



Center for  
LGBTQ & GENDER STUDIES  
in Religion **25** YEARS

## CLGS News and Updates | September 2024

### Faith As Liberation: CLGS at 25 Years... and Counting!

"Twenty-five years ago this month, The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS) at Pacific School of Religion was founded on a simple yet revolutionary premise: that **faith and LGBTQ+ identity are compatible** and that religious leaders have a **moral imperative to stand against hatred and discrimination**. Today, as we celebrate our silver anniversary, our mission and our work have never been more urgent or more necessary."

[Read more of Bernie Schlager's Article on CLGS' 25th Anniversary](#)

### 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**

## **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, PSR Professor **Lisa Asedillo** explores what it means to be "called" in a world that often erases or exoticizes AAPI queer lives.



**Tuesday, 9 September 2025 at 1pm (Pacific) | ONLINE**

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



## **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 **Caro de la Huerta** (they/them/el), a genderfluid, Cuban-American Catholic in their first year of seminary. After completing a year at Chicago Theological Seminary, they will begin studying at the University of Chicago Divinity School in September.

Caro's work centers on healing from queer religious trauma and reclaiming spiritual spaces for LGBTQIA+ communities, with research interests in bodily autonomy, inclusive liturgy, and the intersections of faith, identity, and culture.



During our 2025-2026 Anniversary Year,

we will honor each month one person, community, and/or event of significance in LGBTQ+ religious history.





# This Month In Queer Religious History

SEPTEMBER: **DIGNITYUSA**

This month, September, we celebrate the founding of **Dignity USA**!

**Read more about the founding of Dignity USA**



## 52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome

Each Friday during 2025-2026, CLGS will roll out the latest installment of the **5th anniversary edition** of our popular blog **52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families!**



**Read more about our 52 Ways!**

## Check Out These Upcoming Events!



### Encore Screening The 21st Annual International Queer Women of Color Film Festival

As a proud community sponsor of the annual **Queer Women of Color Film Festival** for many years, CLGS highly recommends this free encore (online) screening of the 21st



### The CLGS Fall 2025 Programming Calendar

Download our **Fall 2025 calendar** that includes information on our Lavender Lunches, Harkness Lecture, *Queering*

Annual International Queer Women of Color Film Festival.

[Read More Here!](#)

*the Word* workshops, special events, and our CLGS/PSR worship services!

[Click HERE for our Calendar](#)

2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!



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