



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

CLGS News and Updates | October 2024



Bishop Karen Oliveto

Our 15th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecturer!

**"The Hopes and Fears of All the World Are Met in Thee:
Identity's Liberating Power"**

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 for Bishop Karen Oliveto's online lecture!**

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

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



Don't Tell Us It'll Probably Be Fine

A Reflection from Rev Jakob Hero-Shaw

"Trans people need more than optimism. We need spiritual and emotional companionship. **We need people willing to sit with us in the discomfort.** When my fear is met with someone else's reassurance, what I actually hear is: "I'm confident it will work out for me, even if it doesn't for you." That's not what we need."

**Read more of Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw's Reflection
HERE**

Singing For Our Lives During the AIDS Crisis: Queer Christian Hymnody

Rev. **Jim Mitulski** and musicologist **Thomas Kurtz** explore how the relationship between music and spirituality served as a voice for social change among queer communities that faced systemic exclusion during the worst years of the AIDS crisis.



Tuesday, 14 October 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 **Michael Angel Molina**, MDiv. (he/they), an Episcopal priest currently serving as a hospital and hospice chaplain. They are a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, where they continue to reside with their spouse of 13 years, Giovanni, and their dogs, Love and Scout.



**TRANS RELIGIOUS
LEADERSHIP COHORT**

Empowering students in spiritual formation

Michael Angel is a graduate of Elizabethtown College and Church Divinity School Of The Pacific. Currently, he is writing his dissertation for his Doctor of Ministry at Lancaster Theological Seminary. The dissertation is entitled "From Every Tribe and People: Tools and Recommendations for More Equitable Ordination and Hiring Practices for LGBTQ+ & BIPOC Leaders in the Episcopal Church." Their hobbies are gastronomy, fashion, and handbags.



This Month In Queer Religious History

OCTOBER: **COMING OUT DAY**

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

**Read more about the
history of Coming Out Day**



Claiming Our Visibility: A CLGS Coming Out Day 2025 Chapel Service

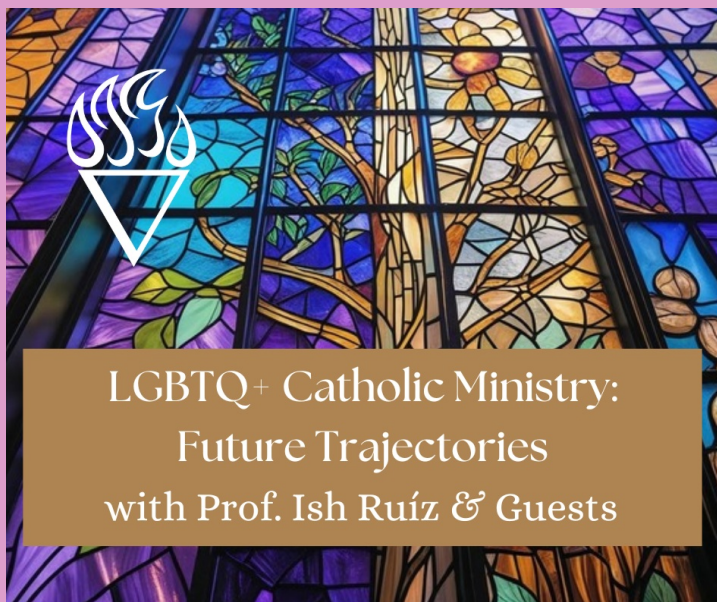


Join CLGS and Pacific School of Religion – online or in person – for our **Coming Out Day 2025 Chapel Service** on Tuesday, 7 October 2025, at 11:10am (Pacific Time)!



Click [HERE](#) to join us for Coming Out Day Chapel!

Check Out These Upcoming Events!



We invite you to join us for this online **CLGS Lavender Lunch**, which will feature a distinguished panel of leaders from various LGBTQ+ ministry organizations, including **Outreach**, **New Ways Ministry**, **Dignity USA**, and the **Marianist Social Justice Collaborative LGBT Initiative**.

Click [HERE](#) to join this online Lavender Lunch on 11 November 2025!



The CLGS Fall 2025 Programming Calendar

Download our **Fall 2025 calendar** that includes information on our Lavender Lunches, Harkness Lecture, *Queering the Word* workshops, special events, and our CLGS/PSR worship services!

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2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!

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