



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

CLGS News and Updates | February 2026



MELANIN: The Good... The Bad... and The Sacred



Bishop Tonyia Rawls
The CLGS 2026 Boswell Lecture

Thursday, **16 April 2026** @ 4pm (Pacific Time) | ONLINE

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



Love in the Seat of Empire

Black Diasporic Survival as a Radical Practice



By Rev. Terence Mayo

"Black love is... transnational: a radical, border-crossing practice that insists we are bound to one another across oceans, languages, and histories of extraction."

Read Terence Mayo's Reflection [HERE](#)



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: Ruining It for Everyone Since 1979 | *A CLGS Lavender Lunch*

In this Lavender Lunch, Sister Hera Sees Candy will offer an **introduction to the history of the Sisters**, situating the Order within queer religious resistance, AIDS-era mutual aid, and contemporary movements for LGBTQ+ justice. The presentation will explore how humor,

ONLINE Wednesday, 25 February 2026 @ 1pm (Pacific Time)

Click [HERE](#) to join this online CLGS Event via Zoom!

A New Book by PSR Alum Mary Dyer

Walls or Windows shines a light on **the othering that occurs when people are different from societal norms**," writes author Mary Dyer. "As a gay and late-deafened woman, I offer firsthand accounts of my experiences alternating with histories and milestones in deaf and LGBT exclusion, challenging the status quo, acceptance, and advancements. This book, seen through **the lens of both the Deaf and LGBT experiences**, urges the reader to see the divine in each person, with their differences enhancing them rather than limiting them. The gifts these individuals contribute to society make the world a more beautiful, compelling place."

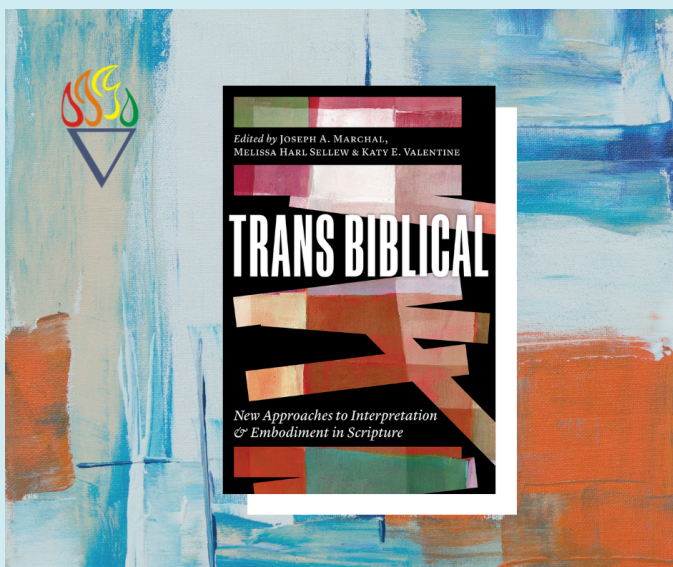
This book is available through Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and Good Faith Media.

WALLS ^{or} WINDOWS

Are the Deaf and LGBT Communities "Wholly Other" or "Holy Other"?



Mary Heron Dyer

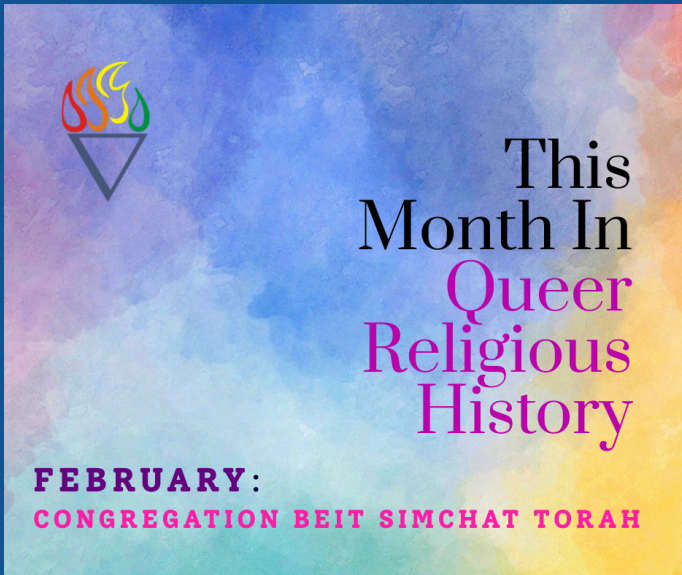


Trans Biblical: New Approaches to Interpretation and Embodiment in Scripture | A CLGS Lavender Lunch

Join us for a conversation with several contributors to this recently-published essay collection, which biblical scholar Ken Stone commends for opening up "a number of new paths in biblical scholarship."

ONLINE Tuesday, 10 March 2026 @ 1pm (Pacific Time)

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



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 we celebrate the founding of **Congregation Beit Simchat Torah**

[Read more HERE!](#)

Check Out These CLGS Resources!



[52 Ways to Welcome!](#)

Lenten Preaching 2026

Check out this recent offering from our *CLGS and MCC Queering the Word* Workshop Series.

How can **you** queer Lent this year?

[Click HERE for a videorecording!](#)

Each week during our Anniversary Year of 2025-2026 we are sharing ideas on how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.

Join us and expand YOUR welcome!

[Click HERE for our 52 Ways](#)

2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!



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