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### Our Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort Class of 2022-2023



LaTayna Purnell (she/they)



**TRANS SEMINARIAN  
LEADERSHIP COHORT**

*Lead with Love*



Jenny Alexander-Allen  
(she/they)



Seth Anderson-Matz (he/him)



Joelle Henneman (she/her)



Jayce Koester (they/them)



Tayden Haile (he/him)

We are proud to welcome our **10th Cohort of Trans Seminarians** for 2022-2023! Since 2012, CLGS, the Freedom Center for Social Justice and the National LGBTQ Task Force have sponsored this program for transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming seminarians in the United States.

The goal of the program is to support trans students during their training for religious leadership so that they complete their degrees, feel equipped to follow their vocation, and also embrace the fact that their impact as faith leaders can

and should extend beyond their chosen settings for ministry and service to include the welfare of the broader communities in which they live.

[Click Here for more information on our Trans Seminarians Leadership Cohort](#)

## **In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture** A CLGS Lavender Lunch

With **Shannon TL Kearns**

ONLINE Tuesday, **13 December 2022, at 12:30pm** | Pacific Time

In this online CLGS Lavender Lunch Father **Shannon Kearns** explores ideas from his recently-published book ***In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture***, which weaves together stories from Shannon's life into reflections on well-known biblical narratives—such as Jacob wrestling with the divine, Rahab and the Israelite spies, Ezekiel and the dry bones, and the transfiguration of Jesus.

Shannon shows how these biblical stories have helped him to make sense of his own identity, and how those same stories can unlock the transformative power of faith for those willing to listen with an open mind and stand alongside him in the in-between.



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

## **LGBTQ Advocacy in El Salvador**

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation

with **Rev. Rhina Ramos**

ONLINE Thursday, **15 December 2022, at 1pm** | Pacific Time





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**REV. RHINA RAMOS**



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

Join us for this Online CLGS *Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation* with Rev. **Rhina Ramos** as she shares her experiences working with LGBTQ communities in El Salvador. Originally from El Salvador, Rhina grew up at the time of the civil war in that country. Inscribed on her heart is the voice of the Saint Oscar Romero of the Americas who denounced oppression from the pulpit.

Rev. Ramos graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in 1995 and earned an MDiv degree from Pacific School of Religion in 2003. She is an experienced community organizer, having led programs and campaigns for educational equity, labor rights, human rights of the LGBTQ community, international solidarity with El Salvador, and the prevention of domestic violence.

**Faith Family Equality**

The Latinx Roundtable

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

## Queer Hanukah

with **Rabbi Denise Eger**

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

ONLINE Thursday, **22 December 2022, at 1pm** | Pacific Time



Hanukah is so much more than a pale attempt at Jewish Christmas! This Jewish festival commemorates the success of a guerilla war for minority religious freedom by Judean partisans against the might

of the occupying Greco-Syrian Empire over two thousand years ago. It is interesting, but coincidental, that Jews celebrate a holiday marking the importance of religious diversity and freedom for minorities at a time of year

devoted to the holy season of the majority religion, Christianity.

Join Rabbi **Denise Eger**, an LGBTQ pioneer and leader, as she unpacks the hidden and counter-mainstream aspects of Hanukah.

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

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### *Sublime Divinations*

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

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**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 !](#)

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**Transgender Day of Remembrance at CLGS**





## Commemorate Transgender Day of Remembrance with CLGS

If you were unable to join us in November for our **Transgender Day of Remembrance 2022** Chapel Service, you are invited to view a video recording of this event.

[Click Here to view a recording of this CLGS Chapel Service](#)

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### 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:

- 14 February 2023: **Ministry with Queer Youth** with Dr. **Ish Ruiz**
- 14 March 2023: **I Came Here Seeking A Person** with **Bill Glenn**
- 11 April 2023: **Transgender and Lutheran: A Journey of Self-Acceptance** with **Stephanie Dykes**



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

## Check out these CLGS Resources!



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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## CLGS: Shaping A New Public Discourse On Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Your financial support makes it possible for us to offer innovative programming that explores and supports LGBTQ people of faith, our families, and our spiritual communities. Together, we are shaping a new and progressive public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

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