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Rebecca Voelkel is our 2023 CLGS Harkness Lecturer!

Sacred Reckonings with the Doctrine of Discovery's Betrayal



Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel (she/her) will deliver the 14th Annual **CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture** online on **Thursday, 19 October 2023** at **4:30pm** (Pacific Time).

In *Sacred Reckonings with the Doctrine of Discovery's Betrayal: What Queerness Teaches Us About Strategies of Resistance, Embodied Joy, and Acts of Reparation* Rev. Dr. Voelkel will reflect on the betrayals wrought by the Doctrine of Discovery and its triplet offspring of White Supremacy, Christian Supremacy, and Extractive Capitalism. She will also explore how queerness, and, in particular, queer theology can be a source of luscious resistance, embodied joy, and palpable acts of reparation.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on this ONLINE CLGS Lecture!

The Soiling of the Pride Flag

"In my state of Michigan the Hamtramck City Council unanimously voted to approve a resolution that restricts the city from flying any 'religious, ethnic, racial, political, or sexual orientation group flags' on public grounds.

It is not lost on the LGBTQ+ community that this resolution came at the time that many surrounding communities chose to fly the Pride Flag. While this City Council may think that they can hide behind its list of prohibited categories, the LGBTQ+ community knows that this act was aimed at us."

Click [HERE](#) for read Rev. Stringfellow's Reflection!



Not A Tame Lion

The Annual **CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture** is named after Yale historian **John Boswell**, author of *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality* [1980] and *Same Sex Unions*



in *Pre-Modern Europe* [1994].

CLGS invites you to view the recently-released documentary film ***Not a Tame Lion***, which offers an in-depth biographical sketch of Boswell's life from the point of view of his family, friends, colleagues, and students.

Bernard Schlager, CLGS Executive Director, is interviewed throughout the film about Boswell's influence as a scholar, mentor, activist, and committed Christian.

[Click HERE to view this documentary film!](#)

Inner Spiritual Landscaping Workshop

A CLGS Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable Program



In this *CLGS Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable* workshop **Maij Mai** focuses on **inner spiritual landscaping** and explores the textures, sensations, and sacred experiences that connect with our inner spiritual lives. Maij also introduces the practice of **compassionate queer altar-making**.

[Click HERE to view a video recording of this CLGS Program](#)

Healthcare Chaplaincy and the Transgender Community

A CLGS Transgender Roundtable Program

with **Rev. Jakob Hero Shaw**

In this webinar designed for chaplains, CPE students, and others interested in providing quality care to transgender and nonbinary people in healthcare settings, we explore the added **stressors** that **trans people face in healthcare settings** and discuss how **the chaplain encounter** can be transformative for trans patients and the care teams providing treatment.

Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw** is Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Tampa; Coordinator of the CLGS Transgender Roundtable;

and a faculty member of our **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**.

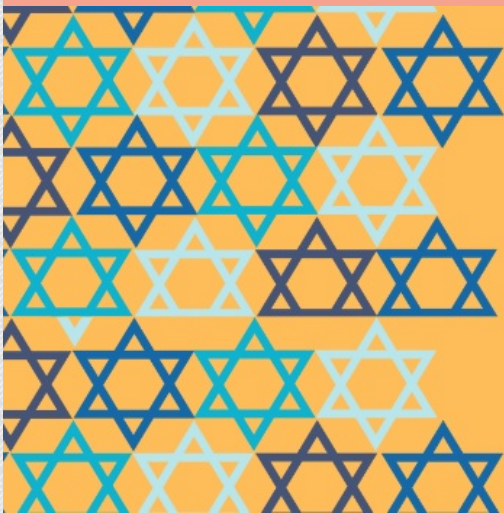


[Click HERE](#) to view a video recording of this CLGS Program

The Spirit of Pride: Jewish Lesbian History and Storytelling

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

with **Rabbi Julie Greenberg**



We invite you to view a recording of this recent **CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event** with Rabbi **Julie Greenberg** as she recounts inspirational and sometimes humorous stories from many different Pride rituals and celebrations through the years.

A queer activist for fifty years Rabbi Greenberg is one of the first out lesbians admitted to rabbinical seminary; she has been an organizer in our community on many different justice issues throughout the United States.

[Click HERE](#) to view a video recording of this recent CLGS Event

A Preview of our Online Fall 2023 Lavender Lunches

- 13 September 2023: **Faith Organizing in Muslim Communities** with Kamal Fizazi
- 10 October 2023: **Transgender and Lutheran: A Journey of Self-Discovery** with Stephanie Dykes
- 8 November 2023: **The CLGS Catholic Roundtable** with Youth Organizers
- December 2023: **HIV Prevention and Outreach in Communities of Color** with Activists and Organizers



Check out these CLGS Resources!

The CLGS **Latinx Roundtable** (LRT) hosts its own website that offers a variety of resources (in Spanish, Portuguese, and English) for Latinx faith communities. Here are some of the topics addressed by the materials found on the LRT website, **Faith, Family, Equality**:

- A Latinx LGBTQ Curriculum for Faith Communities;
- Welcoming Your Trans Family Member: Growing As Latinx Families and Communities;
- Justice and Health: Challenges to the Latino/a Family;
- A Latinx LGBTQ Vocabulary; and
- Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible.

Click [HERE](#) to access our LRT website!

Faith Family Equality
The Latinx Roundtable



The Big Lie and Its Old Hatred

In this, the CLGS 16th Annual John E. Boswell Lecture, Rev. Dr. **Pamela Lightsey** explores how Black queer bodies are used to leverage the aspirations of political candidates, church leaders, and power elites and she demonstrates the ways in which the **big lie** of propaganda is damaging the gains made during the civil and LGBTQ rights movements.

Click [HERE](#) to view a video recording of this CLGS



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