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## News & Updates | November 2023

### The Genesis of CLGS: A Short History

#### Planning Your TDOR Events

**Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw**, Coordinator of the *CLGS Transgender Roundtable*, offers some **practical advice** for religious leaders planning **Trans Day of Remembrance Events**.

[Click here to read Rev. Hero-Shaw's Column!](#)

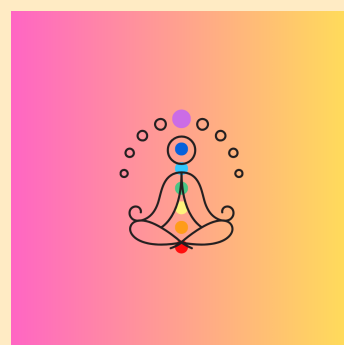


#### Where Two or More are Gathered Polyamorous Loving as a Spiritual Community Ethic & Practice

A CLGS AAPI Roundtable Workshop  
with **Maij Mai**

**ONLINE Thursday, 16 November 2023, at 1pm (Pacific Time)**

How can polyamory/ethical non-monogamy as non-normative relational formation expand our understanding of spiritual community, wellbeing, and practice? Join the AAPIRT in an exploratory dialogue on the intersections of polyamory and faith and how polyamorous frameworks can help us deepen and inform the spiritual ethics and practices of our faith communities.



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

#### Queering Resistance: Decolonizing Feminist Spaces

A CLGS *Lavender Lunch*

with **Professor Alexandra M. Rosado-Román**

**ONLINE Wednesday, 29 November 2023, at 12:30pm (Pacific Time)**



In this online CLGS Lavender Lunch, PSR **Professor Alexandra M. Rosado-Román** explores Queerness both as a transgressive action and a methodological tool for disrupting established norms in various aspects of life, from spaces and practices to language. Beyond discussions of pride and sexual liberation, this conversation will focus on capitalism and colonialism as we examine how both have historically exploited land and people as capital. Join us for this online discussion!

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

**Sublime Divinations, Edition 3**  
**Queer AAPI Elemental Magic**  
A CLGS AAPI Event  
with Maij Mai

**ONLINE Thursday, 30 November 2023, at 1pm (Pacific Time)**



The purpose of The *CLGS Asian American Pacific Islander Roundtable's* annual zine, *Sublime Divinations*, is to (1) provide a more spiritually expansive and exploratory creative space for LGBTQIA+ AAPI folks and their accomplices and (2) document and archive LGBTQIA+ AAPI stories and narratives around spirituality, faith, religion, and divinity in creative and accessible ways, so that we may have a clear blueprint of who we hope to become as a community. This year's edition of *Sublime Divinations* will explore **the divine relationships that Queer AAPI communities have built and sustained with our elemental friends** Earth, Air, Water, and Fire. How have Queer AAPI folks transformed and deepened our spiritual connection with nature's sacred elements? How has nature shaped and formed our understanding of Queer AAPI spiritual identity?

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

*Bringing Spirituality Out of the Closet*  
*A CLGS Lavender Lunch*



In this CLGS Lavender Lunch **Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow**, Managing Director of the Center, explores the unique role that congregations can play in joyfully including LGBTQ individuals in every aspect of the life of their community. While there are certainly many challenges in creating welcoming and inclusive faith communities, Rev. Stringfellow invites everyone to take part in our CLGS Roundtables and avail themselves of our resources to build more inclusive communities.



## Our Online Fall 2023 Lavender Lunches

- 13 September 2023: **Faith Organizing in Muslim Communities** with Kamal Fizazi and Ramish Nadeem
- 11 October 2023: **Bringing Spirituality Out of the Closet** with Roland Stringfellow
- 29 November 2023: **Sexuality and Religion** with PSR Visiting Faculty Member Alexandra Rosado-Román
- 6 December 2023: **HIV Queer Muslim Organizing Part II** with Activists and Organizers

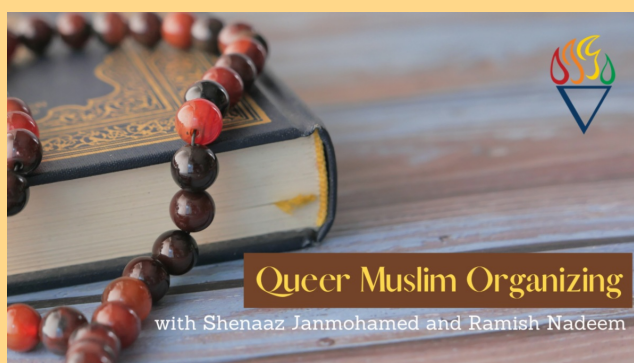


## Check out these CLGS Resources!

### The Spirit of Pride: Jewish Lesbian History and Storytelling

**Rabbi Julie Greenberg**, a queer activist for 50 years, is one of the first out lesbians admitted to rabbinical seminary, and she has been an organizer in our community on many different justice issues and in different cities throughout the country. In this video recording of a *CLGS Jewish Queeries Series* event she recounts inspirational and often humorous stories from many different Pride rituals and celebrations.

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



### Queer Muslim Organizing

CLGS has a rich tradition of fostering dialogue and creating curricula for communities of color that bring together queer identity and religious faith. In our first *Lavender Lunch* of 2023-2024 we welcome **Shenaaz Janmohamed** and **Ramish Nadeem** who share with us their experiences of working for LGBTQ equality from a Muslim perspective.

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



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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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