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Prof. Rolf Nolasco is our 15th Annual Boswell Lecturer: "Queer Bodies: Colliding, Expanding, Flourishing" | 21 April 2022 |

Nation Shall Not Lift Up Sword Against Nation

A Reflection by Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman, CLGS Jewish Roundtable Coordinator

"[T]he **Russian attack on Ukraine is of particular concern to LGBTQ people.**

Hostility toward queer people is an integral part of Vladimir Putin's authoritarian agenda. Russia formally banned same-sex marriage in 2021 — even though it hadn't been allowed there anyway.



In 2013 Russia passed the infamous gay propaganda law "for the Purpose of Protecting Children from Information Advocating for a Denial of Traditional Family Values," that made it illegal to equate same-sex and heterosexual relationships or promote gay rights...

We religious queer people of all faiths have a stake in peace for Ukraine, and for the entire world."

[Click Here To Read Rabbi Jane's Reflection](#)

Gender: A Spectrum or an Angle of Deviation?

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

with Fran Benjamin and Monique Cadle

ONLINE Thursday, 3 March 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time

In this online CLGS *Jewish Queeries Series* event, **Fran Benjamin** (he/she/they) and **Monique Cadle** (she/her) of *Good Works Consulting* will host a chat on gender, diversity, and queerness, and their relationship to art, business, spirituality, and to their lives.



Fran, a queer, nonbinary, Jewish drag queen and consultant and Mo, a queer, first generation, Black woman, athlete, and consultant hope that you'll join them for a little kiki that opens hearts and breaks molds.

[Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event via Zoom](#)

The Interfaith Queery

A CLGS *Lavender Lunch* with **Tahil Sharma**

ONLINE Tuesday, 8 March 2022, at 12:15pm | Pacific Time



Join us for this online *Lavender Lunch* as **Tahil Sharma**, Regional Coordinator for North America at the *United Religions Initiative*, explores some ways that the current interfaith movement makes it possible for religious and interfaith spaces to be intersectional and relevant for achieving accountability and equity.

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

Latinx, LGBTQ+, and Faith Communities: An Inclusive Experience

with **Ana Ester, André Musskopf, and Cris Serra**

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation

ONLINE Thursday, 10 March 2022, at 12pm | Pacific Time



In this CLGS *Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*, sponsored by The CLGS Latinx Roundtable | Fe, Familia, Igualdad, Rev. Dr. **Ana Ester**, Dr. **André Musskopf**, and **Cris Serra**, MA, talk about their experiences as Brazilian LGBTQI+ Christians and their research on the topic.

They invite us to know more about church and inclusion in Latin America, considering its history, its possibilities of inclusion in evangelical and Catholic contexts.

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

Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort 2021-2022 Cohort Spotlight

CLGS is a proud co-sponsor of the



TRANS SEMINARIAN LEADERSHIP COHORT

Lead with Love

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, launched

in 2012, is a year-long learning experience for transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming students and is open to students of all faith traditions who are studying in a seminary setting, CPE residency, or similar training for religious leadership. Throughout 2022 we will highlight a different Cohort member in this, our monthly e-newsletter.

March Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort Spotlight Haven Herrin

Haven Herrin (they/them) is a queer, trans, and white Southerner from Texas. Painting, printmaking, and dance are how they first came to understand and interact with the world. Haven carried those passions through formal schooling at the University of Richmond in Virginia and informally through culture work like DJ'ing queer dance nights and designing logos for Trans-led projects. After fifteen years sabotaging Christian Supremacy at the LGBTQI organization Soulforce, they are now attending Yale University in a dual degree program between the Divinity School and the School of Management.



Haven is working on becoming a Spiritual Strategist and Creative Director by weaving together understandings of power, ritual, art, and bodies while finding their own right-sized powers.

A Celebration of the Life of San Romero of the Américas

Sponsored by The United Church of Christ

ONLINE Thursday, 24 March 2022, at 9am | Pacific Time



CLGS is proud to recommend this online ecumenical and bilingual celebration of the life of **Saint Romero of the Américas**, who stood against El Salvador's repressive government of the 1980's and was assassinated on 24 March 1980 for his bold and prophetic ministry.

[Click Here for More Information!](#)

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!

[Click Here to register in advance for this ONLINE Lecture!](#)

Check out these CLGS Resources!



Open Tents and Open Hearts: Jews and Polyamory

View this recording of a recent CLGS Jewish *Queeries Series* event that featured Rabbi Nikki DeBlosi, Rae Antonoff, MAJE, and Rabbi Erik Uriarte discussing ways to re-envision polyamory as an ethical expression of gender and human liberation.

[Click here to view the video recording!](#)



Check out the **third edition** of our popular weekly blog on ***52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families***.

Every week in 2022 we are posting suggestions on how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families!

[Click here to view our 52 Ways blog!](#)





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