

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Upcoming Seminary Related Events

African American Heritage Celebration Activities (see events page on web for more information)

February 28, Nathan Baxter, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Worship at 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel - FREE

March 1, 2007, Rev. Dr. Donna Allen, "Journeying by Faith - Scripture Hebrews 12", Worship at 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel , Lecture at 1:15 p.m., Hafer Center - FREE

"A Critical Conversation - Their Own Receive Them Not" The lecture will reflect on a recent publication by Horace L. Griffin - "Their Own Receive Them Not: African American Lesbians & Gays in Black Churches". His work is a critical analysis of race and sexuality and how they both shape cultural morality.

Rev. Dr. Donna E. Allen is founder and pastor of New Revelation Community Church in Oakland, CA. Ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, she received her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University. At Vanderbilt, her dissertation topic was "Toward a Womanist Homiletic: Katie Cannon, Alice Walker, and Emancipatory Proclamation." This Fall, Dr. Allen will join the Lancaster Theological Seminary faculty as Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship. She has served as a professor at Pacific School of Religion, American Baptist Seminary of the West, and St. Paul School of Theology.

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.

Upcoming Wider Community Related Events

**February 20, J. Bank, Esq. Memorial Fund Reading and Short Story Contest, 8:00 PM - FREE
Philadelphia Alimni Writers House at F & M Campus**

Michael Griffith will announce the winner of the annual Jerome I. Bank, Esq Memorial Short Story contest and read from his own work. Griffith's books are Bibliophilia: A Novella and Stories (2003) and Spikes: A Novel (2001), both from Arcade. His work has appeared in New England Review, Virginia Quarterly Review, The Washington Post, and dozens of other periodicals. He is the recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts (2004-05) and the Louisiana Division of the Arts (2001), among others. He served as the Associate Editor of The Southern Review. He teaches at the University of Cincinnati, the Sewanee School of Letters and is the founding editor of Yellow Shoe Fiction, an original-fiction series from LSU Press. The contest and Griffith's reading are funded by the Jerome I. Bank Memorial fund. The reading is free and open to the public.

**February 22, Whose Side You On, Anyway? Open Mic, 8:00 PM - FREE
Philadelphia Alimni Writers House at F & M Campus**

Bring your own or your favorite writer's protest poetry-anything that makes a racket about whatever needs being made a racket about: the war in Iraq? The genocide in Darfur? Hummers? Hippies? Harp seals? FREE FOOD (& it's Fair Trade!) This event is co-sponsored by the Fair Trade Cafe, and Oxfam.

February 24, Reading: Ike Hügel-Marshall, 10:00 AM - FREE

Philadelphia Alimni Writers House at F & M Campus

Ike Hügel-Marshall will read from her German autobiography entitled: "Daheim unterwegs. Ein deutsches Leben" (published by Orlando/Fischer Publisher in Germany and by Continuum in English translation as: Invisible Woman: Growing up Black in Germany). In 1996 Ika Hügel-Marshall received the Audre Lorde Literary Award for the completion of her autobiography. This event is sponsored by the German department and is free and open to the public.

February 27, Indian Writers/Indian-American Voices: A Group Reading, 8:00 PM - FREE

Philadelphia Alimni Writers House at F & M Campus

As part of a month long celebration entitled MELA: A Harmony of East & West, A Celebration of the the culture of India, Writers House will host a community celebration and group reading of works by Indian or Indian-American writers, contemporary and traditional. To volunteer to read, please e-mail kerry.sherinwright@fandm.edu. For more information on the full schedule of MELA events which will last from February 25-April 1 or to see a full list of sponsors, go to: www.lancastersymphony.org.

February 28, Reading: Alison Bechdel, 8:00 PM - FREE

Stahr Auditorium, Stager Hall at F & M Campus

For Free Tickets, Call 717-291-4244. Alison Bechdel, author of the critically acclaimed graphic memoir Fun Home and of the syndicated comic strip Dykes to Watch Out For (DTWOF), has become a cultural institution for lesbians and discerning non-lesbians all over the planet. There are twelve book-length collections of DTWOF, and her bi-weekly strip is syndicated in over 50 periodicals. Four of her books have won Lambda Awards for humor, and Fun Home was recently named Time Magazine's best book of 2006. Bechdel's work has also appeared in Ms., The Village Voice, The Advocate, Out, Gay Comics, and many other comic books, magazines, and anthologies. This event is co-sponsored by the English department, Women and Gender Studies, the Women's Center, International Programs, the Anthropology department, CLAS and LGBTA.

