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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Friday	March 12	11:45 a.m.	CHAPEL	"Listening to the Silent Music: The Memoir of a Journey in Place." Speaker: LeRoy Friesen; worship leader: Gayle Gerber Koontz
Monday	March 15	8:00 a.m.	INTERCESSORY PRAYER	Chapel of the Word
Tuesday	March 16	7:45 a.m.	CENTERING PRAYER	Chapel of the Word
		11:45 a.m.	CHAPEL	"From Despair to hope" Speaker Carol Willis from Church Community Services will speak on Isaiah 42:21-23
		12:30 p.m.	MISSION/PEACE COLLOQUIUM	LC:H
Wednesday	March 17	7:30 a.m.	PRAYING THE DAILY OFFICE	Chapel of the Word
Thursday	March 18	11:40-1:00 p.m.	FORUM	Introduction to the Culture Audit
Friday	March 19	11:45 a.m.	CHAPEL	"Monseñor Romero Speaks: Reflections Thirty Years Later", led by Rolando Sosa, Teresa Geiser and Charles Geiser

AMBS Cultural Audit Process begins March 18. On March 18, AMBS will begin the first phase of a cultural audit to determine how welcoming we are as a learning community in the specific areas of race and gender. The AMBS Damascus Road Anti-racism Team has worked with Michelle Loyd-Paige, Ph.D Dean of Multicultural Affairs at Calvin College, and her assistant, Ebonie Atkins to design several opportunities for faculty, staff and students on the Elkhart campus to participate in this process. Michelle and Ebonie will meet with key administrators and the anti-racism team to discuss our vision for the audit, and forum on that day will be dedicated to outlining the rest of the process. They will also facilitate informal conversations with several key groups in which we can speak personally about our experiences at AMBS. The anti-racism team and the administrative cabinet encourage you to review the schedule below and to contribute to the discussions as you feel led.

March 18 Cultural Audit Schedule

8:00-9:45am Caucus with Damascus Road Team

9:45-10:15 Special morning break to introduce Michelle

10:15-11:45 Caucus with Administrative Cabinet

11:45-1:00 Forum—Introduction to the Cultural Audit

1:10-5pm Break out group discussions

(1) North American students of color, Wadsworth Room, 1:10-2:00

(2) International students of color, Witmarsum Room, 1:10-2:00

(3) Canadians, Witmarsum Room, 2:10-3:00

(4) Non-Mennonite students, Wadsworth Room, 2:10-3:00

(5) Teaching Faculty, Witmarsum Room, 3:10-4:00

(6) Staff and Administrative Faculty, Wadsworth Room, 3:10-4:00

(7) Female students, Wadsworth Room, 4:10-5:00

(8) Male students, Witmarsum Room, 4:10-5:00

We ask for your prayers as we enter into this process. Thank you!

--The AMBS Damascus Road Anti-racism Team

Lambright Lunches are served 12:00-1:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 11:40-12:40 on Thursday.

Monday Hawaiian Carrot Soup, Sandwich Bar

Tuesday Fusilli (Pasta/Spinach), Bread, Apple Salad

Wednesday Chicken Vegetable Soup, Bread, Apricots

Thursday Wild Rice/Shiitaki Mushroom Soup, Salad

Friday Mennonite Weekly Review

Peace/Mission Colloquium, Tues. March 16, Lambright Room H, 12:30-1:30. Topic: "Speak to me: Oral History, a Resource for Peacemaking?" Jean Kilheffer Hess, a 2004 MATS graduate and owner of StoryShare, an oral history business, will describe the practice of oral history interviewing and engage colloquium participants in exploring applications for peacemaking and missional response. Jean is also interested in further connections related to her StoryShare enterprise --Walter Sawatsky

Please welcome the following guests to campus for the Fall Open House this **Saturday, March 13:**

- Bob Covell
- Eric Vandrick
- Linsey Cory

Please join us in extending hospitality to them by introducing yourself when you see them on campus or in class and participating in the 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Morning break. Hosted by Admissions in the Waltner Hall lounge.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

CLOSED Tuesday and Friday 11:40-12:20 for Chapel

Bookstore Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

CLOSED Tuesday and Friday at 11:45 for Chapel

For assistance from Writing Services, contact Jeremiah Wade at writingservices@ambs.edu.

For assistance with English as a Second Language, contact Jo Beachy at esl@ambs.edu

More Out-of-Copyright Books Available Online. Before Google existed and long before Google Books, the American Theological Library Association microfilmed over 29,000 of public domain books for preservation. Now an online database, the collection is being marketed by EBSCOhost. Most books were published between 1850 and 1923. The library home page will have a link to the two collections until June 30 when the free trial is over. Check with Eileen Saner for off-campus access. --Eileen K. Saner

Exercise option is available again! The treadmill in the Student Activity Center has been repaired and is ready for use again. --Janeen Bertsche Johnson

The AMBS Volunteer Program seeks a Student-Spouse Volunteer beginning June 1, 2010. Spouses of fulltime students are invited to apply. The student-spouse volunteer serves in a wide range of capacities, including meeting and serving the public as well as working behind the scenes in support of many offices across campus. Strong communication, computer and relational skills are required. The student-spouse couple that takes on this volunteer assignment is eligible to live in on-campus housing rent-free and to receive a grocery allowance. For more information and to apply, please contact Helen or Sam Lapp, Volunteer Coordinators, at volunteercoordinator@ambs.edu, or in their office just off the Lounge. Applications are due April 9.

Sacred Pausing: Creating Breathing Spaces for the Soul Retreat. On Monday, April 19, Julie Stegelmann, co-director of Pathways Retreat Center in Goshen, will lead a prayer retreat from 9 am – 3:30 pm at Pathways focusing on simple ways to pray throughout the day. Sign-up sheet is on Marlene Kropf's bulletin board.

From *MEA Prayers for Faith and Learning*:

- **Monday, March 15:** Marlene Kropf and the AMBS class, Spiritual Guidance Seminar, meet today as students prepare to become spiritual guides. Pray that they will learn how to lead others to be open to God's work in their lives.

From the AMBS Damascus Road Team

IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center Natatorium presents Nikki Giovanni

On **April 1**, World-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist & educator Nikki Giovanni will give two presentations at Indiana University South Bend. The event, which is in celebration of Women's History Month, is free and open to the public. However, you must call for tickets if you'd like to attend.

At 11 a.m.

Northside Campus Auditorium
1855 Northside Blvd., South Bend

At 7:30 p.m.

Discover Hall, Century Center
120 South St. Joseph St., South Bend

Free Admission // Tickets Required
Call 574.520.4203