E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 17 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER March 27, 2006

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 27

12:15 UMSA – Worship Service All Faith Chapel

TUESDAY, March 28

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

WEDNESDAY, March 29

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service - Dan Joranko All Faith Chapel
11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Community Meal Commons Room
11:45 - 1:00 p.m. United Methodist Student Association Private Dining Room

THURSDAY, March 30

6:00 p.m. VDERA with Prof. Azzoni Private Dining Room

FRIDAY, March 31

10:10 a.m. Community CoffeeCommons Room10:30 Community Conversation

Join VDERA (Vanderbilt Divinity Earth-Based Religions Association) and the Carpenter Program in Gender and Sexuality for our up-coming workshop, this Thursday, March 30th, in the PDR at 6pm. Prof. Annalisa Azzoni will lead our discussion. Wine, cheese, poetry!!! All are welcome.

This Week's Topic:

GILGAMESH AND ENKIDU--March 30

Through a reading selection of the Gilgamesh epic, this workshop will examine the use of language to express gender and sexuality. By exploring the nature of the relationship between Gilgamesh and Enkidu, we will examine and question our own assumptions about gender construction.

Community Conversations

Topic: Leading from the Center: Spiritualities/interiority and the

vocation of ministry for justice and love

Dates: March 24 and 31

Time: 10:30 AM - right after Coffee Hour

Place: All Faith Chapel

Who: All interested VUDS comunity members

What is spirituality for you? What might it mean to talk about "spiritualities"? What are your thoughts about theological education and centering/spiritual practices that ground/nourish the vocation of ministry?

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

Final Lecture

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:

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

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.

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.