March 3, Justice and Witness Day, First UCC in Quakertown, 11AM - 4PM - FEE

Penn Northeast and Pennsylvania Southeast Conferences and the Northeastern PA Synod are jointly sponsoring a young adult justice and witness day on March 3, 2007 at First UCC, Quakertown. This ecumenical gathering for Christian, socially conscious, young adults is titled Experience, Engage, Empower. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The cost is \$10.00. For more information about this event please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lower level of Lark, or contact Amelie Sell at 610-562-2593.

March 9-12, Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference, Washington D. C. - FEE

In 2007, March 9-12, we will gather in Washington, D.C. for the fifth annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days conference. Our theme, "and How are the Children?" will guide and inspire this gathering of over 1,000 religious advocates from a wide array of Christian communions. Experts will train participants how to do advocacy and inform them of U.S. domestic and international policies that impact all of God's children and are shaping the future of our world. The gathering will conclude with a visit to Capitol Hill where participants will ask their Congressional representatives to make the needs of children the center of the 2007 legislative agenda. Please visit: <http://www.advocacydays.org/index.php> to find out how to register by the March 1st deadline. Student scholarships are available. You may also contact Michael Neuroth, conference coordinator for more information at info@advocacydays.org or 202.470.0127.

Cokesbury News

Cokesbury will be closing at 6:00 (instead of 6:30) on the Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 21-April 4).

If any graduating students wish to order hoods from Cokesbury the orders need to be placed by Mar 15. Mar 15 is also the day when a representative from Newhouse will be here to show clergy robes and take orders. For more information on Cokesbury, please contact store manager, Janice Herman at 717-393-1077.

Library News

Remote Access to FirstSearch/ATLA Religion and ProQuest Religion - From the library's web site (<http://library.lts.org>) you can gain access to our periodicals databases. ProQuest Religion offers primarily full-text access to about 120 periodicals back to the 1980's and includes titles such as Christian Century and Christianity Today. FirstSearch is a gateway to a variety of databases, one of which is ATLA Religion, which indexes over 1,500 religious titles back to the late 1940's. These are available everywhere on campus where there is a network connection. They are also available off campus to students and employees when they enter their library card number preceded by their initials. Faculty wishing to provide easily available reserve readings should consider selecting materials from full-text articles within these databases. Their students could access assigned readings from home or office. Students or faculty wishing assistance with this can find handouts in the library, instruction on our website (<http://library.lts.org/library/howto.html>), or guidance from library staff.

Job Opportunities

Salem United Methodist Church in Manheim is seeking to fill the position of Youth Director. This is a part time ministry position that pays for 20 hours a week. For more information or to send a letter of interest email, Chuck Schmidt, chair SPRC, ccwitty1@ptd.net In addition there are two part time worship positions available on the staff of the church. 1) Senior Choir Director 2) Praise & Worship Band Director. For more information about the ministries of Salem Church, please check our website: www.salemumch.org.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is looking for Summer Campground Chaplains for Pennsylvania Parks. Candidates need to be available between May 27 and September 2. Information can be found at www.pachurches.org.

Volunteers Needed in the Neighborhood: The Covenant United Methodist Church is coordinating an effort to get volunteers to for a Fulton Elementary School Before School Program. (Fulton Elementary School is on Orange Street, across from Groff's Funeral Home.) 3 volunteers are needed each morning from 7 to 8 am: one to welcome people and two to watch the children. For more information and/or to volunteer call the church office at 717-393-1561.

Music Director or Music Director/Organist: First Presbyterian Church, Strasburg, PA seeks a part-time Director of the choral and special music programs. A combined position including organ accompaniment of choir and worship will be considered. For position descriptions and application, please call 717-687-6030 or visit www.straspres.org.

Two Part-time Positions at Trinity UCC in 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 supervised by the Senior Pastor. For more information on either position, please contact Terry Manning at 717-637-2233 or terry@trinityucchanover.org.