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CLGS Welcomes Maij Mai as the new Coordinator of the CLGS Asian/Pacific Islander Roundtable



We are excited to welcome **Maij Mai** as the new **Coordinator of our CLGS Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Roundtable** beginning 1 September!

Maij (they/he/sib/homie/fam) is a Black Vietnamese Bipolar Trans Nonbinary Queer currently existing in and with beloved community in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Maij's formal education and training consists of a BA degree in Sociology and Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies – as well as a Masters of Divinity degree – from Wake Forest University.

Welcome Maij!

The 12th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture
with **Bishop Megan Rohrer**
Thursday, 14 October 2021, at 6:30pm (Pacific Time)

*Trans Theology Without
Apology: Using Art and
Historical Exegesis to Celebrate
Trans Figuration and the Trans
Aesthetic in the Bible*



Veiled metaphors and transgressive embodiments of Hebrew and Greek bibles have been ignored, forgotten or intentionally omitted forgotten. Using early Christian and Medieval art as inspiration, Bishop Rohrer will make an unapologetic case for reading scripture with

Click [HERE](#) to register for this ONLINE Lecture and Discussion!



Queering Wesley, Queering the Church: A Lavender Lunch with Keegan Osinski

Tuesday, 14 September 2021
ONLINE at 12:15pm | Pacific Time

In this Lavender Lunch theologian and librarian **Keegan Osinski** discusses her recent book, ***Queering Wesley, Queering the Church*** (Cascade Books, 2021), and its presentation of a prototype for thinking about Wesleyan holiness as an expansive openness to the love and grace of God in queer Christian lives rather than the limiting and restrictive legalism that is sometimes found in Wesleyan theology and praxis.

Click [HERE](#) to join this ONLINE Lavender Luncheon
Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 12:15pm | Pacific
Time

Mental Health Care and Latinx Theology/Activism

with Professor MT Dávila

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation

Thursday, 16 September 2021 | ONLINE at 12 noon | Pacific Time



Join the CLGS Latinx Roundtable | *Fe, Familia, Igualdad* in welcoming **Professor MT (Maria Teresa) Dávila** as she explores connections and intersections between the promotion and cultivation of mental health for all persons and the Christian call to activism in the public square.

Come join in this discussion of Christian ethics and public theology with an expert in these fields!

Click [HERE](#) to join this ONLINE event
Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 12 noon | Pacific
Time

Our 23 September 2021 CLGS Lavender Lunch!

Drag and Spirituality
A Lavender Lunch with John Brett, Ms. Penny Cost, Flamy Grant, and Bonnie Violet

Thursday, 23 September 2021
ONLINE at 12:15pm | Pacific Time



Many queer folk, especially those with expansive or marginalized gender presentation, face religious and spiritual trauma in their faith communities. Join us as we engage with drag ministers, chaplains, and grassroots spiritual practitioners as they share about their ministries of healing and liberation in Christian & post-Christian contexts. In addition to the listed panelists, expect the unexpected from other special guests from across spiritual traditions.

[Click here to join this ONLINE Lavender Lunch](#)
Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 12:15pm | Pacific Time

The CLGS Jewish Roundtable Presents



“Post-Gay”: How Queer Values Benefit All People
with Rabbi Joshua Lesser

Thursday, 30 September 2021
ONLINE at 1pm | Pacific Time

Ten years ago, a prominent Jewish Gay historian wrote an article in a major Jewish newspaper about the “dim” future of LGBT synagogues. As a sign of their “demise,” Congregation Bet Haverim in Atlanta was called a “Post-Gay Synagogue.” When the congregation’s rabbi, Joshua Lesser, read the article, he felt the sting of this critique. Upon greater reflection, he wrote a groundbreaking and still cutting-edge essay redefining “post-gay” as a positive force in the LGBTQ and Jewish communities.

This High Holy Day season, **Rabbi Joshua Lesser** will reflect on whether “post-gay” is a form of assimilationism or a way to demonstrate how queer values benefit everyone.

[Click here to join this ONLINE Jewish Queeries Series Event](#)

[Thursday, 30 September 2021 at 1pm | Pacific Time](#)

Check Out These CLGS Resources!

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

September 2021 marks the concluding month of our popular weekly blog **52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families**.

Every week over the last 12 months we have posted suggestions on how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families. Check out the entire 52-week series!

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



*Transitioning to Inclusion:
Embracing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, and Questioning Youth
in Faith Communities*

Click [HERE](#) to access this resource
written by Kelsey Pacha, CLGS'
former Youth Resources
Coordinator!

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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