

# **The Lancaster Theological Seminary**

## **Seminary News**

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### **Upcoming Seminary Related Events**

#### **March 5, Theology on Tap, 7:00 p.m., Molly's Pub, 253 E. Chestnut Street, second floor - FREE**

Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church and Lancaster Theological Seminary, Theology on Tap will provide an open forum on a variety of subjects related to the culture we live in. On a typical Monday evening, a topic will introduced by a guest speaker for 15 or 20 minutes and then given to the group for discussion. Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Seminary, Dr. Rev. Edwin D. Aponte of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be discussing "Latino Theology" for this event on March 5.

#### **March 7, Diversity Event, 8:30 a.m., Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Avenue - FREE**

As emailed to all previously from the President and Dean, the third annual Community-wide Diversity Event will take place Wednesday, March 7, 2007 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 10:45 a.m. All students, staff, faculty and preceptors are expected. The event will take place at Church of the Apostles (1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster). The Diversity Event has been planned by the Committee on Diversity, chaired this semester by Frank Stalfa. Following this event, there will be a coffee time at the church and a voluntary service of worship led by the worship team for the week (Ed Aponte, lead faculty member). The event will begin with a welcome by the president and brief introduction to what "diversity" means in our context by Dean Edwin Aponte. Faculty, staff, and students will be assigned to small groups to discuss how power, prejudice, and privilege affect:

1. Worship and campus ethos
2. Diversity and access/ability
3. Curriculum development and ways that we prepare students to engage issues of diversity in their ministries and /or vocations.

These six topics emerged from the town meeting hosted by the Committee on Diversity in November and have been paired into three related sets of topic. Following the small groups, the whole community will reconvene and via a spokesperson, each small group will report its best two or three ideas about what the seminary should attend to or try to accomplish during the coming year or two. Those who choose to may stay for a concluding worship service at Apostles that will begin at 11:00 a.m. We hope that this event will help our community to further address and affirm the core value of diversity and that you will make every effort to attend and participate.

### **Upcoming Wider Community Related Events**

#### **March 6, "The Art of Sex in Yiddish Poetry: Celia Dropkin and her Contemporaries.," 4:30 p.m., Philadelphia Alumni Writers House at F & M Campus - FREE**

Dr. Hellerstein is the Ruth Meltzer Senior Lecturer in Yiddish and Jewish Studies and Undergraduate Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Hellerstein is known as a poet and a translator as well as a scholar of Yiddish poetry. Her books include her translation and study of Moyshe-Leyb Halpern's poems In New York: A Selection (Jewish Publication Society, 1982), and Jewish American Literature: A Norton Anthology (W. W. Norton, 2000), of which she is co-editor. This event is co-sponsored by the department of Judaic Studies and the English Department.

**March 7, Fiction Reading: Stephen Elliot, 8:00 p.m., Philadelphia Alumni Writers House at F & M Campus - FREE**

Stephen Elliott is the author of six books, including *Happy Baby*, a finalist for the New York Public Library's Young Lion Award as well as a best book of 2004 in *Salon.com*, *Newsday*, *Chicago New City*, *The Journal News*, and *The Village Voice*. His most recent book is an almost all-true sexual memoir called *My Girlfriend Comes To The City And Beats Me Up*. His writing has been featured in *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, *GQ*, *Best American Non-Required Reading*, *Best American Erotica*, and *Best Sex Writing 2006*. He was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University and is a member of the San Francisco Writer's Grotto. This event is co-sponsored by the English department. The F&M bookstore will be on hand to sell books.

**March 8, Celebrating International Women: A Reading, 7:00 p.m., Philadelphia Alumni Writers House at F & M Campus - FREE**

As part of International Women's Week (March 6-10), faculty, staff, and students will gather to read works by and about international women. This event is co-sponsored by The Women's Center, International Programs and the International Center.

**Cokesbury Bookstore News**

Reminder - Cokesbury will open March 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. Our Robe Day is scheduled for March 15 where a representative from Abbott Hall Robes (Newhouse) will be here to take orders and to show the product line. Also, if any student scheduled to graduate wants to order a hood to purchase please let us know by March 15. For more information, please contact bookstore Manager, Janice Herman, at 717-393-1077.

**Job Opportunities**

*Extern Placement Available* – 2007 The new St. Joseph Medical Center opened in November, 2006. It is a 210 bed Acute Care Hospital near the Reading Airport on Bernville Road (Route 183.) Four full-time Chaplains cover the inpatients and the very busy emergency and out-patient care areas. Externs begin by making rounds with the Chaplains and then are supervised after making rounds on their own. Time commitment is up to the needs of the Extern and the Seminary. Week days or weekends are all able to be accommodated any time between 8 AM and 8 PM for two to six hour shift coverage. Questions? Contact Chaplain Hank Gonner at 610-378-2535 or [hankgonner@catholichealth.net](mailto:hankgonner@catholichealth.net).

*Part-time employment opportunities, Hanover, PA* - The first position is a year-around opening for 10 hours per week. The person filling this position would work primarily with children in pre-Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. Responsibilities include a Wednesday Night Fellowship Time, Vacation Bible School, setting up Child Care Teams and teaching Sunday School as needed. The position is supervised by the Senior Pastor. The second position is a year-around position for 20 hours per week. The person filling this position would work primarily with two Youth Fellowship groups; Grades 5-8 and 9-12. Responsibilities include organizing the summer Reach Work Camp, Fundraising for the work camp and teaching Sunday School as needed for these age groups. The position is also supervised by the Senior Pastor. If interested in either position, please contact Terry Manning at 717-637-2233 or [terry@trinityucchanover.org](mailto:terry@trinityucchanover.org).

**The next issue of the Seminary News will be available online March 19.**

**If you would like an item in the next issue,  
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