possibility of Learning: Towards a Properly Theological Understanding of Natural Law

Dr. Alison will attempt to make the case for how a strong understanding of Original Sin, understood backwards from Christ's Resurrection, makes it possible for us to develop a properly theological understanding of Natural Law as our normal way of grasping the link between Creation and the New Creation

February 24, 2006 (Brown Bag Lunch) 12:00 p.m. G-23

Lecture Title: Ecclesial Learning and the Gay Question: Notes on the Process of Discovering Ourselves as Having Got Something Wrong

Dr. Alison will apply some of what he has talked about in the previous lecture to contemporary Church discussion about matters gay and how we might agree on ecclesial processes of talking.

The Divinity Library presents BIBLEWORKS TRAINING

Two introductory sessions taught by a representative from BibleWorks will be held Monday, February 13, 2006 8 am - 11 am and 1 pm - 4 pm Electronic Classroom (across the hall from the Divinity Library)

This training normally costs \$25 but the Divinity Library will be covering the costs for all GDR and Divinity students who sign up.

To register or for further information, contact Amy Limpitlaw at <u>amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu</u>.

You MUST register in advance in order to attend one of these sessions.

KMSI Events

- Black Church and Public Policy Conference April 4-6, 2006 Nashville, TN

KMSI is co-sponsoring, with the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, a Black Church Studies Consultation on January 31 - February 3, 2006. Directors of Black Church Studies programs across the country will be in dialogue about the future of Black Church Studies and the academy. This consultation was initiated last year at the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Community and black church leaders will be in dialogue with Vanderbilt University professors during the Black Church and Public Policy Conference on April 4-6, 2006. Participants include the following:

Governor Phil Bredesen, Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., Commissioner Kenneth Robinson, Professor Victor Anderson, Professor Brad Braxton, Professor Herbert Marbury, Professor Dennis Dickerson, Professor Lewis Baldwin

I invite you to participate in each of these events. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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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 Friday for the following week's E-Communicator.