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## News & Updates | November 2021

All CLGS Events are Free, ONLINE, and Open to the Public!

### Language Matters A Reflection by Rev. Carla E. Roland Guzmán, PhD



**Rev. Carla E. Roland Guzmán, PhD**  
Coordinator of *Faith, Family, Equality* | The  
CLGS Latinx Roundtable  
reflects on **the power of language in Queer  
communities and contexts**

"Language is a very curious thing. **Language can convey so much, yet it will always fall short of encompassing the whole of an idea or experience.** Language is also quite dangerous. Whenever descriptive language becomes essentialized, it homogenizes the description. And by homogenizing, it commodifies that which is described. Something that happens all the time in the process of minoritizing communities as other. We must be mindful of this hegemonic process and not perpetuate it."

[Click Here To Read Rev. Roland Guzmán's Reflection](#)

### Building Your TDOR | Trans Day of Remembrance Toolkit A CLGS Transgender Roundtable Event ONLINE Tuesday, 2 November 2021, at 12:15pm | Pacific Time

In this online workshop our Transgender Roundtable explores **a variety of ways to mark and honor Trans Day of Remembrance** in congregations and in community organizations.

The workshop facilitators will share ideas from a variety of faith-based and secular settings, and participants are encouraged to bring questions and ideas from your own faith and community contexts.



**Our Workshop Facilitators:** **Angel Collie** (he/him) serves as the Associate Director of the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity at Duke University. **Ezra Fairley-Collins** (he/him) is the Coordinator of Individual Membership at United Religions Initiative, a global interfaith peace building movement. **Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw** (he/him) is the coordinator of the

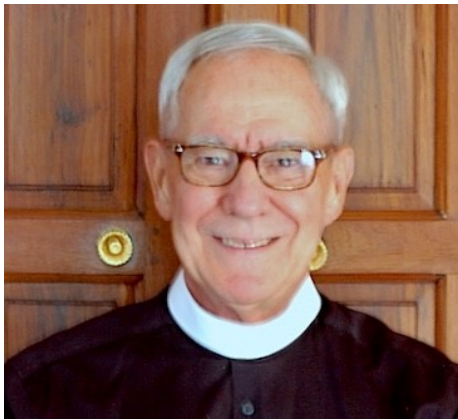
Transgender Roundtable at the Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies (CLGS). All three facilitators are faculty members of the Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort.

[Click Here To Join This ONLINE CLGS Event via Zoom!](#)

## Queering Latinx Liturgy with Rev. Juan M. C. Oliver

*A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*

ONLINE Thursday, 4 November 2021, at 12pm | Pacific Time



In this CLGS *Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*, sponsored by The CLGS Latinx Roundtable | *Fe, Familia, Igualdad*, The **Rev. Juan M. C. Oliver** PhD, invites us to consider the ways in which Latinx cultures and Christian liturgy create modes of worship that encourage the development of liturgical rituals that are authentic, deeply prayerful, and richly human.

Join us as Dr. Oliver explores some of the many ways in which Latinx Christians worship *Latinamente!*

[Click Here to join this ONLINE Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation via Zoom!](#)

## The Future Church for LGBTQ+ People and Their Allies With Benjamin Brenkert

*An ONLINE CLGS Lavender Lunch*

ONLINE Tuesday, 9 November 2021, at 12:15pm | Pacific Time

In this Lavender Lunch, **Benjamin Brenkert**, the author of *A Catechism of the Heart: A Jesuit Missioned to the Laity*, reflects on the future church for LGBTQ+ People and their allies.

As a former Jesuit, he proposes the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola as a means for people of faith to discern membership in churches that thwart their personal and group flourishing.



[Click Here to join this ONLINE Lavender Lunch via Zoom!](#)

## Conservative Impulses: Queers, Interfaith Couples, and Jewish Continuity

with Professor Samira K. Mehta

*A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event*

**ONLINE Thursday, 18 November 2021, at 1pm | Pacific Time**



century, Liberal American Judaism struggled to address two new challenges to longstanding conceptions of the Jewish family: **interfaith marriage and same-gender relationships**.

The trajectories of these two issues raise the question: if non-Orthodox Jewish communities are more formally accepting of same-sex relationships than they are of interfaith families, why are Jewish communities more welcoming of interfaith couples and families than they are

queer friendly?

**Samira K. Mehta** is an Assistant Professor of Women and Gender Studies and of Jewish Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder.

[Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Event Via Zoom!](#)

## Spiritual Care in LGBTQ Deserts with Jude Johnson

*An ONLINE CLGS Lavender Lunch*

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

In this online Lavender Lunch, **Jude Johnson** shares their experience of providing spiritual care for LGBTQ Veterans of the VA medical system in the Inland Empire of California. The desert cities in Southern California pose unique challenges in seeking support for LGBTQ individuals as the resources tend to be located in larger cities near the coast.

**Jude** will also discuss experiences in educating allies in the VA medical system and advocacy for trans-competent health care.



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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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