E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 14 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER December 6, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 6
10:10 Community Forum – Marvin Ellison
Common Room
11:30 am Book Signing – Marvin Ellison
Cokesbury Bookstore
12:15-12:45 Prayer and Praise
Wightman Chapel Scarritt-Bennett Center
4:30 pm Marvin Ellison Lecture
G-23 (reception to follow)

TUESDAY, December 7

WEDNESDAY, December 8
10:10 a.m. Worship Service
All Faith Chapel
12:00 noon Black Seminarians Meeting
G-25

THURSDAY, December 9 Last Day of Classes

FRIDAY, December 10
Reading Day
10:10 Informal Coffee Hour
Common Room
12:30 pm Personnel and Policy Committee
Tillett Lounge
2:10 pm Faculty Meeting
Private Dining Room

Marvin Ellison, Monday Events

At 10:00 in a Community Forum in the Common Room he will address questions about sexuality education for youth and others in communities of faith. Given the recent and ongoing debates about federally funded abstinence based curriculum in the media, this forum will be helpful to you in learning how to frame the questions in a way that encourages discussion.

At 4:30 p.m. in room G23, Professor Ellison will address the topic: "Same-Sex Marriage? Weighing the Objections, Making the Case." The questions raised during the presidential elections and the debate about adding to the US Constitution an

amendment that defines marriage as between a woman and a man are ones being asked by folks in communities of faith and the academy.

A reception in Tillett Lounge immediately following the lecture will give you the opportunity to greet Professor Ellison personally.

Womens' Center

T-BLAST (Transgendered women, Bi women, Lesbians, and Straight women Together)

Tuesday, December 7 @ 6:15pm-7:30pm (Meets the first Tuesday.)

Where: at the VU GLBT House (www.vanderbilt.edu/glbt)

What: Home for the holidays?

Join T-BLAST for a conversation about the ways in which LGBT folks, their families and friends deal with holidays and celebrations of all kinds - both the stresses and creative new options (such as family of choice celebrations). For more information, contact melinda.brown@vanderbilt.edu, patricia.k.gardner@vanderbilt.edu, or jennifer.hackett@vanderbilt.edu

Creative Life Planning Group

Tuesdays in December @11:30am - 1:00 pm (Meets every Tuesday).

What: A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Open to everyone in the community and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.

Who: This group is free and open to everyone.

For more information, call 322-4843.

Lectures by candidates for Assistant Professor in the Sociology of Judaism in the Americas. The successful candidate will hold an appointment in Sociology and Jewish Studies.

A *cv* for each is posted at

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/jewishstudies/opportunities.html

where you will also find a *resume* for each presentation.

All lectures are free and open to the public

*Benjamin Phillips

Lecture: Tuesday, December 7, 2004 - 12:15-1:30 pm

Auditorium (Room 118) Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

Topic: "Who Counts? Understanding Jewish Identity through Surveys"

University Calendar

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Monday, December 6

3:10 p.m. Department of Chemical Engineering Seminar. "Molecular Simulations in Nanotribology and Molecular Electronics Devices." Dr. Yongsheng Leng. 3:10-4 p.m. 131 Olin Hall. Refreshments prior to the seminar, 2:30 p.m., Olin Hall Student Lounge, Floor 1A. vivian.f.cooper-capps@vanderbilt.edu,

http://frontweb.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/vuse_web/facstaff.

Tuesday, December 7

12:15-1:30 p.m. Sociology/Jewish Studies Candidate Lecture. "Who Counts? Understanding Jewish Identity through Surveys." Benjamin Phillips. Auditorium (Room 118), Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. lynne.perler@vanderbilt.edu, http://www.vanderbilt.edu/jewishstudies/opportunities.html.

Wednesday, December 8

10-11 a.m. Department of Biochemistry & Kennedy Center Special Seminar. "Mitogenic Signaling by Sonic Hedgehog in Brain Development and Tumorigenesis." Anna Marie Kenney. 206 PRB. marlene.jayne@vanderbilt.edu, http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biochemistry.

Thursday, December 9

4:10-5:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting. 140 Frist Hall. andrea.hewitt@vanderbilt.edu, http://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate.

Friday, December 10

3:15-5 p.m. Philosophy Department Colloquium. "Dream Immorality." Julia Driver. 109 Furman Hall. judy.w.thompson@vanderbilt.edu, http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/philosophy.

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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.