



CENTER FOR
LGBTQ
& GENDER
STUDIES IN
RELIGION
20 YEARS

News & Updates

November 2020

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Raise Your Voice And **Vote** !!



For LGBTQ+ people, voting is absolutely crucial in the ongoing struggle to ensure the civil rights of every person in the United States, including every LGBTQ+ person..

For this 2020 US Presidential Election we need to vote as if our lives (and the lives of those we love) depend on it — because they do!

Click [HERE](#) for Voting Resources!

CLGS Celebrates 20 Years!

From 1 September 2020 through 31 May 2021 CLGS will be **celebrating our 20th Anniversary!** Founded in the Fall of 2000, The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion has pursued the work of **shaping a new discourse on religion, gender and sexuality** for two decades -- and counting!

Join us online during this Anniversary Year as we continue our work of education, research, advocacy and community-building!

CLGS Anniversary Year Roundtable Highlight: Our Jewish Roundtable

The **CLGS Jewish Roundtable (JRT)**, a vital component of the Center's mission and work, joins the African American, Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander and Transgender Roundtables in engaging in the work of exploring the critical intersections between race, ethnicity, class, culture, gender, sexuality and religion in order to better understand how communities of minority identities empower themselves and work together for social change.

Click [here](#) for more information on the JRT and its programs!



Civil but Not Sacred: Pope Francis on Same-Sex Unions

An Opinion Piece by Bernard Schlager, CLGS Executive Director

"Pope Francis: we queer Catholics call upon you and the entire church to



recognize and bless the many loving and committed marriages between people of the same gender... By recognizing our unions as sacred – and as sacrament – you can give truth to your words that everyone has 'a right to be a part of the family' since we are all 'children of God.'”

Click [HERE](#) for the full article!



Engendering Solidarity and Defiant Spirituality Among Church Leaders

Rev. Dr. Traci C. West, Professor of Christian Ethics and African American Studies at Drew University Theological School, is the author of *Solidarity and Defiant Spirituality: Africana Lessons on Religion, Racism, and Ending Gender Violence* (2019). She delivered this lecture on Wednesday, 21 October 2020.

[Click here to view a video recording of this Lecture!](#)

A CLGS Lavender Lunch



Religious Leadership In Congregations During A Time of Pandemic

An ONLINE Lavender Lunch with CLGS Roundtable Coordinators

This CLGS Lavender Lunch continues a discussion (begun last Spring) on religious leadership in Christian and Jewish congregations during a time of pandemic. The coordinators of our CLGS Roundtables, who serve in a variety of pastoral and religious leadership settings, will share their experiences of religious leadership in the context of this ongoing worldwide health crisis.

Click [here](#) for more information about this ONLINE Lavender Lunch.
Join us at 12:15pm (Pacific Time) on **Tuesday, 10 November 2020!**

The CLGS Jewish Roundtable Presents:



CLGS Jewish Queeries and The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies present

WHAT'S NEXT?: HOW THE ELECTION IMPACTS QUEER JEWS

with RABBI DR. JAY MICHAELSON

THURSDAY, NOV 12 @1:00 PM (PST)

12 November 2020: ONLINE from 1pm to 2:15pm (Pacific Time)

[Click here to join this Jewish Queeries Series Event via Zoom!](#)

Check out these CLGS Resources!

52 Ways To Increase Your Welcome of LGBTQ+ People and Our Families

During our 20th Anniversary Year we are reprising — and updating! — our popular weekly blog **52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families**.

Every week we will post suggestions on how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families!



[View the 52 Ways Series Here!](#)



A CLGS Latinx Roundtable Resource

[Click here to access this Resource!](#)

Welcoming Your Trans Family Member: A Resource for Latinx Families & Communities

Available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese!

CLGS: Shaping A New Public Discourse On Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Your financial support makes it possible for us to offer innovative programming that explores and supports LGBTQ people of faith, our families, and our spiritual communities. Together, we are shaping a new and progressive public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

Thank you for your support!

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