

GTU DEAN'S NEWSLETTER



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Making Time to Be Together Again



As I anticipated starting in my role as Dean here at the GTU, I was not sure how many months would pass before we might start gathering again in person. It has been truly a joy that our in-person gatherings have resumed sooner rather than later. Two highlights

of my last couple of weeks have been attending live music events at the GTU sponsored by CARE with performances by Left Coast Chamber Ensemble on September 16 and The Ron Burris Quartet featuring none other than Core Doctoral Faculty Member Dr. Ronald Burris from Berkeley School of Theology. On that Thursday evening, September 22, I could feel my spirit being restored as I listened to the sublime jazz music being played on the patio outside the Hewlett Building. I don't think I stopped smiling for that whole hour, even after a long day of meetings that had preceded the event.

I've been reflecting on the Greek word *poiesis* from which we derive the word poetry. *Poiesis* is that which brings something that was not before into being. In poetry, we bring words and images together to make something new. Musicians bring notes together to make music. When we engage in *poiesis* we are makers. (Anyone else enjoy attending the [Maker Faire?](#))

I want to encourage us to think about our coming together again for events at the GTU as opportunities for us to engage in *poiesis* together because we are *making time* for one another. Even with all our full schedules, I invite you to choose to attend one or two events a month to be with others at the GTU—remotely or in person. In doing so, I do believe we participate in a magnificent process of bringing something that was not before into being. When we *make time*, we engage in the art of connection that just might have the power to sublimely restore our spirits in unexpected ways.

Jennifer W. Davidson, PhD

Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs

2022 Distinguished Faculty Lecture: Dr. Richard Payne

Tuesday, November 15 | 6 pm (Pacific) | Online Event



Dr. Richard Payne will present the 47th Annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture titled, “From Ritual to Religion: The Consequences of Taking Nondualism Seriously” on November 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM PST.

Each November, the GTU faculty honors a distinguished professor who embodies the scholarly standards, teaching excellence and commitment to ecumenism that defines the GTU. Nominations are made by GTU faculty and are then considered by the Council of Deans, which selects the lecturer.

Dr. Richard K. Payne is the Chair of IBS Publications Committee and is also the Buddhism and Contemporary Psychology Certificate Program Director at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) and is a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty.

During his dissertation research into tantric fire ritual (Skt. *homa*, Jpn. *goma*) on Mt. Kōya in Japan, Payne also completed training as a Shingon priest (*ajari*). Clustering around his core research program on tantric ritual are broader theoretical concerns about the conduct of such research. This includes the study of ritual across cultural boundaries and over long durations, and the use of language in tantric Buddhist ritual. He is co-editor with Georgios Halkias of the Oxford Research Encyclopedia/Religion/Buddhism, and with Glen Hayes is co-editing The Oxford Handbook of Tantric Studies.

[Register to attend here](#)

Dr. Deidre N. Green welcome lecture

Tuesday, November 29 | 5 pm (Pacific) | Hybrid Event



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Deidre N. Green as Assistant Professor of Latter-day Saints/Mormon Studies at the GTU. Mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, for Dr. Green's welcome lecture.

This event will be a hybrid lecture with a limited in-person audience located in the GTU Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library. Contact Sabrina Kennedy at skennedy@gtu.edu if you would like to attend in person.

Please RSVP for in-person attendance by November 21 by 5pm.

[Register to attend here](#)

Announcements

O C T O B E R P D P W O R K S H O P S

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

STUDENT PANEL
CARMELO SORITA
ERIKA KATSKE
HYUNG-JOO LEE
RICK HELLER

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5 | 2022 10 - 11 AM

ZOOM: 999 1525 1254

NEWHALL FELLOWSHIPS

FACILITATED BY
DR. DIANDRA ERICKSON
WEDNESDAY, OCT 19 | 2022 10 - 11 AM

ZOOM: 999 1525 1254

RSVP CMOTUPALLI@GTU.EDU

Academic Achievements & Deadlines

Oral Comprehensive Examination Passed

La Hkawng, SATX

Gideon Mbui, THET, Distinction

MA Capstone Defense

Huzaifah Bharucha, SATX

Noel Heyden, SATX, Honors

Dissertation Successfully Defended

Mary Ashley, ETHC

Phillbert Cheng, THET

Reem Javed, IDS

Marvin Wisner, BIBL

Olga Yunak, IDS

Advanced to Candidacy

Linna Gunawan, REPR

Leonard McMahon, THET

Wan-Ting Tsai, REPR

Sang Pil Yun, THET



Congratulations to all!

