

**E-COMMUNICATOR** **NO. 16**  
**VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, 17 March, 2003**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 17

11:30 a.m. Hebrew Bible Candidate, Dr. Annalisa Azzoni  
brown bag lunch and discussion - Tillett Lounge

3:00 p.m. Men's basket ball game - Student Rec Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

3:00 p.m. The Use of Religious Resources in Response to Anti-Homosexual  
Religious Attitudes and Behaviors Edouard Fontenot, Ph.D. (Boston University)  
Responses by: A.J. Levine, Ph.D. (Divinity School),  
Rev. Gay Welch, Ph.D. (University Chaplain and Affiliated Ministries Office)  
John Sloop, Ph.D. (Communication Studies and Theater Department)

ALL FAITH CHAPEL

Sponsored by: Graduate Department of Religion, Carpenter Program in  
Religion, Gender and Sexuality, VDS GABLE and Vanderbilt University Lectures  
Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 a.m. Community Worship

"A Blessing of the Animals" Several of our students will be participating. You  
are encouraged to bring pictures of your pets to decorate the altar.

All Faith Chapel - All are welcome.

11:00 Community Meal

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

12:00-12:55 OWC Balancing Vocation with Family Life  
Mark and Bonnie Miller-McLemore  
Tillett Lounge

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

10:10 Community Coffee

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The Men's Divinity School Basketball team won their game last Thursday and will be playing today at 3:00 PM. The game is in the student recreation center. Hope to see you all there. We need all the support you all can provide.

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The Office of Women's Concerns is sponsoring a two-part series on balancing your vocation with family life.

Session One: The Academy and Family Life

Thursday, March 20th 12:00-12:55 p.m. in Tillett Lounge

The first session will focus on the challenges faced by theological educators in university settings. Our guest speakers, Professors Bonnie Miller-McLemore and Mark Miller-McLemore, will offer some possible strategies for managing the multiple demands of work and family. Please come and use this opportunity to voice your concerns and suggestions too! Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided.

Session Two: The Church and Family Life

Thursday, March 27, 12:00-1:00pm in Tillett Lounge

The second session will focus on the challenges faced by clergy serving churches. Rev. Kay Hereford Voorhees (VDS alumna) and her husband Rev. Jay Voorhees will be our guest presenters. Kay and Jay are both ordained elders in the United Methodist Church. Kay is an associate pastor at West End UMC and Jay is an associate pastor at Bellevue UMC. Once again, please use this opportunity to share your concerns and suggestions! Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided.

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LAMBDA (undergraduate GLBT group), Vanderbilt University Chaplain's Office, Vanderbilt Divinity School's Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality and the Vanderbilt Office for GLBT Life is sponsoring, "The Bible and Homosexuality" FRIDAY - March 21st, 7pm  
Location - Wilson 103 Dr. A.J. Levine and Dr. Ben Witherington will have a polite discussion/ debate about the Bible and Homosexuality.  
All students, faculty and staff in the Vanderbilt Community are invited.

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March is Women's History Month!

This Thursday, please join us in Tillett Lounge from 12:15-1:00 as Mark and Bonnie Miller-McLemore share their experiences of balancing a career and family. Next week Jay and Kay Voorhees, a Methodist clergy couple, will

discuss the same topic. Below are some of the wonderful events that the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is hosting this month.

### Image Week (Formerly Eating Disorders Awareness Week)

Presented by IMAGE: Vanderbilt Student Coalition, and co-sponsored by the Women's Center, Project Dialogue. Image Week is designed through the collaboration of the Eating Disorders Faculty Task Force and the student group IMAGE. Its primary purpose is to heighten awareness, self-perception and provide education of prevalent body image issues on Vanderbilt's campus. Highlights of the week include:

#### Monday, March 17:

·Ribbon Campaign: Show Your Support for IMAGE week. Campus Wide, all week

·Mirror Project: There's More Than Meets the Eye. Campus Wide, all week

·BARBIE, No Weigh Contracts, Survey and Informational Brochures at the Wall, all week, 11:00-1:00

·Eating Disorder Screening- Student Recreation Center, 4:00-6:00

·Vanderbilt Student Panel: Your Friends Talk Frankly to You.

