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Queer Crip Revelation: Disability Dance, Jewish Text, and the Sacred Potency of Difference

Professor Julia Watts Belser

The 13th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture

ONLINE: Thursday, 20 October 2022, at 2:30pm | Pacific Time



In this online **CLGS Harkness Lecture**, Professor **Julia Watts Belser** of Georgetown University probes the embodied ethics and spiritual insights of Claire Cunningham's *Thank You Very Much*, a contemporary dance performance that brings queer disability culture into provocative conversation with the glittering world of Elvis tribute artists.

Using disability dance to surface unexpected liberatory possibility within biblical and rabbinic Jewish texts, this lecture will bear witness to the violence arrayed against queer and disabled lives and also claim the sacred potency of queer disability joy—illuminating the revelatory power of the choice to unfurl the brilliance of our embodied difference.

[Click Here to register for this online CLGS Lecture!](#)

Celebrate Coming Out Day 2022 with CLGS!



Join CLGS – online or in person – for a **Coming Out Day 2022 Chapel Service** at Pacific School of Religion (PSR) on **Tuesday, 11 October 2022**, from 11:10am to 12:10pm (Pacific Time).

This PSR Chapel Service will include CLGS staff members who reflect on the meaning of Coming Out Day 2022.

Come celebrate with us in word, song, prayer, and reflection!

[Click Here to join this online CLGS Chapel Service via Zoom!](#)

Why National Coming Out Day Matters By Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw



"Under the guise of "parental rights" students are being shamed into silence and teachers are being censored. **Visibility matters!**

National Coming Out Day has always had a special place in my heart, but now more than ever I think it is important to lift of LGBTQ voices."

[Click Here to read "Why National Coming Out Day Matters"](#)

Reproductive Justice and Black Queer Bodies

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

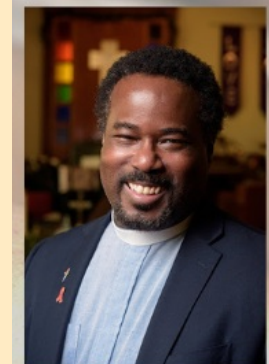
With Dr. Sylvia Rhue and Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow

ONLINE Tuesday, 11 October 2022, at 12:30pm | Pacific Time

In this online CLGS Lavender Lunch, **Dr. Sylvia Rhue** and **Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow** explore how, in this current intersectional moment, we can educate ourselves on the critical issue of reproductive justice and better advocate for reproductive justice for Black queer people.

Dr. Sylvia Rhue is Faith, Education and Outreach Coordinator at SisterReach, a Memphis-based grassroots non-profit organization that supports the reproductive autonomy of women and teens of color, poor and rural women, LGBT+ and GNC folx, and their families through the framework of Reproductive Justice.

Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow is Coordinator of the CLGS African American Roundtable and Pastor at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Detroit. Ordained for the MCC in 2006, Roland holds a Certificate in Sexuality and Religion, and MDiv and DMin degrees from Pacific School of Religion.



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

Sal, Luz, y Azúcar:

Africana Queer Christopoetics of Matthew 5 in Afrocubanidad

An Online CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation

with Rev. Dr. Eric A. Thomas

ONLINE Thursday, 20 October 2022, at 12pm | Pacific Time



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THURSDAY
20 OCTOBER 2022
12PM-1:15PM (PACIFIC TIME)
ONLINE

Join as we imagine with **Rev. Dr. Eric Thomas** a queer Afro-Latinx decolonial vision for Jesus' instruction to be(come) salt, light, and sugar in *The Gospel of Matthew's* Sermon on the Mount.

Reverend Dr. Eric A. Thomas is a scholar, pastor, and activist whose research engages Queer of Color Biblical Criticism, Black Religious Studies, and theopoetics. Eric is a Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow and Visiting Professor of New Testament and Queer Studies at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City. His work invites us to imagine everyday embodiments of freedom, flourishing, and futures alongside communities for whom such pursuits are impeded by imperial Christianity and its attendant logics of heteronormativity, respectability politics, and erotophobia.

Faith Family Equality

The Latinx Roundtable

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

Prognosis: A Jewish Lesbian Video About Cancer
with **Nancy Otto, Joan Lefkowitz, and Kate Stilley Steiner**
A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event
ONLINE Thursday, 10 November 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time



When Oscar-winning documentarian and LGBTQ activist **Deborah Chasnoff** is diagnosed with breast cancer, she turns the camera on herself and her chosen queer family.

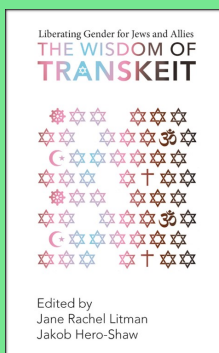
Underpinned by their decision to not hear her prognosis, 'Chas' and her wife **Nancy Otto** voice the

tensions between a Jewish desire to focus on the diagnosis and possible interventions and a Buddhist desire to accept and hold it.

Join us for a discussion with **Nancy Otto, Joan Lefkowitz, and Kate Stille Steiner!**

[Click Here to Join this online CLGS Event via Zoom!](#)

Liberating Gender for Jews and Allies: The Wisdom of Transkeit **A New Book from CLGS!**



Co-edited by CLGS staff members Rabbi **Jane Rachel Litman** and Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw**, *Liberating Gender for Jews and Allies: The Wisdom of Transkeit* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022) is 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.

[Click Here to view our recent Book Launch event!](#)

Our Upcoming Online Lavender Lunches

Join us for one – or more! – of these online Tuesday events (from **12:30pm to 1:30pm** Pacific Time) which feature religious leaders, activists, scholars, artists, and educators:

- 11 October: ***Reproductive Justice and Black Queer Bodies*** with Dr. Sylvia Rhue and Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow
- 8 November: ***Queer Autobiography: We Were Gender Fluid Before We Even Knew What It Was*** with Dwayne Ratleff and William Martin
- 13 December: ***In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*** with Shannon TL Kearns
- 14 February 2023: ***Ministry with Queer Youth*** with Dr. Ish Ruiz



[Click HERE for more information on our 2022-2023 Lavender Lunches](#)

Check out these CLGS Resources!



Check out this video clip of CLGS Staff Members reflecting on the meaning of **Coming Out Day 2022!**

From their own unique vantage points and different experiences of being queer in today's world, our staff members invite you to consider **what Coming Out might mean** as we mark this day on 11 October.

[Click here to view our YouTube clip on Coming Out as LGBTQ+ in 2022!](#)

The **3rd edition** of our popular weekly blog

52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families

Every week in 2022 we post 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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CLGS: Shaping A New Public Discourse On Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

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