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## News & Updates | September 2023

**Please Give to CLGS!**

### *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).

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

CLGS has learned that Rebecca Voelkel and other members of her family sustained serious injuries from a car accident this past Friday. We are holding Rebecca and her entire family in our prayers during their time of recovery.

We will post updates on this lecture on our website at [www.clgs.org](http://www.clgs.org). [9/5/23]

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

### *Happy Jewish New Year!*

Many Queer people may be surprised to know that **the Jewish understanding of Genesis** is very different from the views of some Christians who point to the Creation story as "proof" of a divine order of heterosexuality, with such arguments as "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

**Click [HERE](#) to read Rabbi Jane's Reflection!**



### *The Bible Is Not A Weapon*

Have you ever felt the weight of fear when your spirituality seems to contradict your identity?

This episode of Shawn Fetting's **Deep Dive**



**Podcast** addresses the intricate relationship between **faith and queerness** and explores some of the profound emotions and experiences that can arise for LGBTQ people who grew up queer in the church.

Featuring CLGS' **Bernard Schlager** and podcaster **Shawn Fettig**.

[Click HERE for a link to this podcast](#)

## Queer Muslim Organizing

An ONLINE *CLGS Lavender Lunch*



In this *CLGS Lavender Lunch* CLGS we explore organizing for LGBTQ Muslim people with **Kamal Fizazi** and **Ramish Nadeem**, who discuss their experiences of working for LGBTQ equality within Muslim contexts.

[Click HERE to join this online Lavender Lunch](#)

## Sacred Queerness in the Christian Lectionary: Year B

*A CLGS Sacred Texts Workshop*

with **Rev. Jakob Hero Shaw** and **Rev. Lauren Bennett**

In this first online *CLGS Sacred Texts Workshop*, Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) pastors Rev. **Lauren Bennett** and Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw** discuss ways that we can illuminate sacred queerness in the upcoming Year B lectionary cycle.

Bring your ideas and plans for Year B and we'll explore together some opportunities for queering exegesis, liturgies, and worship spaces!



[Click HERE to join this online CLGS event!](#)



# Queer AAPI Spiritual Movement Building in Real Time! A Conversation with Tahlil Sharma

A *CLGS AAPI Roundtable* Event  
with **Tahlil Sharma** and **Maij Vu Mai**



We invite you to view a recording of this recent *CLGS AAPI Roundtable event* with Roundtable Coordinator **Maij Vu Mai** (they/he) and guest speaker/comrade **Tahlil Sharma** (he/him) as they join in conversation on how Queer AAPI folks can engage in – and cultivate – **radical queer AAPI spiritual movement-building** in real time!

[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 and Ramish Nadeem
- 10 October 2023: ***Transgender and Lutheran: A Journey of Self-Discovery*** with Stephanie Dykes
- 8 November 2023: ***Sexuality and Religion*** with *PSR Visiting Faculty Member* Alexandra Rosado-Román
- December 2023: ***HIV Prevention and Outreach in Communities of Color*** with *Activists and Organizers*



## Check out these CLGS Resources!

### Pastoral Care and LGBTQ Seniors

Check out this culturally-competent chaplaincy resource from CLGS that includes a wealth of ideas on providing excellent pastoral care for our LGBTQ elders!

[Click HERE](#) to access this  
**CLGS resource**



### Queer Crip Revelation: Disability Dance, Jewish Text and the Sacred Potency of Difference

In this, the CLGS 13th Annual Georgia Harkness Lecture, Professor **Julia Watts Belser** probes the embodied ethics and spiritual insights of Claire



Cunningham's *Thank You Very Much*, a contemporary dance performance that brings queer disability culture into provocative conversation with the glittering world of Elvis tribute artists.

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



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## CLGS: Shaping A New Public Discourse On Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Your financial support makes it possible for us to offer innovative programming that explores and supports LGBTQ people of faith, our families, and our spiritual communities. Together, we are shaping a new and progressive public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

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