



## CLGS News and Updates | August 2024

Greetings!

On 1 September 2025 we will inaugurate the **25th Anniversary Year of CLGS** and mark a quarter century of “advancing 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.”

This is the mission that inspires the work of CLGS' six Roundtables; our many educational offerings and monthly online programs; our Harkness and Boswell lectures; the CLGS Archives Project; our book series; and our new Certificate in Trans Spiritual Leadership (CTSL).

In this edition of our e-newsletter we provide a glimpse into some of what we have planned for the upcoming 2025-2026 year, and **we invite you to join the Center** for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion in the work of **building a world where all can thrive!**

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## Bishop Karen Oliveto is our 15th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecturer!

In a time marked by rising oppression, historical erasure, and attacks on bodily and spiritual autonomy, the act of naming and claiming one's identity becomes a sacred and revolutionary act.

Join us as Bishop Oliveto speaks on  
**The Hopes and Fears of All the World Are Met in Thee: Identity's Liberating Power**

**Thursday, 9 October 2025 at 4pm (Pacific) ONLINE**

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

## Our Fall 2025 Lavender Lunches

Join us every month this Fall for these online interactive workshops and discussions! We will explore the following topics: Queer AAPI Theologies; Queer Christian Hymnody; LGBTQ+ Catholic Pastoral Ministry; and Queer Indigenous Hope!



[Click HERE for more information on our Fall 2025 ONLINE Lunches](#)



## Our Trans Religious Leadership Cohort Class of 2025-2026

CLGS is a proud co-sponsor of the **Trans Religious Leadership Cohort**, which is a collaborative partnership between CLGS, the Freedom Center for Social Justice, and the National LGBTQ Task Force.

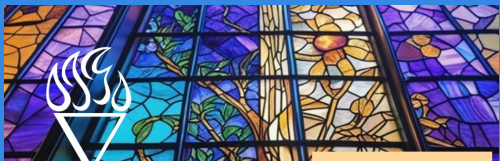
This month we celebrate **Anne Carson** (they/them) who writes: "I am currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Chicago Theological Seminary, with a concentration in Chaplaincy. I plan to graduate by Spring 2027 and work in a hospital or hospice setting, but I am curious about exploring bigger picture advocacy work as well. I am a nonbinary lesbian, and my pronouns are they/them."

One fun fact about me is that I have been in a process of choosing a new nonbinary name (I have a short list). Other interesting facts: I am Buddhist (Theravadan), I'm a big movie fan, and I love taking outdoor adventures with my wife and my dog."



## Professor Ish Ruíz, PhD, becomes Director of the CLGS Catholic Roundtable

[Click HERE](#) to read Professor Ruíz's statement on leading the CLGS Catholic Roundtable, our





CLGS Celebrates  
**This Month in Queer Religious History**

During our 2025-2026 Annivessary Year, each month we will honor one person, community, and/or event of significance in LGBTQ+ religious history.

Watch our socials beginning in September and join in celebrating Queer Religious history!



**Queer, Called, and Conspiring: AAPI Theologies for a World on Fire  
with Prof. Lisa Asedillo**

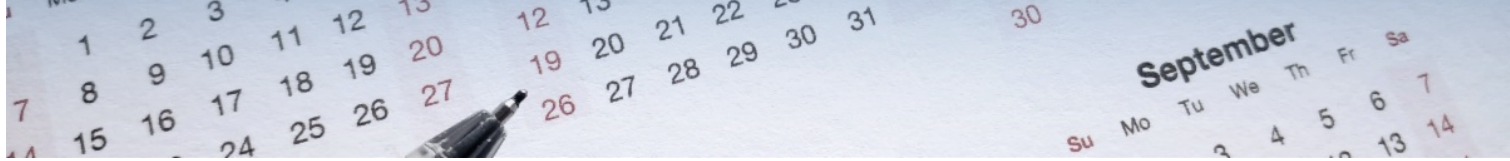
As crises of climate, empire, and identity unfold, queer and trans AAPI communities are cultivating fierce and tender ways of surviving, leading, and imagining otherwise. In this CLGS Lavender Lunch, Professor **Lisa Asedillo** explores what it means to be “called” in a world that often erases or exoticizes AAPI queer lives.

This is a CLGS Lavender Lunch and a CLGS AAPI Roundtable Workshop

**Click [HERE](#) to join this CLGS online event via Zoom**







## 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

## Check Out These CLGS Resources!



### *Reimagining Hope:* Black Trans/Quare Futures in a World That Tries to Erase Us

This **CLGS African American Roundtable Workshop** – led by **Jai Davis** – centers Black Trans voices, wisdom, and lived experiences to explore how faith, community, and ancestral resilience can shape **new possibilities for liberation**.

[Click HERE](#) for the video recording



### *Ethics of Queer Holiness:* Envisioning Queer Religiosity with the Core Meanings of Holiness

In this workshop Rev. Dr. **June Hee Yoon** begins with the long-standing question within Christian traditions: “**Can queer be holy?**”

This short question has taken a long time to be answered in theological discussions in various Christian denominations.

**A CLGS AAPI Roundtable Workshop**

[Click HERE](#) for the video recording

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