



James Baldwin and Black Queer Prophetic Lament (and Hope?)



Prof. Bryan Massingale
The CLGS 2025 Boswell Lecture

Thursday, 8 May 2025 @ 4pm (Pacific Time)

Hello CLGS ,

We invite you to join us ONLINE – **THIS Thursday, 8 May 2025** at 4pm (Pacific Time) – for our 18th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture with Professor Bryan Massingale of Fordham University!

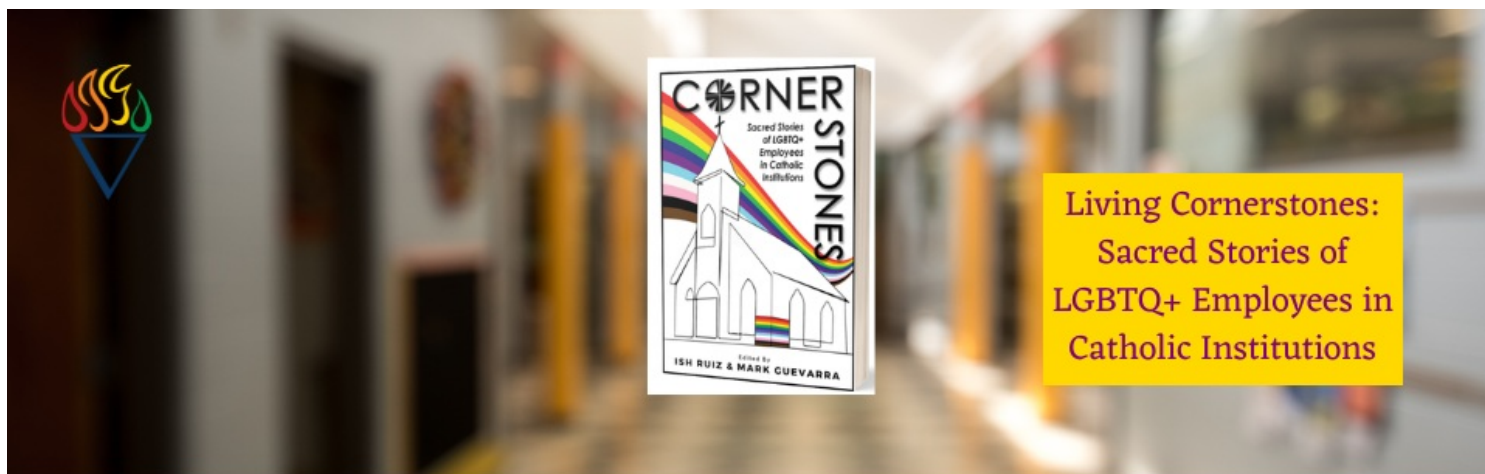
[Click HERE](#) to register for this online CLGS

CLGS is Accepting Applications for Our 2025-2026 Trans Religious Leadership Cohort!

Application Deadline: Friday, 9 May 2025

For the last thirteen years, CLGS, the **Freedom Center for Social Justice** and the **National LGBTQ Task Force** have sponsored a program for transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming seminarians and religious leaders in training in the United States. Our goal is to encourage trans students during their training for religious leadership so that they complete their degrees, feel equipped to follow their vocation, and also embrace the fact that their impact as faith leaders can and should extend beyond their chosen settings.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on our Trans Religious Leadership Cohort



Living Cornerstones:
Sacred Stories of
LGBTQ+ Employees in
Catholic Institutions

A CLGS **Lavender Lunch** | Thursday, 15 May 2025 @ 1pm (Pacific) | **ONLINE**

Our Next CLGS Lavender Lunch: A Conversation with the Authors of *Living Cornerstones*

In this online CLGS *Lavender Lunch* we will explore the recently-published book *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions*. Published by our colleagues at New Ways Ministry, this book offers a new anthology of 12 stories of faith, sacrifice, joy, and pain by LGBTQ+ people who have been employed by Catholic parishes and schools.

Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 1pm (Pacific Time) ONLINE

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

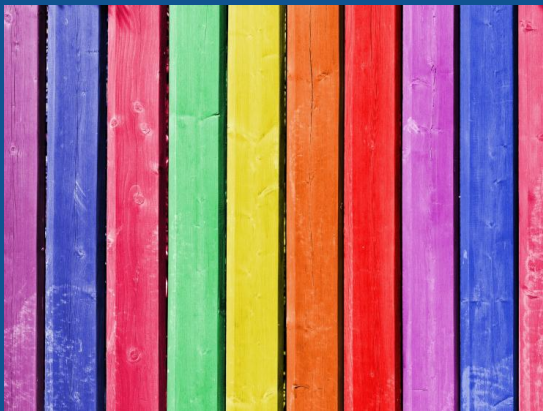
May Day, May Day! Worker Solidarity and Black Queer Faith

"As lawmakers continue to legislate queer and trans lives out of existence, and as capital exploits our labor while denying our humanity, May Day calls us to remember: our survival is resistance."



[Click HERE to read Rev. Mayo's Reflection](#)

On The Calendar



Beginnings, Middles, and Ends (Rituals to Move you Through Transitions)

In this **CLGS Trans Roundtable** workshop, we explore rituals as sources of collective and individual power, especially in times of transition. We will draw upon our queer communities' deep histories of being adept at creating special, sacred places where we play with rules and traditions.

Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 1pm (Pacific Time) ONLINE

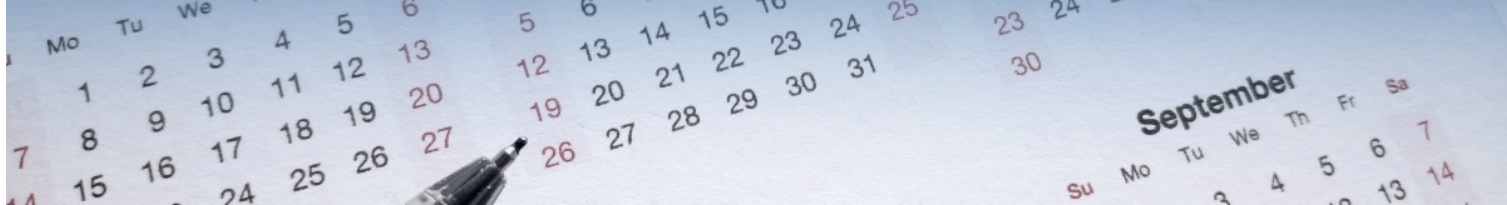


Queering Juneteenth: Celebrating the Legacy of Black LGBTQIA+ Freedom Fighters

Join the **CLGS African American Roundtable** for an engaging and enlightening virtual workshop that honors the intersection of Black and LGBTQ+ identities through the lens of Juneteenth, a day commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

Tuesday, 10 June 2025 at 10am (Pacific Time) ONLINE





Queering Easter to Pentecost | A CLGS Sacred Texts Workshop with Revs. Lauren Bennett and Jakob Hero-Shaw

In this CLGS *Sacred Texts Workshop* Revs. **Lauren Bennett** and **Jakob Hero-Shaw** explore methods of queering texts for Holy Week, Easter, Eastertide, and Pentecost!

[Click HERE](#) for a video recording of this CLGS event



Mestizaje Confronts #AmericanFacism with Jorge Aquino, PhD

In this CLGS *Latinx Roundtable* event, Professor **Jorge Aquino** (University of San Francisco) proposes a theo-politics response to Trumpism 2.0, folding the first-generation concept of *mestizaje* into a more intersectional framework.

[Click HERE](#) for a video recording of this CLGS event

CLGS Remembers Pope Francis

Catholic Leader Who Took Important Steps Toward LGBTQ Inclusion, Dies at 88



Bernard Schlager, CLGS Executive Director, reflects on the life and ministry of Pope Francis.

[Click HERE](#) to read Dr. Schlager's Reflection



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