# E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 15 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER February 27, 2006

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, February 27

Noon-1:00 Dean's Faculty Lunch Tillett Lounge 12:15 UMSA – Worship Service All Faith Chapel

### TUESDAY, February 28

5:00 p.m. Center for the Study of Religion and Culture Templeton Lecture Series (info below)

#### WEDNESDAY, March 1

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service Ash Wednesday Dr. Harris is speaking. Special guests, Rhythm and Roots dance group All Faith Chapel

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Black Seminarians Meeting Private Dining Room

12:30-2:30 p.m. Admissions Committee Meeting Tillett Lounge

## THURSDAY, March 2

#### FRIDAY, March 3

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee Commons Room

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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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### VDERA NEWS

This Thursday at 6pm in the PDR, "Enheduanna": A VDERA (Vanderbilt Divinity Earth-Based Religions Alliance) and Carpenter Program Sponsored Workshop Series Program. Everyone is welcome!!! There will be poetry, wine, cheese, and good conversation.

### ENHEDUANNA--March 2

This workshop will explore some of the most ancient poetic works, hymns to Inanna by the 24th century BCE poet, priestess and princess from Sumer, Enheduanna. We will specifically discuss the role of gender in addressing male and female deities and how the words of this ancient woman can help us re-imagine today the feminine divine.

up-coming: GILGAMESH AND ENKIDU--March 30 HYMNS AND LAMENTATIONS TO ISHTAR AND ISIS--April 13

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February 23, 2006 For more information contact: Stuart G. Finder, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society Vanderbilt University Medical Center 319 Oxford House 936-2686

The deadline for application and essay submissions to the tenth Senator C. Hieronymus Award is March 27. This award is presented annually by the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society to a currently enrolled graduate or professional student at Vanderbilt University for the outstanding written essay on an appropriate topic in medical humanities. Hieronymus, "Hi," was a long-time resident of Nashville with an abiding concern to enhance humanities, especially the importance of professional ethics. His widow, Clara, created the Senator C. Hieronymus Award in 1995 with the assistance of Richard M. Zaner, founder of the Center for Clinical and Research Ethics which, in 2005 was reorganized to become the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, and inaugural Ann Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics.

Award applicants must write an essay, maximum 25 pages, not previously published, single authored, on an appropriate topic in the medical humanities. Three copies of the essay (without author identifiers) should be submitted. Essays are read by a panel of interdisciplinary judges, and selection is based on the outstanding essay.

The recipient of the award will be notified week of April 10. For more information, contact Stuart G. Finder, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, 319 Oxford House, 37232-4350, Phone: 936-2686, E-mail: stuart.finder@vanderbilt.edu.

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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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Job Opportunity Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist Congregation

PART TIMECHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY for small progressive Bellevue congregation. 15 hours per week (flexible). Office management, computer, newsletter, and human relations skills required. Send letter

of interest and resume to <u>gnuuc@gnuuc.org</u> <mailto:<u>gnuuc@gnuuc.org</u>> OR call 673-7699\*

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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.