**Deadline for submitting dissertation proposals by (Noon) for November's
Doctoral Council Meeting Monday, October 24**

Best Dissertation Proposal Award

Robert David Coolidge, *Abd and Dāsa: Toward Muslim Understanding of Caitanya Vaisnava*

Borsch Rast Dissertation Prize Winner

Raphael D. Mkuzi, *Interreligious Peacebuilding through Promoting Economic Justice in the Context of Malawi, Africa.*

Congratulations!

AAR-SBL conference

Celebrating 60 Years of GTU Scholarship

Celebrating the GTU's 60th anniversary with a lightning round of short talks from alums, faculty, and students showing the range of GTU scholarship. This celebratory, Pecha-Kucha style event will be fun! The first 60 people to arrive will receive a free drink coupon.

Please join us for GTU's Alum Reception following this event.

Location: Colorado Convention Center

Room number: 607

Date: 11/19/22

Time: 6:00 – 6:35 PM

GTU's Alum Reception

Graduate Theological Union's Alum Reception will feature remarks from President Uriah Kim, Dean Jen Davidson, and Sephora Markson, Chief Strategy Officer and Vice President of Institutional Advancement, as well as announcements of the GTU Alum of the Year and the Borsch-Rast Book Prize winner. Please join us at "Celebrating 60 Years of GTU Scholarship" prior to the Alum Reception.

Location: Colorado Convention Center

Room number: 607

Date: 11/19/22

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

From the Library

What is a Theological Librarian?

Have you ever considered a career in libraries?

In honor of October being Theological Libraries month, join Beth and Naw San to learn about different types of library careers. Theological Libraries are a great place to use your subject specific knowledge and language skills.

Hybrid Workshop:

Thursday October 13th 1-1:45pm

In the Collaborative Learning Space
and on Zoom (meeting room 510-649-2501)

Join us!



Beth Kumar
Interim Director of
Library Services



Naw San KD, Ph.D.
Reference Librarian
& Theologian

**Theological
Libraries
Month**



Digital Learning Department

The Digital Learning Department provides workshops to help instructors teach in hybrid and remote formats; please see below for a list of the workshops taking place in October.

Each workshop will be provided remotely through Zoom, and some workshops will have an in-person option (indicated below). For in-person workshops, you are encouraged to bring your laptop to experience a hands-on training session. All in-person workshops will take place in the Collaborative Learning Space in the Hewlett Building.

Please RSVP for each workshop by emailing derickson@gtu.edu and indicate if you would like to attend in-person or remotely. If you are attending remotely, you will receive a Zoom link. If you cannot attend these workshops but still want to receive help with hybrid and/or remote learning, please reach out to Diandra Erickson, Associate Dean for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, to schedule an appointment.

Overview of VoiceThread

Wednesday, October 12th, 1 pm (in-person, Collaborative Learning Space)

Thursday, October 13th 1 pm (via Zoom)

VoiceThread is a helpful tool for enhancing student engagement and collaboration in the remote classroom. It is a slideshow tool that provides the instructor and students with the virtual space to have meaningful asynchronous discussions through audio or video. This workshop provides an overview of using Voice Thread to develop collaborative activities for students and use VoiceThread for student assignments.

Pedagogical and Technical Strategies for Teaching Concurrent Hybrid Courses

Wednesday, October 19th, 1 pm (via Zoom)

Thursday, October 20th, 1 pm (via Zoom)

The Concurrent Hybrid Model allows students to take a course in-person or virtually and contains significant benefits along with several challenges. This workshop addresses the difficulties of concurrent hybrid teaching and provides strategies for overcoming them. More specifically, this workshop discusses helpful tips for managing classroom logistics, effectively leading and facilitating the Concurrent Hybrid Classroom, and cultivating productive student discussion between in-person and remote students.

