

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Business Office News

As a reminder, the seminary will be closed on Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th for Holy Week. The new door locking security system has been installed, so if you still have a key fob from the old system, please exchange it in the Business Office for a new one immediately. For more information, please contact Pam Joy at 717-290-8725 or pjoy@lancasterseminary.edu.

Cokesbury News

Cokesbury bookstore will be open on Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3 of Holy Week from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The store will be closed Thursday, April 5 through Sunday, April 8. Most items on the sale table have been reduced to 75% off. Have a Blessed Easter! For more information on Cokesbury Bookstore, please contact them directly at 717-393-1077.

Registrar News

As a reminder, applications for the Richard B. Hull Memorial Scholarship for Musical Enrichment should be submitted to the Dean's Office no later than April 22. The donor has stipulated that this scholarship be awarded to the child (first priority) or spouse/partner (second priority) of a full-time Master's student. Presented annually, the recipient will be announced at the Seminary Awards Celebration on May 2. For more information, please contact the Registrar, Judi Hummer, at 717-290-8718 or jhummer@lancasterseminary.edu.

Month of April is National Sexual Awareness Month

The National YWCA has designated April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." In participation with the YWCA of Lancaster, the Seminary supports the YWCA Red Dot Project for awareness and education in which we post over 40 different red dots on campus stating a different statistic about sexual assault. Moreover, the YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center (SAPCC) provides support and advocacy for victims of sexual abuse and their significant others in order to facilitate the healing and empowerment of individuals. All counseling services are free and confidential. The 24-hour hotline is 717-392-7273. In addition to the posted educational dots on campus, posters and brochures are available by bulletin board in Lower Level Lark.

Race Against Racism Support

Spring is in the air and it is time to run or walk in the annual YWCA Race Against Racism. The Seminary community can support the YWCA in two ways: 1. register to run or walk in the Race April 28 or 2. donate money to help fund the registration fee for someone in the larger community to run or walk in the Race. Registration Forms to run or walk can be found in Lower Level Lark. Please complete and give form and fee to Maryann Bruce no later than the April 14 deadline. She will send in all racers information at once (so we can participate as a team) and be in touch with you to deliver to you your race bag. If you would like to donate money, look for the special buckets marked for donations around campus. Coordinated by Roland Brown and the SCC, donations will be collected during various venues on campus and the bucket will be down by the mailboxes. For more information, please contact Maryann Bruce at 717-290-8752 or mbruce@lancasterseminary.edu.

Upcoming Seminary Related Events

April 2, 7:00 p.m., Theology on Tap, Molly's Pub, 253 E. Chestnut Street, second floor - FREE

Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church and Lancaster Theological Seminary, this event provides an open forum on a variety of subjects related to the culture we live in. The topic of "Marriage in the Bible" will be introduced by Professor of Old Testament, Dr. Julia O'Brien from the Seminary for 15 or 20 minutes and then given to the group for discussion.

April 14, 9:30 a.m., Multi-Church Lecture-Lent 2007, Refectory - FREE

Chuck Melchert, Will lecture on "Finding Wisdom in the Book of Job." For more information on this lecture and Dr. Melchert, please visit the events section of our web site at www.lancasterseminary.edu.

Upcoming Community Related Events

April 10, 7:30 p.m., Lecture by Bill McKibben, St. James Episcopal Church, 119 North Duke Street, Lancaster - FEE FOR TICKETS

Essayist Bill McKibben comes to town for a two-day visit co-sponsored by the Writers House and the Lancaster Literary Guild. Bill is a former staff writer for The New Yorker. His books include Wandering Home, Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age, Long Distance, Hundred Dollar Holiday, and Maybe One. The End of Nature, published in 1989, sounded one of the earliest alarms about global warming. He is a frequent contributor to The New York Review of Books, Outside, and The New York Times, among others. A reception and book signing will take place in the Forum room in the church's Parish House after the reading. Contact the Lancaster Literary Guild at 717-431-4433 for tickets. Ticket sales benefit The Threshold Foundation and their inner-city gardening programs for youth.

April 11, 12:30 p.m., Lunch and Conversation with Bill McKibben, at the Philadelphia Alumni Writers House, F & M Campus, Lancaster, off College Avenue - RSVP PRIOR, but FREE

Join writer Bill McKibben for an informal conversation in the Arthur B. Dodge Reading Room at the Writers House. Lunch will be served. To reserve a seat in advance, please contact the Writers House at 717-291-4244 or by email at tlebrun@fandm.edu. The bookstore will be on hand to sell books.

Wednesday - Friday, April 11-13 (see <http://www.fandm.edu/ewf2007.xml> for a detailed schedule and information on the writers) all take place at F & M Campus- FREE

This Festival is a three-day celebration of the work of talented and promising younger American writers. Each year, the Festival brings five fine writers to campus all at once for three days. The Festival is co-sponsored by the English Department of Franklin & Marshall College and is supported by Richard and Edna Hausman. This year's featured writers: Cynthia Cruz, Lauren Groff, Amaud Jamaul Johnson, Jay Kirk, and Kevin Moffett.

April 14, Prayer Breakfast and Testimonies with the Soulforce Equality Riders, 9:30 a.m. - Noon, Vision of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main Street, Mountville PA - FREE

What is the 2007 Soulforce Equality Ride? Homophobia is globally pervasive, and no community or school escapes its reach. In 2006, during the inaugural Equality Ride, participants traveled to nineteen schools and engaged students, faculty, and administrators in conversation about the damaging effects of homophobic doctrine, the false notion that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender identities are sick and sinful. This year, the journey continues with fifty young adults going to thirty-two Christian colleges and universities. Two buses are taking the group on two distinct routes around the country in creative pursuit of social justice. In doing so, they are empowered to change countless lives. Love liberates the oppressed, redeems the lost, and resurrects the spirit. For more information, visit: www.soulforce.org.

The next issue of the Seminary News will be available online April 16.

**If you would like an item in the next issue,
please email it to the editor no later than April 11.**