

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 18
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
February 2, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 2

7:00 p.m. Relevant Religion Series – Dr. Forrest Harris
Scarritt-Bennett

TUESDAY, February 3

12:00 – 1:00 SGA Meeting
Private Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, February 4

10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service – Black Seminarians
All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, February 5

12:10-1:00 Cal Turner Program – Faculty Discussion
Private Dining Room (information below)
1:10-3:00 First Year Colloquy
G-23

FRIDAY, February 6

10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room

SATURDAY, February 7

9:00 a.m. KMSI – Womanist Theology, Dr. Linda Thomas
G-23 (information below)
10:00 a.m. “Psychology, Religion, and Homosexuality: Critical Responses to
Reparative Therapy” Wilson Hall (information below)

The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions announces a Faculty Discussion --"International Research for AIDS Vaccines: Ethical Challenges." Discussion Leader is Peter Wright. The event will be Thursday, February 5 at 12:10-1:00 in the Private Dining Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Suzanne at 3-5447 to make reservations.

Eden Theological Seminary announces a follow up to the Justice Works 2003 event. The event will be held in January 2005. This event will focus primarily on seminary and university students. ETS is inviting seminaries to consider offering a course on social justice during the January 2005 term, with the final week of these courses to be held ecumenically together in St. Louis. More information on this program is available at the reception desk in suite 113 of Divinity.

RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES

Jan. 19, 26, and Feb 2, 9 at 7-8:30pm Forrest Harris will be speaking for the Relevant Religion series. His topic is "A Survey of Prophetic Responses to Racism." Please call 615-340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org to sign up. The cost is \$50; CEU's are available.

Please join us at Christ Church Cathedral for our monthly First Friday Service on February 6 at 6:00 PM. The theme of this month's service is "Luminosa: A Celebration of Candlemas." Our special musical guests will be two groups from Belmont University--the Belmont Women's Choir and Session. "Candlemas" is a feast of Mary, and I know you will find this service to provide a warm and meditative space for a dark, winter night! Great reception following the service. Child care is provided. The Cathedral is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. Phone # 255-7729. Hope to see you there! Alice Nichols

Womanist Theology – Sponsored by the Kelly Miller Smith Institute
Dr. Linda Thomas, Professor of Theology and Anthropology
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Room G-23
Admission is free

Psychology, Religion, and Homosexuality:
Critical Responses to Reparative Therapy
February 7, 103 Wilson Hall, Vanderbilt University

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., "The Theory and Practice of Reparative Therapy," sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, with panelists Daniel Helminiak, professor of psychology at West Georgia College and author of *What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality*; and Carlton Cornett, a Nashville psychotherapist whose practice serves the gay community.

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., "The Religious Context of Reparative Therapy," sponsored by the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, with panelists Mark Jordan, the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Religion at Emory University and author of *The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology*; James Hudnut-Beumler, dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School and Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished Professor of American Religious History; and Amy-Jill Levine, Carpenter Professor of New Testament and director of Vanderbilt's Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality.

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., "Strategic Activism and Reparative Therapy," sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign, with panelists Wayne Besen, author of *Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth*; Don Schlosser, who accepted his sexual orientation after trying reparative therapy; and other members of the local chapter of the Human Rights Campaign.

\$3 Parking is available at Terrace Place Garage at the corner of 21st Avenue South and Terrace Place. See <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/map/entry.html> for a map of the Vanderbilt campus. Lunch break between 1st and 2nd panels. There are many inexpensive choices within walking distance of the conference. Contact Christopher.Sanders@Vanderbilt.edu for more information.

Vanderbilt University Hospital Gift Shop Offers Part-time Employment

A temporary part-time (20 hour per week) position is available for a Sales Associate in Vanderbilt Hospital Gift Shop. The position requires a student who can work 3-4 days per week starting January 30, 2004. The hours for this part-time position will be flexible. The Sales Associate will be scheduled to work sometime during the week from 3:00PM to 7:00 PM; and/or on Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. Prefer retail experience, otherwise the candidate will be trained by the manager. Must be able to lift 20-30 lbs. Pay will be \$8/hr. If interested, please call Bill Rochford at 343-3217 or email to Bill.Rochford@Vanderbilt.Edu.

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.