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CLGS Marks World AIDS Day 2021

At The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion, we believe in the United Nations theme for this World AIDS Day: **End Inequalities. End AIDS.** We affirm the rights of all people to equitable access to health care so that everyone might live with healthy bodies, minds, and spirits.



Today, we remember the 37.7 million people lost to HIV/AIDS and recognize that many in our community—lovers, spouses, friends, parents, children and others—continue to grieve for them. We miss them and mourn the many contributions that they would have made to our world.

[Click Here To Read the CLGS Statement on World AIDS Day 2021](#)

A World AIDS Day Reflection



Rev. Roland Stringfellow, DMin

Coordinator of the CLGS African American Roundtable

"World AIDS Day is a time to remember and honor the courageous battle that many people worldwide continue to wage against this virus..."

The commemoration of World AIDS Day is also an opportunity for us to look beyond our own pain and stand in solidarity with those still waiting for a reckoning from the rejection from parents, preachers, and politicians who did not support them."

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

Please Make a Holiday Gift to CLGS



We invite you to show your support for CLGS by making an end-of-year gift of any amount. Whatever you can give, know that we deeply appreciate – and need – **your generous support for our work which advances the well-being of LGBTQ people everywhere!**

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CLGS Welcomes our 9th Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort

CLGS is excited to welcome our **9th Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**, which is a collaborative partnership between CLGS, the Freedom Center for Social Justice, and the National LGBTQ Task Force.



The Cohort, begun in 2012, is a year-long learning experience for transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming students. The Cohort is open to students of all faith traditions who are studying in a seminary setting, CPE residency, or similar training for religious leadership.

Throughout the year, Cohort students meet regularly to explore theological themes that help strengthen them as leaders. The **primary goal of the Cohort is to create community for the students**, which extends long past their time in the program. During their year together, the Cohort attends regular online meetings and participates in retreats and conferences. They share in projects together and present workshops on areas of interest to the Cohort students.

We are honored to be journeying with a new group of Cohort students. This year's Cohort has 6 students, from a variety of different seminaries and theological backgrounds. If you are interested in applying for the Cohort, the application process for next year will open up in March of 2022.

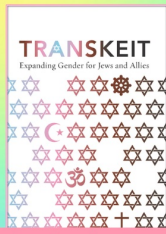
Transkeit: Expanding Gender for Jews and Allies

A Pre-Publication Preview with Rabbi **Jane Litman** and Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw**
A CLGS *Jewish Queeries Series* and CLGS Transgender Roundtable Event
ONLINE Thursday, 9 December 2021, at 1pm | Pacific Time

Transkeit (edited by **Rabbi Jane Litman** and **Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw**) is a CLGS book project that contains an extraordinary collection of essays by trans Jews and allies that explores cutting-edge ideas about gender through the lenses of

tradition, art, autobiography, and solidarity.

The volume features an analysis of Biblical and Rabbinic thinking, sample rituals, guidance on Jewish practice, spoken word poetry, music, trans Jewish history, psychology and personal stories.



Expanding Gender for Jews and Allies

Jane Litman & Jakob Hero-Shaw



[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 providing 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.



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Prof. Rolf Nolasco is our 2022 Boswell Lecturer
Queer Bodies: Colliding, Expanding, Flourishing

ONLINE Thursday, 21 April 2022, at 6:30pm | Pacific Time

Professor **Rolf Nolasco**, Rueben P. Job Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, is our **15th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecturer**.

In this lecture Prof. Nolasco will explore how the queer body, which has been tagged as "intrinsically disordered, unholy, and perverse" is "good, indeed very good.. for our queer body expands as it makes room for and sacralizes creaturely difference or multiplicity."



Join us ONLINE for this, our 15th Annual CLGS Boswell Lecture!

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