Wilson 103A, 7:00-8:00

#### Tuesday, March 18:

·Eating Disorder Screening- Student Terrace, 11:00-1:00

·Let's Talk Nutrition: Brown Bag Lunch with Nutritionist. Sarratt 116, 12:30-1:00

#### Wednesday, March 19:

·Eating Disorder Screening- Student Recreation Center, 4:00-6:00

·Ann Simonton, (see below for more information), former supermodel speaks on beauty and the media.

#### Thursday, March 20:

·Eating Disorder Screening- Student Terrace, 11:00-1:00

#### Friday, March 21:

·Fearless Friday: Eat What You Want, Not What You Think You Should!

Denim Day: Wear Denim Today to Show You're Comfortable In Your Genes and Your Jeans

#### Monday, March 24:

I Am Beautiful: lunch workshop for faculty and staff  
I Am Beautiful: evening lecture for all (see complete description below).

For more information contact President, April Ann Salcido at april.a.salcido@vanderbilt.edu or 421-3856.

Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:30 Wilson Hall room 103.  
SEX, POWER AND THE MEDIA - Ann Simonton is a supermodel turned activist with a powerful message to convey. Her lecture slide presentation confronts our media-saturated culture on topics of corporate ownership, gender, violence and sexual intimacy. Free and open to the public!

Wednesdays in March (19, 26 and April 2) @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm at the Student Rec. Center  
W.E.B.S. returns! (Women Empowered by Sports) Co-sponsored by the Student Rec. Center and the Wellness Center  
Women, in honor of March Madness, this month's learning sport will be basketball. This is a basic skill level teaching and learning by doing experience that will be completely non-competitive and in a very safe environment. All women are welcome to attend-YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REC CENTER TO PARTICIPATE. (Just tell them you are there for WEBS and they will open the gate for you.)  
All women of all ages, shapes and sizes from the Vanderbilt Community as well as the larger community are welcome to participate. It's never too late to learn something new!

April 3, 5:00pm reception, 6:00pm lecture at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life Wendy Doniger, this year's Margaret Cuninggim Lecturer, and one of the year's final speakers in the Chancellor's Lecture Series. Wendy Doniger is the University of Chicago's Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the Divinity school will be here at Vanderbilt to discuss women's roles in the Kamasutra, which she has recently re-translated. Free and open to the public. Contact 322-4843 for more information.

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LIFT EVERY VOICE

"Joining Together to Dismantle Racism & Oppression"

March 27 - 29, 2003

For details please contact [jason.a.shelton@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jason.a.shelton@vanderbilt.edu)

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~~ Retreat Invitation ~~

"Embracing the Beauty and Blessing of Creation: An Ecumenical Retreat" will take place Saturday, March 29, 2003, 9am -4pm, at the Ogburn House on the Scarritt Bennett Center campus. This retreat will be a time and space to: affirm Creation as a blessing, a sacred trust, and a source of spiritual renewal; integrate care for the natural world with ones faith journey; seek the source of peace that nourishes work for peace in the world; and draw upon music, poetry, and visual arts for prayer and reflection. The retreat will be led by Fr. Albert Merz, OFM (Franciscan Peace Center), Jill Shashaty (Tennessee Environmental Council), Ray Waddle (Nashville-based religion writer and lecturer), and Joyce Wilding (Episcopal Province IV Environmental Ministry Coordinator). A \$25 fee includes lunch, refreshments, and materials. Space is limited, so please register by contacting Jill Shashaty, 615.248.6500; [jill@tectn.org](mailto:jill@tectn.org).

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On behalf of your SGA, we would like to cordially invite you to:

Vanderbilt Divinity School Spring Gala

Saturday, March 22nd

Where: St. Martin's Hall, St. Ann's Episcopal Church

419 Woodland

Nashville, Tn

When: Reception at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, Dance at 9pm

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 at the door.

