

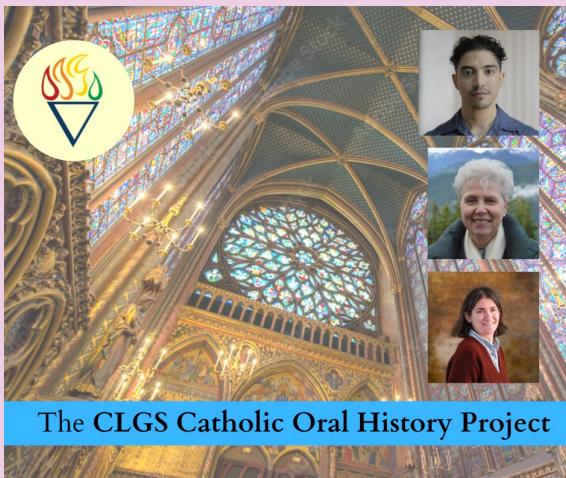


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Queer and Catholic A CLGS Oral History Project



In July of 2022 the CLGS Catholic Roundtable launched its first program: ***Queer and Catholic: A CLGS Oral History Project***.

Realizing the importance of documenting LGBTQIA+ individuals who identify as Catholic (both presently and in the past), this project aims to celebrate these individuals and the communities to which they belong. In addition, we hope to document for future generations the lived experience of LGBTQIA+ Catholics here in the United States and around the world.

Emma Cieslik (she|her) is the Director of this project and she brings to this work her expertise in conducting oral history interviews and curating museum exhibitions around the US, including the National Museum of American History.

[Click here to view our first three Queer and Catholic Oral History Interviews!](#)

Queer Autobiography We Were Gender Fluid Before We Even Knew What It Was *A CLGS Lavender Lunch* With **Dwayne Ratleff** and **William Martin** **ONLINE Tuesday, 8 November 2022, at 12:30pm | Pacific Time**

In this online CLGS Lavender Lunch authors **Dwayne Ratleff** and **William Martin** read from their autobiographical novels *Dancing To The Lyrics* and *The Runaway Bus* and they reflect upon the importance of sharing stories from their queer growing-up years.

Dwayne Ratleff was born to an unwed mother and is a product of the segregated Baltimore school system. Placed in Special Education classes as a child, he did not learn to read or write until the age of 11. "If anyone had told me as a child that I would write an award winning book," Dwayne says, "I wouldn't have believed them."

William Martin, a recent graduate (Master of Theological Studies) of

Pacific School of Religion, finds his ministry in memoir writing and in creating a “table of memory” that all can gather around to rethread intersectionality. His book *The Runaway Bus* is a 1960’s “suburban memoir” that describes his experiences growing up as a Gender Fluid, white child amidst the Cold War Era and The Flower Children’s Cultural Revolution.



[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 Stilley Steiner!**

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

Sublime Divinations

A Call For Submissions for the 2nd edition of CLGS' AAPI Zine!



The CLGS Asian American Pacific Islander Roundtable (AAPIRT) invites you to submit items for the 2nd edition of our zine! The theme for this edition is **Sublime Divinations**, which will invite LGBTQ+ AAPI community members to explore and share their own unique methods and practices of sacred divination.

This particular zine understands divination as “the act of attempting to find a pattern or symbol in the natural world as a way of connecting with deities, spirits or the Universe, to gain guidance, introspection and prediction” (Vamvoukakis, 2002).

[Click here for more information on CLGS's AAPI zine !](#)

Commemorate **Transgender Day of Remembrance** with CLGS




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Please join CLGS – online or in person – for a **Transgender Day of Remembrance 2022 Chapel Service** at Pacific School of Religion (PSR) on **Tuesday, 22 November 2022**, from 11:10am to 12:10pm (Pacific Time).


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

Sal, Luz, y Azúcar
Africana Queer Christopoetics of Matthew 5 in Afrocubanidad
A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation
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**THURSDAY
20 OCTOBER 2022
12PM-1:15PM (PACIFIC TIME)
ONLINE**

We invite you to view our recent *CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation* with **Rev. Dr. Eric Thomas** who imagines 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 view a video recording of this CLGS 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:

- 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
- 14 March 2023: ***I Came Here Seeking A Person*** with Bill Glenn



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

Check out these CLGS Resources!

SEX RELIGION PROJECT

Created by PSR alum **Steven Anderson**, the **Sex and Religion Project** curriculum explores the following topics from a Christian perspective:

- Sexual Identity
- Society and Sexuality
- The Bible's "Clobber Passages"
- The Importance of Queer Theology
- The Importance of a Theology of Social Change; and
- The Case for Integrating Sexuality and Religion

Click here to access this resource!



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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