## E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 9 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 18, 2004

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 1 Reading Day

**TUESDAY, October 19** Reading Day

# WEDNESDAY, October 20

10:10 a.m. Worship Service All Faith Chapel
4:10-5:00 Center for the Study of Religion and Culture "On Religion and Economy: An Interdisciplinary Approach" Law School, Renaissance Room

## THURSDAY, October 21

# FRIDAY, October 22

10:10 Coffee Hour Common Room
3:15 p.m. John Thatamanil "Toward a Christian Nondualism: Sankara and Tillich in Conversation" Furman 109
7:00 p.m. Fall Follies Common Room

# SATURDAY, October 23

8:30 a.m. RSVP -- Fall Open House Common Room

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# The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture Presents the First Annual CSRC Faculty Research Lecture on Religion and Culture: "On Religion and Economy: An Interdisciplinary Approach" James Foster, Professor of Economics and Director, Graduate Program in Economic Development Douglas Meeks, Cal Turner Chancellor Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies Wednesday, October 20, 2004 Vanderbilt Law School, Renaissance Room 4:10 – 5:00 p.m. Reception to Follow Free and Open to the Public Call 322-8910 for more information RSVP's are appreciated: csrc@vanderbilt.edu

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October 22 John Thatamanil VU Divinity "Toward a Christian Nondualism: Sankara and Tillich in Conversation" . 3:15 PM. Furman 109

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"God And/In Politics" Wilson Hall Room 103 7:00 PM Tuesday, October 26th Panelists include: John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt Divinity School Lee Cheek, Political Science, Lee University George Graham, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

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On Monday, November 1 at 10:10 in room G23 I will offer a session entitled "Orientation to CPE" At this session I will talk about what Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is, the particularly type of pedagogy that this represents, options and opportunities regarding location, credit, etc. I will also have applications available and will explain the application process.

This is the only session like this that I will conduct. If you are at all interested in considering CPE for summer 2005, please come.

Viki Matson Director of Field Education Vanderbilt University Divinity School

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This year the Divinity Library is initiating a series of Database Open Houses. These are informal training sessions intended as opportunities for Divinity and GDR faculty and students to learn more about the library's collection of electronic resources.

Each month, library staff will be on hand in the Electronic Classroom to talk about our electronic resources and to answer questions about using the databases. A different database or set of databases will be highlighted at each month's presentation. We plan to hold these open houses on the last Wednesday of each month, from 1:10 pm -2 pm in the afternoon.

The next Database Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 starting at 1:10 pm in the Electronic Classroom. The focus this month will be the BibleWorks Database. Divinity Library Bibliographer for Ancient Near East, Steve Cook, will provide a presentation on how to effectively use this electronic resource.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this month's event. And finally, I would like to ask you to let me know if there are any particular databases or topics related to databases that you would like to see covered in future open houses. For more information, please contact Public Services Librarian Amy Limpitlaw at amy.e.limpitlaw@vanderbilt.edu.

Two important events are coming up in two successive days:

Monday, October 25

At 4 p.m. in Room 218, Calhoun Hall, Vanderbilt University, Zulia Mena, social worker, women's advocate, and first Afro-Colombian woman in Congress, will speak on "Impacts of U.S. Drug and Military Policy in Colombia" Her translator will be Amy Morris, a long-term volunteer with Witness for Peace in Colombia.

Following this, there will be a potluck dinner, 6 p.m., 2007 Linden Avenue (discussion at 7 p.m.).

### Tuesday, October 26

At 7 p.m. in Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt Divinity School, we will hear from the International Caravan for Justice, which is seeking justice for women in Juarez and Chihuahua, where almost 400 young women have been murdered over the past decade. The featured speaker will be Patricia Cervantes, mother of a woman who disappeared. Tom Hansen, founder of the Mexico Solidarity Network, is also on this delegation.

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"You are cordially invited to our Wednesday Evening Adult Education series at Christ Church Cathedral this fall. We have an impressive series of presentations by VDS faculty:

October 13: Doug Meeks, "Exclusion and Inclusion in the Global Household"

October 20: Paul DeHart, "Sharing God's Life"

October 27: Marjorie Suchocki, "Religious Diversity and the Reign of God"

November 3: Fernando Segovia, "Church and World: The Struggle for Inclusion in Central America"

November 10: John Thatamanil, "The Bhagavad-Gita and the Gospel of John: Contemplating Divinity across Traditions"

Each session meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, preceded by a Healing Service at 5:15 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm, for a cost of \$5.00. Childcare is provided. The Cathedral is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. Please call for reservations for dinner--255-7729. We hope many of you can join us! Alice Nichols MDIV3"

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## RSVP

## Fall Open House 2004

Vanderbilt University Divinity School is sponsoring a free informational workshop on Saturday, October 23, from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Current students, faculty, alumni/ae and staff will address the professional, academic, financial and personal aspects of pursuing a theological education. The school offers a Master of Theological Studies and a Master of Divinity degree; the women and men studying for those degrees come from thirty different religious and they include both first and second career students.

The Master of Divinity degree is a professional degree designed primarily for those persons interested in ordination. The Master of Theological Studies program is designed for persons interested in pursuing graduate study across the several theological disciplines in the Divinity School. This degree program may serve as a foundation for later doctoral studies in religion, for diaconal or ordained ministries in certain denominations, or as a vehicle for the enhancement of one's own religious faith and understanding.

Continental breakfast, lunch, and parking will be provided free of charge for those who preregister. Call the Office of Admissions at 615 343-3963, email <u>marian.o.berky@vanderbilt.edu</u>, or access the online registration form at <u>www.divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/admissions/openhouse.html</u>. You may also fax the Office of Admissions at 615 322-0691,

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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.