You can purchase your tickets at the desk in the Administration Suite or by contacting someone on the SGA board.

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Relevant Religion

Vanderbilt at Scarritt-Bennett

March 10, 17, 24, 31

"Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls"

Alice Hunt, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and lecturer in Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Dean Hunt, scholar of Hebrew Bible, will lead an exploration of the Dead

Sea Scrolls and what they teach us about scripture. For two millennia these scrolls lay hidden in pottery jars in caves in the Judean desert. In 1947 the first scrolls were discovered accidentally. Who found them? Who hid them? How many are there? How old are they? How do we know they are real? What do they tell us about the Bible? Do they conflict with existing scriptures? Come and join us as we explore answers to these and other questions regarding these important and somewhat mysterious documents. Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center, this class will meet on four Monday evenings, March 10, 17, 24, and 31st from 7-8:30 p.m. in Laskey Building at Scarritt-Bennett Center. For more information and registration call 615/340-7543 or email [spiritus@scarrittbennett.org](mailto:spiritus@scarrittbennett.org). Show your student ID.

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"Understanding the Middle East" Series examines Islam and post-Saddam Iraq in two events

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Two upcoming events at Vanderbilt in March and April hope to shed light of current events in the Middle East.

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, associate professor in the department of religious studies at Duke University and co-director of the Center for the Study of Muslim Networks, presents "Re-Thinking Islam in Modernity" on Thursday, March 20 at 4:10 p.m. in Room 110 of the Owen Graduate School of Management. The program is free and open to the public.

Moosa is considered to be among the foremost figures of a new generation of Muslim thinkers. His area of study focuses on Islamic thought, especially Islamic law, ethics, theology and critical theory. He is the author of many published essays covering the topics of human rights, women's rights, Muslim family law, medical ethics and political ethics. He also examines historical studies that deal with understanding the Qur'an, medieval Islamic law and philosophy.

Kanan Makiya, professor of near eastern studies at Brandeis University, presents "The United States and Post-Saddam Iraq" on Wednesday, April 2 at 4:10 p.m. in Room 114 Furman Hall. Makiya is an adviser for the Iraqi National Congress. The program is free and open to the public.

His book "Republic of Fear," written under the pseudonym Samir al-Khalil, became a bestseller after Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. "Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny, Uprising and the Arab World", published under his own name, was awarded The Lionel Gelber Prize for the best book on international

relations published in English in 1993.

Makiya has collaborated on two films for television including "Saddam's Killing Fields" (American Title), which first exposed the 1988 campaign of mass murder in northern Iraq known as the Anfal. The film received the Edward R. Morrow Award For Best Television Documentary on Foreign Affairs in 1992.

Makiya's work was recently the subject of a feature story in the "New York Times Sunday Magazine"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/02/magazine/02IRAQ.html> .

The programs are sponsored by Vanderbilt's Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities. More information about the Humanities Center is available at:

[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw\\_center/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center/) .

These are the second and third programs in the three-part series "Understanding the Middle East." The first speaker was Benjamin Barber, author of the best-selling book "Jihad vs. McWorld". He spoke at Vanderbilt in November 2002.

The Owen School is located at 401 21st Ave. S. Furman Hall is located between the Law School and Kirkland Hall on the Vanderbilt campus. Parking is available in the Wesley Place Garage at the corner of 21st Avenue and Scarritt Place (behind Alpine Bagel). For more information call (615) 343-6240 or e-mail: [rpw.center@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:rpw.center@vanderbilt.edu) .

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Vanderbilt Medical Center, Department of Pastoral Care presents a Spring Seminar -- "What is a Good Death"

Larry Churchill, Ph.D., Anne Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics

John Lachs, Ph.D., Centennial Professor of Philosophy

Wednesday, March 26 noon - 1:00 p.m. Light Hall 202

Complimentary Lunch

For more information call

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please see more information about the job opportunities on the Job Board or contact the Field Ed Office at 343-3994.

Please email your E-Communicator announcements to  
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