

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 13

12:15 UMSA - Worship Service
All Faith Chapel
6:10 p.m. Dr. Loren Townsend
G-23 (info below)

TUESDAY, March 14

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

WEDNESDAY, March 15

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service
Office of Women's Concerns
All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, March 16

12:00 - 1:00 Cal Turner Program
Law School
7:00 Antoinette Brown Lecture
Professor Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
"When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity"
Benton Chapel

FRIDAY, March 17

10:10 a.m. Community Coffee - A farewell to Dan Joranko
Commons Room
12:00 ABL Brown Bag Lunch - Laurel Schneider
Private Dining Room

Richard King, [CSRC Senior Research Fellow](#), will present the CSRC University Seminar in Religion and Culture on the topic, **"'Religion' as Colonial Fantasy, or How the West Views the Rest,"** on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 4:00 pm in 123 Buttrick Hall, reception to follow.

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 25th Avenue South
Parking is free after 5:00 pm
Use the Highland Street entrance ONLY of the 25th 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: csrc@vanderbilt.edu

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

Dr. Loren Townsend, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Stepfamilies: Current Considerations

March 13, 2006 6:10 - 8:00 p.m. Room G-23

He will address the following topics:

1. Stepfamily in social context--how meanings are constructed over time.
2. Stepfamily in American conversation about family.
3. Religious and spiritual intersections with stepfamily life.
4. Stepfamily experience and issues of care.
5. A developing theology of stepfamily life.

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

SPECIAL BRIEFING BY BRIAN STEIDLE:

An Insider's Perspective on the Genocidal Crisis in Darfur, Sudan

(300,000 dead; 2 million refugees) and What Can Be Done on the Local, National and International Levels

Brian Steidle is a former Marine captain who served as the U.S. representative to the African Union's peacekeeping mission in Darfur from September 2004 to February 2005. As one of only three Americans serving with a coalition of African representatives, Brian speaks from both an informed and a personal perspective about witnessing mass murder, rape and other atrocities in Darfur sponsored by the Sudanese government and perpetrated by its paramilitary allies, the Janjaweed militias. He has been interviewed by ABC's World News Tonight, the CBS Evening News, CNN's Wolf Blitzer Reports, PR's Morning Edition, PBS' The News Hour with Jim Lehrer and The New York Times.

Please check this Website for photos and report:
<http://www.usmmm.org/conscience/alert/darfur/steidle/>

March 21, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Harambee Auditorium
Fondren Hall
Scarritt Bennett Center
1008 19th Ave. South

Parking is available in lots off of 18th Ave. South

Please RSVP to: Stephanie@jewishnashville.org
<<mailto:Stephanie%40jewishnashville.org>> or 354-1678

For information, contact: Kitty Calhoon at 969-7511

This event is a service of TAG (Tennesseans against Genocide), a community coalition of religious, academic, civic organizations and individual

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

"Perspectives on Providers: Who Cares for the Caregivers in the Aftermath of Crisis, War and Disaster?"

Throughout the past decade, hundreds of new organizations have evolved to provide relief work and humanitarian aid during local, national and global crises. Literally tens of thousands of professionals and volunteers have been placed in geographic, social and cultural settings that are uniquely different than their own, forcing individuals to confront personal uncharted territory. This presentation is intended as an overview of the challenges they face: the risks, realities and responsibilities attendant to their work, the problems they solve and/or create, and the importance of

helping them 'come home' to themselves after life-altering experiences.

Discussion Leader: Carol Etherington, School of Nursing

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2006, 12:10-1:00 pm

Location: Bartholomew Room, Law School

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

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/moral_leadership/eventfac.htm> and click on the "Register" link. You may also call the CTP office at 343-5447.

DATABASE OPEN HOUSE

The Divinity Library will be holding a database open house on Friday, March 24 at from 9-10 am in the library's Electronic Classroom (across the hall from the Divinity Library, through the Student Learning Center.)

The topic for this month's open house will be "Multidisciplinary Databases You Need to Know About." The focus of this month's session will be on a review of the ATLA Religion Database, as well as two other related databases, Old Testament Abstracts and New Testament Abstracts (all three databases use the Ebsco interface).

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 amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu.

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.

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.