

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 21
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
February 23, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 23

12:10 – 1:00 Soujourner's Quest
363 Sarratt Student Center

TUESDAY, February 24

WEDNESDAY, February 25

10:00 - 11:00 Community Worship Service
United Methodist Service with Blair Meeks
All Faith Chapel
12:10-1:00 PAN Luncheon
Private Dining Room
12:10-1:00 Worship Committee Meeting
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THURSDAY, February 26

7:30 a.m. Community Breakfast – Professor John McClure
"Preaching, by What Authority?"
University Club

FRIDAY, February 27

10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room

Sojourner's Quest

An ongoing interfaith forum that explores how belief and faith inform our lives

Monday February 23, 2004 – 12:10 - 1:00 PM

363 Sarratt Student Center – Light snacks provided

The speaker will be Dr. Shai Cherry, Mellon Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought. Cherry grew up in a secular, but Zionist, California home. When it came time for him to drop out of college, this atheist/existentialist did a volunteer program in Israel. Though now identifying as a bal teshuvah (born again), Cherry eschews Orthodoxy and (often unhappily) remains within the world of Conservative Judaism. Sponsored by the Office of the University Chaplain

Wednesday February 25, 2004

12:10- 1:00 PM

Private Dining Room

Unequal Justice: The American Prison Industrial Complex and Capital Punishment

Join us for this Lunchtime Conversation with Mary Vancura and Harmon Wray.

Mary is a member of death row inmate Olen Hutchison's Clemency team. Harmon is a Vanderbilt Divinity School faculty member, currently teaching "Theology

Inside Prison Walls” at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison.
Lunch and Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Jessie Weasner at
jessica.r.weasner@vanderbilt.edu
Sponsored by PAN

Community Breakfast

"Preaching by What Authority?"

Professor John McClure, Charles G. Finney Professor of Theology Professor McClure has written many articles and is a proponent of "collaborative preaching," a method which includes laity in sermon brainstorming and development. Its methodology is outlined in *The Roundtable Pulpit: Where Leadership and Preaching Meet* (Abingdon, 1995).

In an effort to help train confident, articulate, visionary preachers and to contribute excellent liturgists to the church, Professor McClure writes for many audiences. His publications include *The Four Codes of Preaching: Rhetorical Strategies* (Fortress, 1991), *Proclamation 5: Aids for Interpreting the Lessons for the Church Year, Pentecost 1* (Fortress, 1994), *Best Advice for Preaching* (Fortress, 1997), and *Telling the Truth: Preaching about Sexual and Domestic Violence* (United Church Press, 1998), co-edited with Seminary Professor Nancy Ramsay. Professor McClure considers how preaching can have external authority in the public arena, and not just the internal authority granted to it by clerics and congregations.

VU Calendar Events

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Tuesday, February 24

4:15 p.m. Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies and Warren Center Special Lecture. "Gilded Ages, Civic Passions." Cecelia Tichi. Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, 1207 18th Ave. S. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/VIPPS>, http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center.

Wednesday, February 25

8-9:30 p.m. English Department's Gertrude Vanderbilt and Harold S. Vanderbilt Visiting Writers Series. Poetry Reading by Tony Hoagland. 126 Wilson. mark.jarman@vanderbilt.edu, <http://english.vanderbilt.edu/main.asp>.

3:10-4 p.m. The Department of Mathematics, Center for Constructive Approximation. "The Structure of Refinable Shift Invariant Spaces." Carlos Cabrelli. 1210 Stevenson Center. andrew.baker@vanderbilt.edu, <http://atlas.math.vanderbilt.edu/~cca/semi.htm>.

Thursday, February 26

7:30-8:30 a.m. Divinity School Community Breakfast. "Preaching, by What Authority?" John McClure. The University Club of Nashville. \$10, pre-registration required by Feb. 23. 343-3994, james.rushing@vanderbilt.edu, <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/index.html>.

4-6 p.m. Philosophy Inaugural Lecture. "Does Philosophy Progress?: Love of Wisdom, Academic Discipline, or Pragmatic Criticism." John J. Stuhr. 126 Wilson Hall. Reception to follow. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/philosophy>.

4-5:30 p.m. Learning Sciences Institute Visiting Scholars Speaker Series. "Learning as Changing Practice." Jean Lave. Wyatt Center Rotunda. Reception to follow. Lecture will be recorded and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 10. 322-5220, deborah.dull@vanderbilt.edu, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lsi>.

Saturday, February 28

All Day. Fifth Annual MBA eStrategy Case Competition. Six teams competing.

<http://www.estrategycontest.com>.

"Art and the Law in a Changing World"

Monday, March 1, 2004

4:15pm, Wilson 126

Join Project Dialogue and the Vanderbilt Studio Art Department on Monday, March 1st as we welcome Jeffrey Cunard to discuss issues of ownership and the use of art in an academic setting. In addition to his comments, Mr. Cunard will also answer a panel of questions posed by Vanderbilt Art Professors Michael Aurbach, Mark Hosford, and Donald Evans on legal issues related to contemporary artists. The lecture, entitled "Art and the Law in a Changing World," will begin at 4:15pm in room 126 of Wilson Hall and continue until approximately 6:15pm. The event is free and welcome to all members of the Vanderbilt community and beyond.

Job Opening

The Delta State University Wesley Foundation will be taking applications for campus minister immediately. Lay and clergy will be considered. Please send resume' along with a statement of faith and vision for campus ministry to be received by March 15 to:

Wesley Foundation Director application

904 South Court Street

Cleveland, MS 38732

Please send an e-mail to the Wesley Foundation at wesley904@hotmail.com and to Board Chairman Bill Boykin at bboyk@bellsouth.net to send information by internet or to let us know the application will be forthcoming in the mail.

Female roommate wanted to share spacious two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment located at I-440 and West End (<1 mi from campus). Included amenities: 24-hour doorman, w/d, parking, pool, large balcony. **Available immediately** for \$575 + 1/2 utilities. Contact

adriana.schmidt@vanderbilt.edu.

Adriana Schmidt, Vanderbilt Medical Student

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.