# E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 14 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER February 20, 2006

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, February 20

12:00 noon Academic Programs Tillett Lounge12:15 UMSA – Worship Service All Faith Chapel

8:00 p.m. Vanderbilt's Interfaith Council Presents: "Forbidden Images & Free Press" (more info below) Wilson 103

# **TUESDAY**, February 21

### WEDNESDAY, February 22

- 8:00 10:00 a.m. Admissions Committee Meeting Tillett Lounge
- 10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service All Faith Chapel
- 3:10 5:00 First Year Colloquy G-23

## THURSDAY, February 23

7:30 a.m. Community Breakfast with Professor Herbert Marbury Refectory (more info below)

- 12:10 1:00 p.m. Cal Turner Program Faculty Discussion Private Dining Room (more info below)
- 7:00 p.m. Carpenter Program presents Dr. James Alison G-23 (more info below)

## FRIDAY, February 24

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee Commons Room
12:00 Carpenter Program presents Dr. James Alison G-23

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8:00 p.m. Monday, February 20
Wilson 103
Vanderbilt's Interfaith Council Presents: "Forbidden Images & Free Press" John Seigenthaler, First Amendment Center
Dr. Awadh Binhazim, Adjunct Professor, Islamic Studies
Bruce Barry, Board President, Tennessee Chapter of the ACLU Tom McCoy, Professor, Vanderbilt Law School

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The Cal Turner Program is pleased to invite you to the following faculty discussion:

"The Centrality of Religion and Spirituality in the Teaching of Cultural Competency for Graduate Professional Schools"

The religious and spiritual aspects of cultural competence/sensitivity for graduate professional education will be addressed. Audience interaction is encouraged as examples, case studies, and research materials are shared.

Discussion Leader: Margaret Tarpley, School of Medicine

Date: February 23, 2006, 12:10-1:00 pm

Location: Private Dining Room, Divinity School (Room 129)

Lunch will be provided. Please make reservations.

These discussions are designed to bring together faculty from different professional schools to address issues that cut across the professions. These events provide the opportunity for faculty to learn about a range of moral and ethical issues that face the professions, including their own.

For more information, or to make reservations, please visit our website at <<u>http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral\_leadership/eventfac.htm</u>>> and click on the "Register" button. You may also call the CTP office at 343-5447.

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Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Upcoming Events

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.

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Community Breakfast with Professor Herbert R. Marbury "African American Biblical Hermeneutics: Discourses in Resistance" Thursday, February 23, 2006 7:30 a.m. The Refectory RSVP 936-8453 or register online at www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity (click "Events")

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Templeton Research Lectures Neglect and Dedication: The Dynamics of Ancient Religious Markets

A Series of Four Lectures by Professor Rodney Stark, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Baylor University

Tuesday, February 14	Introduction: The Market Approach to Understanding Religion
Tuesday, February 28	Subsidized Religions: 6000 Years of Negligence and Laxity
Tuesday, March 14	Religious Competition and Roman Piety
Tuesday, March 28	Christian Establishments and the Neglect of Faith

Lectures begin at 6:00 pm, Reception 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Vanderbilt Student Life Center, 310 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Parking is free after 5:00 pm Use the Highland Street entrance ONLY of the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Garage

Lectures Free and Open to the Public

For complete details visit our website at:

## www.vanderbilt.edu/csrc/trl

For more information, call the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture: 615.322.8910 Email: <u>csrc@vanderbilt.edu</u>

The Templeton Research Lectures are presented by the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture at Vanderbilt University

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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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Dear Vanderbilt Class of 2006:

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<<u>http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/heard/info/jobs.shtml</u>>

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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.