



CLGS News and Updates | June & July 2024

Dear CLGS :

As we draw to a close the 2024-2025 academic year, we are busy preparing the for **25th Anniversary of CLGS**, which we will mark and celebrate in 2025-2026. **Thank you for your ongoing support of the Center** and your commitment to our work of shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

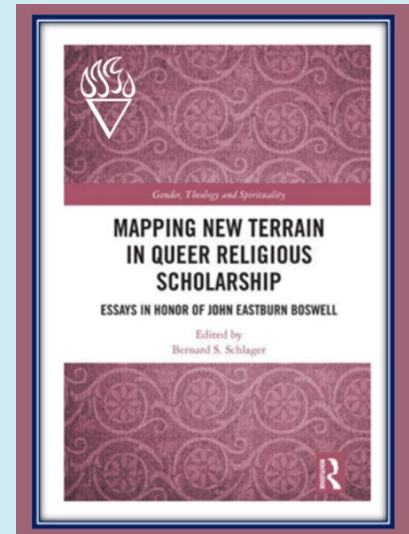
In everything we do – we strive, in the words of our mission statement, "to advance the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender people and to transform faith communities and the wider society by taking a leading role in shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender identity, and sexuality through education, research, community building, and advocacy."

Now more than ever the Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion is needed to contribute to building a world where all can thrive!

[Click HERE to make a gift to the CLGS Annual Fund](#)

New Book in our CLGS Book Series

CLGS is proud to announce the publication of *Mapping New Terrain in Queer Religious Scholarship: Essays in Honor of John Eastburn Boswell* (Routledge: 2025). Edited by Bernard Schlager, the Center's Executive Director, this book contains 11 essays based upon lectures given in our annual **CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture series**.



[Click HERE for more information on this book from CLGS](#)



Liberating Love: A Call to Defend Marriage Equality

"The Southern Baptist Convention's recent resolution demanding the Supreme Court overturn of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the landmark 2015 decision legalizing same-sex marriage, is a stark reminder that **the fight for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States is far from over.**"

A Reflection by Bernie Schlager, CLGS Executive Director

[Click HERE to read this Opinion Piece by Bernie Schlager](#)

A Conversation with Queer PSR Alums | A CLGS/PSR Pride Month Celebration!



Join us for **our annual PSR/CLGS online Pride Event**, which will feature a panel of queer PSR alums reflecting on their seminary experience, their work in the world today, and how faith-based organizations can support queer leaders.

Tuesday, 24 June 2025 @ 4pm (Pacific) ONLINE



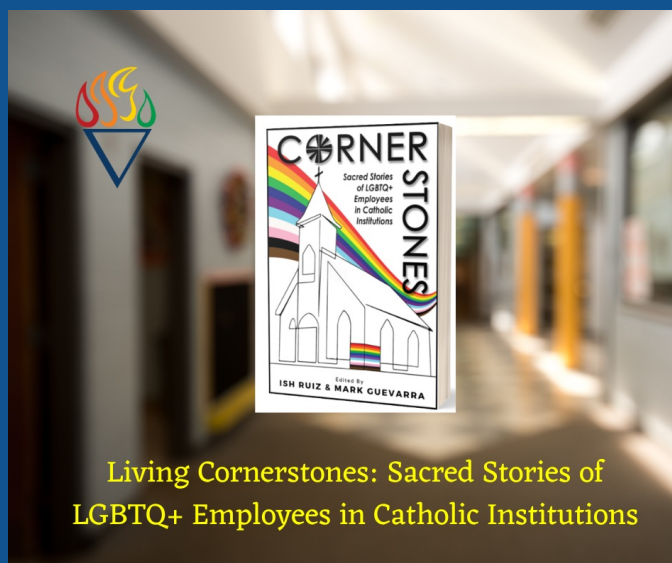
Click [HERE](#) to register for this CLGS/PSR Pride Event

Check Out These CLGS Resources!



Queering Juneteenth: Celebrating the Legacy of Black LGBTQIA+ Freedom Fighters with Rev. Terence Mayo

We invite you to view a recording of this engaging and enlightening virtual workshop offered by the CLGS African American Roundtable. This workshop 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.



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

Living Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions – A Conversation with the Authors

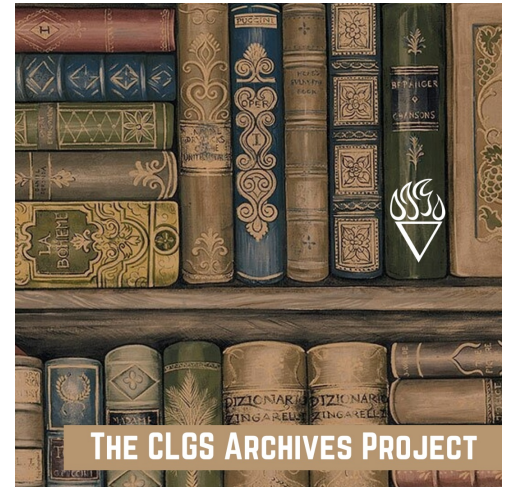
At this May 2025 CLGS Lavender Lunch we explored the recently-published book **Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions**, a new anthology of 12 stories of faith, sacrifice, joy, and pain by LGBTQ+ people who have been employed by Catholic parishes and schools.





The CLGS Archives Project

The **CLGS Archives Project** seeks to obtain, preserve, and make available the papers and other historical materials of significant individuals and organizations in the history of religion and LGBTQ issues in US society. Comprised of a growing number of collections, the Archives Project makes CLGS a leading resource center for the history of LGBTQ persons and religion and spirituality.



[Click HERE](#) to learn more about the CLGS Archives Project



Creating Trans-Affirming Religious Communities with Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw

In this CLGS Transgender Roundtable interactive workshop we moved beyond the concept of “trans inclusion” and into a mindset of holistic affirmation for trans, nonbinary, and genderqueer people in your religious community.

[Click HERE](#) for the video



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.
[A CLGS Latinx Roundtable Workshop](#)

[Click HERE](#) for the video

2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!



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