Friday, October 31

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sex, Gender, and Activism: Nashville, Tennessee

Victor Anderson, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at Vanderbilt University, represents Brothers United, an education program designed to provide HIV prevention education to gay and bisexual men of color as well as to promote self-empowerment and community building.

Pamela DeGroff is spokesperson and newsletter editor for Tennessee Vals, a support group for transgendered people. Tennessee Vals is the largest transgendered support group in the mid-south.

Abby Rubenfeld has a general law practice in Nashville with an emphasis on family law, sexual orientation issues, and AIDS-related issues and is on the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign.

Becca Stevens, Chaplain, St. Augustine’s Chapel at Vanderbilt University, founded Magdalene, a residential housing and recovery program for Nashville women with a history of prostitution and drug abuse.

Saturday, November 1

9:00-10:00 a.m.

International Gay and Lesbian Rights

Alejandra Sarda coordinates the Program for Latin America and the Caribbean at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Sex, Gender, and Activism: The National Scene

Monica J. Casper, Executive Director of the Intersex Society of North America, is an internationally recognized medical sociologist and biomedical ethicist and the author of The Making of the Unborn Patient: A Social Anatomy of Fetal Surgery (Rutger University Press).

Emi Koyama is a multi-issue social justice activist synthesizing feminist, Asian, survivor, dyke, queer, sex worker, slut, intersex, genderqueer, and crip politics.


1:45-2:45 p.m.

Gender, Power, and the Living Wage

Reverend Lillian Daniel is the Senior Minister at the Redeemer United Church of Christ, New Haven, Connecticut, and co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economic and social well-being of working families in Connecticut’s urban centers.

Reverend Scott Marks is the leader of the New Growth Outreach Ministries and serves as the New Haven director of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

“The Dirt We Eat: The Unfinished Struggle for Women’s Liberation”

Minnie Bruce Pratt teaches Women’s Studies, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Studies, and Creative Writing as a member of the Graduate Faculty of The Union Institute. She is the author of numerous publications, including S/HE (Firebrand Books) and Walking Back Up Depot Street (University of Pittsburgh Press).

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