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Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Professor of Constructive Theology at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, will speak on the ways that Black queer bodies are used to leverage the aspirations of political candidates, church leaders, and power elites.

In this, our **16th Annual CLGS Boswell Lecture**, Dr. Lightsey will also demonstrate the ways that the big lie – propaganda – is damaging the gains made during the Civil and LGBTQ Rights movements. While its primary focus will be the lives of Black queer women, this lecture will spotlight why all persons who believe in freedom and liberation must see this old hatred as a danger to all humanity.

[Click Here to Register for our 2023 CLGS Boswell Lecture!](#)

Spiritual Spring Cleaning

Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow, CLGS Managing Director and Coordinator of the CLGS African American Roundtable, writes: "During this season of spiritual spring cleaning, we are invited to be in community, enter into prayer, and reconnect with our spiritual roots. Spring cleaning within a home can be a family affair."

[Click HERE to read the entire essay](#)



Called to This: Voices of Trans and Nonbinary Students Preparing for Religious Leadership

A CLGS Transgender Roundtable Event

with our 2022-2023 **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**
ONLINE Thursday, 13 April 2023, at 12pm | Pacific Time

With today's increasingly hostile attitude toward trans and nonbinary people, it is vital that we lift up the voices of those who are doing the work of trans liberation and religious leadership.

Join the students of our **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort** for a panel discussion that will address the joy and challenges of religious leadership for trans and nonbinary leaders. This webinar will be facilitated by **Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw**, a faculty member of the Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort.



**TRANS SEMINARIAN
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Lead with Love

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

Exploring Fe, Familia, Igualdad Resources: Gender, Sexuality and the Bible

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation

with **Rev. Dr. Carla Roland Guzmán**

ONLINE Thursday, 13 April 2023, at 1:30pm | Pacific Time



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A CLGS Latinx Program
Dr. Carla Roland Guzmán



CLGS Latinx Roundtable **Rev. Dr. Carla Roland Guzmán** presents the CLGS resource **Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible** in this informative session for activists, clergy, and laity interested in faith organizing within Latinx religious communities. Join us for this, our latest **Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation!**

Faith Family Equality

The Latinx Roundtable

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

Queer AAPI Spiritual Movement Building in Real Time!
A Conversation with Tahil Sharma

A CLGS Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable Event
ONLINE Tuesday, 18 April 2023, at 12pm | Pacific Time

Join the **Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable** Coordinator **Maij Vu Mai** (they/he) and guest speaker and comrade **Tahil Sharma** (he/him) for a live conversation on how Queer AAPI folks can engage in and cultivate radical queer AAPI spiritual movement-building spaces in real time!



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

Souls a'Fire 8

20th Anniversary of Black Queer Theology

April 22 –23, 2023
Online Conference



CLGS is pleased to host our **8th Souls A' Fire Conference**, a celebration of the next generation of **Black Queer Theology**. Join us as we continue this rich tradition of encouraging young scholars in their work and explore theologies, engage in worship, and learn from one another about the intersections of African American culture, the church, and LGBTQ identities.

This year's conference will feature Revs. **Kyndra Frazier**, **Terence Mayo**, **Dr. Pamela Lightsey** (Meadville Lombard Theological School) and **Marvin White** (Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco)!

[Click HERE to register for the CLGS Souls a' Fire Conference!](#)

Our Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort

CLGS is a proud co-sponsor of the **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 2023 we are highlighting a different Cohort member in our monthly e-newsletter.

Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort Spotlight **Jenny Alexander-Allen**

Jenny Alexander-Allen (she/they) is a full-time student at United Lutheran Seminary,



Jenny Alexander-Allen
(she/they)

Gettysburg and an entranced ELCA candidate for Word and Sacrament. She was a public-school teacher for almost a decade and a youth program coordinator for five years. Jenny is writer and identifies as a demi-nonbinary trans woman. Her focus is as a trans-queer theologian and an advocate for the transgender, gender expansive, and queer community. She and her wife live in the DC/Metro area and have two cats who alternate between the three primary emotions: sleepy, hungry, and zoomy.

Her writing can be found here on her **substack**, at ***Transitional Wisdom and Wellness***, and in the poetry anthology *When We Become Weavers: Queer Female Poets on the Midwestern Experience*.

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

Talmudic Reflections on Gender Diversity with Dr. Max Strassfeld and Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

ONLINE Thursday, 27 April 2023, at 1pm | Pacific Time

- How does Judaism look when we center nonbinary narratives, rather than treat them as anomalies?
- How do gender taxonomies represent complex rabbinic ideas about culture, practice and Jewish law?
- Is it possible to reclaim these texts in a liberatory way?



Join **Max Strassfeld** and **Jane Litman** in a discussion of the possibilities and limitations of trans Talmud.

[Click HERE to join this ONLINE CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event](#)

Check out these CLGS Resources!



Queering Passover with **Rabbi Denise Eger:**

Rabbi Eger's phenomenal *CLGS Jewish Queeries Series* presentation a few months ago on *Queering Hanukah* generated so much positive feedback that she has agreed to present **a mini-series on queering Purim, Pesach, and Shavuot.**

In this, the second lecture/discussion in this new series, we explore **a queer approach to Passover!**

Click Here to view a video recording of this CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event!

**One More Mountain to Climb:
The Past, Present, and Future of
LGBT Faith Leaders of African
Descent**

*A CLGS African American Roundtable
Discussion*

Wilhelmina Perry and **Ronald Moore**, co-founders of the *LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent*, **share their experiences** of forming the organization, with a focus on the particular issues they have faced throughout the years. In addition, they share with us what they see as **the future for the organization.**

Click Here to view this CLGS presentation!



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