

happy pride 2024!



CLGS News and Updates | June and July 2024

Dear CLGS :

As we conclude our 2024-2025 academic year in this season of Pride, I am so happy to report that The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS) continues to make a real and **life-saving difference for LGBTQ people**, our families, and our faith communities. Through our work in advocacy, community-building, education, and research, we continue to live out our unique mission "to advance the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender people and to transform faith communities and the wider society by taking a leading role in shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender identity, and sexuality."

Please continue to support our work by making **a gift today – of any amount – to our CLGS Annual Fund Campaign** and know that your financial gift will enable us to continue to advocate for LGBTQ+ individuals, our families, and our communities of faith!

Bernie Schlager | CLGS Executive Director

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A Call to Queer Solidarity | Pride 2024

In this reflection piece for Pride 2024, Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw**, Coordinator of the CLGS Transgender Roundtable, writes that "before we abandon the possibility of [Ruth and Naomi as] queer icons, let's keep in mind one of the things that they taught us—a concept that is vital to queer community—the **importance of chosen family**."

[Click HERE](#) to read Jakob Hero-Shaw's entire reflection



Job Opening: Coordinator of the CLGS African American Roundtable

CLGS is currently seeking to hire a part-time Coordinator of our African American Roundtable. The Coordinator provides theological and pastoral expertise as well as programmatic and convening support to the Roundtable by coordinating events and creating resources for LGBTQ+ persons from African American backgrounds.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Dr. Ish Ruiz
Coordinator of the CLGS Latinx Roundtable

CLGS is proud to welcome Dr. **Ish Ruiz Yoel** as the new Coordinator of our **CLGS Latinx Roundtable**.

Dr. Ish Ruiz, who will become an Assistant Professor of Latinx and Queer Decolonial Theology at Pacific School of Religion on 1 July 2024, is a native of Puerto Rico and a queer theologian. His current research explores the intersections between queer theology, Latinx theology, ecclesiology, sexual ethics, liberation, human rights, and Catholic education.

Dr. Ruiz, who holds a PhD in Theology and Ethics from the Graduate Theological Union, is currently completing a post-doctoral fellowship in Catholic Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. Before this he served on the faculty at the University of Dayton; he also taught at the secondary school level for eleven years.

Welcome, Dr. Ruiz!

On The Calendar

Hineini! | Here I Am!: Jewish Liturgy Old and New in



Celebration of LGBTQ Pride | A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

11 June 2024 at 1pm (Pacific Time)

Join us online for this CLGS *Jewish Queeries Series* event as we trace the evolution of LGBTQ-informed and -inclusive liturgy from the founding of the first “gay synagogues,” to the publication of prayer books, to today’s efforts to bring trans visibility and gender-neutral Hebrew prayer to the mainstream of Jewish life.



CLGS and PSR Celebrate Pride Month: *Living Authentically in Advocacy and Action* **12 June 2024 at 4:15pm (Pacific Time)**

In this online program we welcome recent PSR graduate Jessie Ratcliff and PSR faculty member Rev. Dr. Kristin Stoneking who speak about their vocations to effect social change as queer religious leaders.

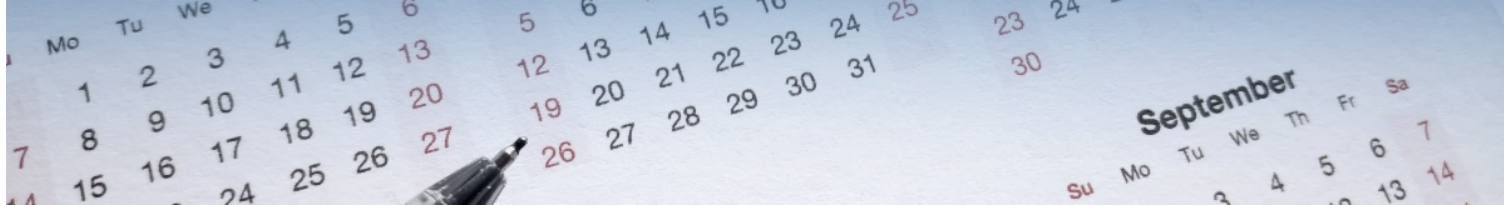


CLGS is once again a proud Community Sponsor of the Queer Women of Color Film Festival **14, 15, 16 June 2024**

This year’s Festival Focus—**Joyful Reunion**—invites attendees from around the Bay Area and the world to explore a diverse slate of films and discussions. The special anniversary will feature a spotlight panel, “Unshakeable Legacy: Queer Women of Color Filmmakers,” moderated by Madeleine Lim, QWOCMAP’s founding Executive and Artistic Director.

[Click HERE for our Upcoming Events!](#)





Ever Queering the Story: An Exploration of Trans Religious Leadership

In this interactive workshop members of our **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**, a group of trans and nonbinary seminary students, **explored religious leadership** in our current social and political climate.



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LEADERSHIP COHORT**

Lead with Love

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



LGBTQ-RAN, DignityUSA, and the **CLGS Catholic Roundtable** co-sponsored this webinar which addressed recent (and confusing!) statements by Roman Catholic leaders on homosexuality, Transgender persons, and same-sex relationships.

How is one to understand and respond to what many see as a confusing series of recent statements by church officials? Do such statements make a real difference in the lives of queer Catholics?

[Click Here for the Video Recording!](#)



Mi Dor L'Dor: Queer Jews Across The Generations

As the first generation of openly queer Jews becomes our elders, younger queer Jews are continuing the labor of organizing, advocating, and building lives and community.

In this *CLGS Jewish Queeries Series* event, a panel of clergy representing three generations reflect on the challenges and changes that have shaped queer Jewish identity, community and leadership “mi dor l’dor – from generation to generation.”

[Click Here for the Video Recording!](#)

Mark Your Calendar! Rebecca Voelkel is our 2024 CLGS Harkness Lecturer!



Rev. Dr. **Rebecca Voelkel** will deliver the 14th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture ONLINE and speak on:

Sacred Reckonings with the Doctrine of Discovery's Betrayal: What Queerness Teaches Us About Strategies of Resistance, Embodied Joy, and Acts of Reparation

Tuesday, 17 October 2024 at 4pm (Pacific Time)

Click [HERE](#) for more information!

52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families

Check out our 2024 edition of this popular weekly blog and explore with us **how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families**

Learn More about our 52 Ways!



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