



CENTER FOR
LGBTQ
& GENDER
STUDIES IN
RELIGION
20 YEARS

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February 2021

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Souls a' Fire 7

**An ONLINE
National
Gathering
on
Black
Queer
Theology!**

**13 - 14 March
2021**

Register Now at soulsafire.org !

Join the CLGS African American Roundtable as we celebrate our 7th biennial *Souls a' Fire 7* gathering on Black Queer Theology and Ministry.

Register [here](#) for this ONLINE conference!

13– 14 March 2021

A Center at the Center of the Storm



During our **20th Anniversary Year of Celebration** here at CLGS, we are looking back at important moments in the Center's history, which now spans two decades.

Click **HERE** to read an essay written in 2008 by **Professor Mary Tolbert**, our founding Executive Director. Aptly entitled **The Center at the Center of the Storm**, this piece provides context for the founding of CLGS; Professor Tolbert's words still ring true today, as she describes the deep and ongoing need for the Center's work in our world!

Our Tuesday, 9 February 2021 CLGS Lavender Lunch!

It's OK Not to be OK: An Affirming Shin Buddhist Spirituality: An ONLINE Lavender Lunch with Rev. Blayne Higa

Rev. Higa will discuss how the inclusive and affirming spirituality of Shin Buddhism serves as the foundation for his life and ministry. Within the universal embrace of boundless wisdom and compassion how does understanding our imperfections help to cultivate gratitude, acceptance, and resilience in our lives?



Click [here](#) for more information on this ONLINE Lavender Lunch at **12:15pm (Pacific Time) on Tuesday, 9 February 2021!**

Click here to join this Lavender Lunch via Zoom!



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Queer Ecologies & Climate Justice: An ONLINE Lavender Lunch with Deseree Fontenot

Deseree Fontenot, a collective member of *Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project* and co-founder of the *Queer EcoJustice Project*, speaks on the many ways in which ecological justice and queer liberation intersect.

**Tuesday, 23 February 2021
@ 12:15pm (Pacific Time)**

The CLGS Jewish Roundtable Presents

Queer Jewish Pasts Histories of LGBTQ Jewish Activism in Europe and the United States



An ONLINE Event
Register at bit.ly/JewishConf
Wednesday, 24 February 2021
11am (Pacific Time)



Gregg Drinkwater, PhD



Jan Wilkens, PhD Cand

Click here to register for this 24 February Event!



Queer & Latinx Faith Conversations

**Encuentros Latinx:
Advocating for the Inclusion of LGBTQ
Latinx People in Church and Society
with Rev. Rhina Ramos**

Wednesday, **24 February 2021**
2pm (Pacific Time) | ONLINE

**Click here to join this QLF Conversation via
Zoom!**

The 14th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture

Lama Rod Owens

speaks on

Love and Rage: The Path to Liberation

Thursday, 15 April 2021 @ 6:30pm (Pacific Time)



**Click HERE to register for this ONLINE
event!**

Check Out Some of Our Educational Resources!

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

During our 20th Anniversary Year we are reprising — and significantly updating! — our popular weekly blog **52 Ways to**

The CSR at PSR

The **Certificate of Sexuality and Religion (CSR)** provides working professionals and students with the knowledge and skills to apply

Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.

Every week we 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!](#)

theological, historical, ethical, pastoral, and practical understandings of sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identities in their current and future work and ministry settings.

For more information on this 1-year, fully-online learning opportunity, which is offered by Pacific School of Religion and managed by CLGS, [click here!](#)

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.

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