

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 7
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
October 6, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 6

12:00 – 1:00 Fabulous Divinity School Choir Practice
All Faith Chapel
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Relevant Religion Series -- Scarritt Bennett
Dr. Douglas Meeks (information below)

TUESDAY, October 7

12:00 – 1:00 Catholic Student Lunch
Private Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, October 8

10:00 – 11:00 Worship Service, All Faith Chapel
Episcopal Service
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Community Meal Common Room

THURSDAY, October 9

7:00 p.m. Cole Lecture Benton Chapel
Kathryn Tanner “Economies of Grace”

FRIDAY, October 10

10:00 a.m. Cole Lecture Benton Chapel
Kathryn Tanner “Grace and Global Capitalism”

COLE LECTURE

October 9 & 10

Kathryn Tanner, a professor of theology in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Professor Tanner approaches constructive Christian theology in the Protestant tradition by addressing contemporary challenges to belief through the creative use of the history of Christian thought and interdisciplinary methods, such as critical, social, and feminist theory.

DATA will have a team and booth at the Nashville CARES AIDS Walk, Saturday, October 11 at 2pm at the Bicentennial Mall here in Nashville. There, our goal is to

acquire 1K signatures for the petition to 'fully fund the Global AIDS Act and the Millennium Challenge Account.' To do this, we need volunteers and walkers. Would anyone be willing to come out and help our DATA team for an hour? Let me know as soon as possible, so that we can begin to organize.

OCT 11th Art for Admissions

Please donate artifacts that symbolize one of the four commitments of the Divinity School. Objects may be placed in one of four boxes (commons room, Admissions office, field ed. office, and faculty copy room) then come to piece Together the objects into a work of art that will hang on the wall of the Admissions office. We will be meeting in the commons room on Sat. Oct 11th at 12 noon. You don't have to donate to participate, and you don't have to Participate to donate. Pizza will be served. Questions? E-mail courtney.l.evans@vanderbilt.edu

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

"Orientation to Field Education" sessions. (You only need to attend one session)

- 1) Monday, October 13, 10:10 - 11:00 G-27
- 2) Tuesday, October 14, 12:10 - 1:00 G-27

Attendance at one of these sessions is REQUIRED for all M. Div students and all MTS students who are on the Religious Leadership Studies track. If you undecided about which degree you are seeking, or which MTS track you will pursue, it would be very important for you to come to this meeting.

At these meetings I will go into great detail about the requirements, options, opportunities, and processes for Field Ed. If you hope to participate in Field Ed next year, it is vital that you come to one of these meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there, and to getting started on our work together in Field Education.

Viki Matson

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND CULTURE

Will hold its Inaugural Open House on Thursday, October 30, 2003, 4:30- 6:00 p.m. Comments at 5:15.

Alumni Memorial Hall Memorial Room (203)

All are welcome to join us for live music and refreshments.

Call Cathy Chalmers at 322-8910 for more information.

RSVPs are appreciated: csrc@vanderbilt.edu

Center Offices: Third Floor and South Tower, Alumni Memorial Hall
www.vanderbilt.edu/csdc

The Center is a transinstitutional initiative supported by Vanderbilt University's Academic Venture Capital Fund as well as the College of Arts and Science and the Divinity School.

RECYCLING

The DSOR (Divinity School Office of Recycling) and its Board of Directors (consisting of Danny Rhodes) is pleased to announce the implementation of new recyclable waste containers to be placed in classrooms throughout the John Frederick Oberlin Quadrangle (the Div. School-in case you didn't know). The new "recycle blue" receptacles bearing the logo "WE RECYCLE" will be grandparented in during a period of transition that will introduce alternative uses for the present unproductive bins. It is our hope and goal here at DSOR that this bold program will propel the Divinity community and its recycling efforts into a new era of recycling efficiency.

Of course, YOU play the most important role in this forward process. Please take note of these containers that will be appearing throughout the building and remember to utilize them when discarding PLASTIC, ALUMINUM, and GLASS items. Also, in order to comply with DSOR regulations, please refrain from depositing items that still contain fluids or food. Thank you for your participation in this initiative and for your contribution to a brighter, greener future.

Job Announcement

"Divinity Library Circulation Assistant needed: work study student needed for weekends, lunchtimes, and early afternoons. Must start by Oct. 13. 15 hours per week, may decrease in spring semester."

SAVE THE DATE

A Workshop for the Religious Community on Domestic Violence

It Begins At Home...

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003 -- 8am-12:30pm

Location: Scarritt Bennett Center

Guest Speaker: Mark Wynn

Look for upcoming registration materials, go to www.save.faithsite.com , or for more information contact Beth Lowry at 615-202-5252

If you are a clergy, chaplain, youth director, church counselor, parish nurse, lay leader or other religious professional, you won't want to miss this seminar! A collaborative effort between S.A.V.E. (Survivors Against Violent Environments) and the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Take Back the Night

When: Monday, Oct. 27 7:00 PM

Where: From Olin Field across from the VU baseball field to the covered shelter in Centennial Park

Who: All members of the Vanderbilt and larger communities

What: Take Back the Night is a night of healing - a community rally and march against domestic and sexual violence. We will begin at Olin field with stories from survivors of violence. After marching to Centennial Park, we will have an open mike for anyone who cares to share their story of healing.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Monday, October 6

7-9 p.m. National Series Debate, The People Speak: America Debates Its Role in the World. A foreign policy panel discussion, 90-minute debate facilitated by John Seigenthaler, moderator, followed by an open discussion time with the audience. Wyatt Center Rotunda. 259-4000, extension 111. cstribling@mpf.com.

Wednesday, October 8

4:15-6 p.m. 50th Anniversary Commemorative Series, Brown v. Board of Education Public Lecture. "Brown v. Board of Education: Law or Politics?" Michael J. Klarman. Moore Room, Vanderbilt Law School. galyn.martin@vanderbilt.edu, http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center.

Thursday, October 9

2:30-6 p.m. Nationalism in the New World Conference, Oct. 9-11. Oct. 9, 2:30-6 p.m. Oct. 10-11, 9 a.m. University Club, Cumberland Room, 2402 Garland Ave. don.h.doyle@vanderbilt.edu, <http://www.people.vanderbilt.edu/~don.h.doyle/VUConference.htm>.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Owen Entrepreneurship Center (OEC) Speaker Event. "Angel Investing in the Southeast." Bill Henagan. Averbuch Auditorium. A reception will follow. <http://mba.vanderbilt.edu/oec>.

Homecoming Week, Oct. 6-11. Check out all of the activities planned. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb/?p=homecoming>.

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 Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.