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."

Click Here to Register in Advance for this ONLINE Lecture!

Is Your Faith Community Safe for Trans Folks?
The Trans* Seminarians Leadership Cohort
A CLGS Lavender Lunch

This panel discussion will explore ways that faith communities can become safer spaces for trans and nonbinary congregants, participants, and leaders.

Members of our Trans Seminarian Cohort – and other trans and nonbinary panelists – will discuss some of the successes and pitfalls in creating trans-inclusive faith communities.

The discussion will also cover topics of emotional, spiritual, and physical safety in liturgy, worship spaces, restrooms, and pastoral care situations.

Click Here To Join this CLGS Lavender Lunch via Zoom!
Two Hearts Dancing
A Conversation About Gay Men’s Spirituality
A CLGS Lavender Lunch and Jewish Queeries Series Event
with Maggid Eli Andrew Ramer, Rabbi Jay Michaelson, and Bernard Schlager
ONLINE Thursday, 7 April 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time

In this online CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event, Andrew Ramer, Rabbi Jay Michaelson, and Bernard Schlager discuss aspects of gay male spirituality, using Ramer’s recent book Two Hearts Dancing: A Spiritual Journeybook for Gay Men as a springboard for discussion and conversation.

“The book Two Hearts Dancing… isn’t a guidebook on ‘coming out,’” Ramer writes, “but a guidebook on coming in—coming in to who we are as mystics, lovers, and healers… The first section of this book, Stories of our People, contains fourteen tales that are grounded in gay archetypes and ends with a responsive reading to be used in gay men’s rituals… the second part, Poems of Our Tribe, contains twenty-four poems that are mythic, mystical explorations of embodied spirituality, sexuality, and love.”

Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Event via Zoom

Out in the Pulpit
The Lived Experience of Lesbian Clergy in Four Protestant Mainline Denominations
with Rev. Dr. Pamela Pater-Ennis
ONLINE Tuesday, 12 April 2022, at 12:15pm | Pacific Time

In this online Lavender Lunch, Rev. Dr. Pamela Pater-Ennis discusses her 2019 book Out in the Pulpit: The Lived Experiences of Lesbian Clergy in Four Protestant Mainline Denominations, which grew out of a dissertation project that included interviews with thirteen lesbian clergy members.

These women were interviewed about their early own religious histories, their journeys of rejection from their churches, and their ministries as ordained clergy in one of the following four mainline denominations: The Reformed Church in America; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Presbyterian Church USA; and the United Church of Christ.

Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Lavender Lunch via Zoom!

Assigned Female... by Satan?
The Gender(s) of Eydl of Brody
with Justin Jaron Lewis
A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event
ONLINE Thursday, 28 April 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time
In this online CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event, Justin Jaron Lewis explores Eydl of Brody (d. 1885), who is remembered as one of the few Hasidic Jewish women to become a Rebbe (a spiritual leader and wonder-worker).

Our changing views of gender, however, raise the possibility of understanding Eydl as a trans man, or as non-binary. Much depends on our selection from contradictory stories and artifacts. For example, it was a common belief among her followers that Satan had prevented this great soul from being born in a male body. Justin will share some of these stories, and invite reflection on how we may wish to remember, understand, and learn from Eydl.

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Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort
2021-2022 Cohort Spotlight

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.

April Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort Spotlight
Vica Steel

Vica Steel (she/her) is a woman. She is transgender, and she is starting her journey at the age of 56 toward becoming a faith leader. She could tell you all the joy and pain and hope that is embedded in those sentences, but this is a bio, not a book! She can tell you though, that she has been warmed by the welcome she has received from her churches in Madison (Midvale Lutheran and St. John’s) as well as the abundant love from the seminary she attends, Wartburg Theological Seminary.

She lives with her powerful wife (35 years in joy) surrounded by a family of friends and the love of community. She gardens and cooks and builds and walks her dog and absolutely,
This online Summer 2022 ONLINE Graduate Course, offered by Pacific School of Religion, will be offered from 8:30am to 12:30pm (Pacific Time) the weeks of 13–17 June and 20–24 June 2022.

Click Here for More Information on this Summer 2022 Course!

Check out these CLGS Resources!

The Interfaith Queery

View this recording of a recent CLGS Lavender Lunch that featured Tahil Sharma of the United Religious Initiative exploring intersections of faith and spirituality with gender and sexuality. How, Sharma asks, might we foster accountability and equity when addressing issues affecting queer people in interreligious spaces?

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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