Fall 2022 Student Awards

Newhall Fellowship

Applications due Friday, November 11 | by 5pm

Newhall Fellowships are competitive awards for GTU Doctoral students to collaboratively teach or conduct research with faculty mentors. Newhall awards offer an opportunity to work closely with professors whose interests and approaches parallel the student's on projects that often would not be possible under other circumstances. The awards are designed to support both students (through grants) and faculty (through offering assistance to their research and teaching). Applications must come from both the student and the professor for a project involving both of them. Applications for the Newhall Fellowship must be submitted to the GTU Dean's Office.

[Learn more and apply now!](#)

Student Spotlights

Every month, the Dean's Newsletter will feature a selection of incoming students representing a range of GTU departments. Welcome to all!



Alexandra Bishop

MA Theology and Ethics

Hi y'all, I'm Alexandra Bishop. I'm from Louisiana (although I've got Cali roots). I'm at the GTU to study Catholicism and hopefully answer some questions for myself that I haven't yet been able to puzzle out. I was raised Catholic, and my faith is important to me. I do hope to gain a formation here at school that I can take into my work in the world.



Gamil Kamel

PhD Sacred Texts and Their Interpretation

First and foremost, I want to express my pleasure in being one of the GTU Community. My name is Gamil Kamel. I am a pastor from Egypt. I am married to Refca Ramsis, and I have two kids: Karma (she is 5 years old) and Kareem (he is 3 years old). I have been admitted to the doctoral program in the Sacred Texts and Their Interpretation department with a focus on the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. I am especially interested in hermeneutics. I seek to connect the practice of biblical interpretation with the issues of our Middle Eastern and North African contexts.



Nomenjahary Mamisoa Rakotomalala

PhD Religion and Practice

I am an ordained minister of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar or FJKM. I completed my first seminary years in Madagascar and received a MDiv and ThM degree. After serving rural congregations in Madagascar for four years, I came to the US to continue my education. Last Spring, I graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA with a Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin) and a ThM degree in Practical Theology. I am interested in gender and environmental justice, postcolonial studies, feminist/womanist Practical theology and theological education.



Oluwatobi Ife-Adediran

PhD Theology and Ethics

My professional and ministerial experiences before enrolment at the GTU constitute university-based scientific research and teaching, college chaplaincy and pastoral ministry in the Baptist denomination. I hope my current study will significantly harness and focalize these multifaceted antecedents in an enriching way that will result in transformative and novel outcomes.



Zeinab Vessal

PhD Historical and Cultural Studies of Religion

I am a PhD student in art and religion, and I do research on Shi'i Islamic art and material culture in early modern and modern Iran. I also comparatively study Shi'i and Christian emblematic arts. Such research may shape a dialogue among artistic traditions and aesthetic perceptions in Christianity and Islam.

Center for the Arts and Religion



Center for the Arts & Religion
Doug Adams Gallery

CARe Grants



Fall 2022 applications now open!

DEADLINE

Monday, October 17 | 9am (Pacific)

UP TO \$2000

awarded to GTU students,
faculty, & staff in support of
projects that center on religion
& the arts

LEARN MORE

gtu.edu/caregrants

Creatives' Cove Meet & Greet

Tuesday, October 11 | 5:15 pm (Pacific)

3rd floor conference room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road Berkeley, CA

Join us for first meeting of the Creatives' Cove student group this Fall semester, happening IN PERSON on the 3rd floor of the GTU's Hewlett Building!

The Creatives' Cove welcomes both accomplished and wannabe artists! Come create art within a welcoming atmosphere devoid of judgment, lofty expectations, and stringent rubrics.

Whatever your current station along the artistic spectrum, we hope you can join us to share your creativity, be it drawing, knitting, baking, crocheting, coloring, painting, speech-making, humor-izing, dancing, or something else entirely!

Celebrate the start of a new semester with like-minded creatives. Snacks will be provided.

Karibuni sana / Welcome all!

CARe Fall Workshops

This semester, we are offering two online workshops, Composing Ourselves: Approaching Harmony through the Art Methods of Arthur Wesley Dow, instructed by Dr. Colette Walker and The Spirituality in Art, instructed by Louise Victor.

Each topic is covered by two 2-hour-long sessions. Open to students and community members alike, each workshop pair carries a \$100 fee. CARe workshops are open to all - no experience necessary!

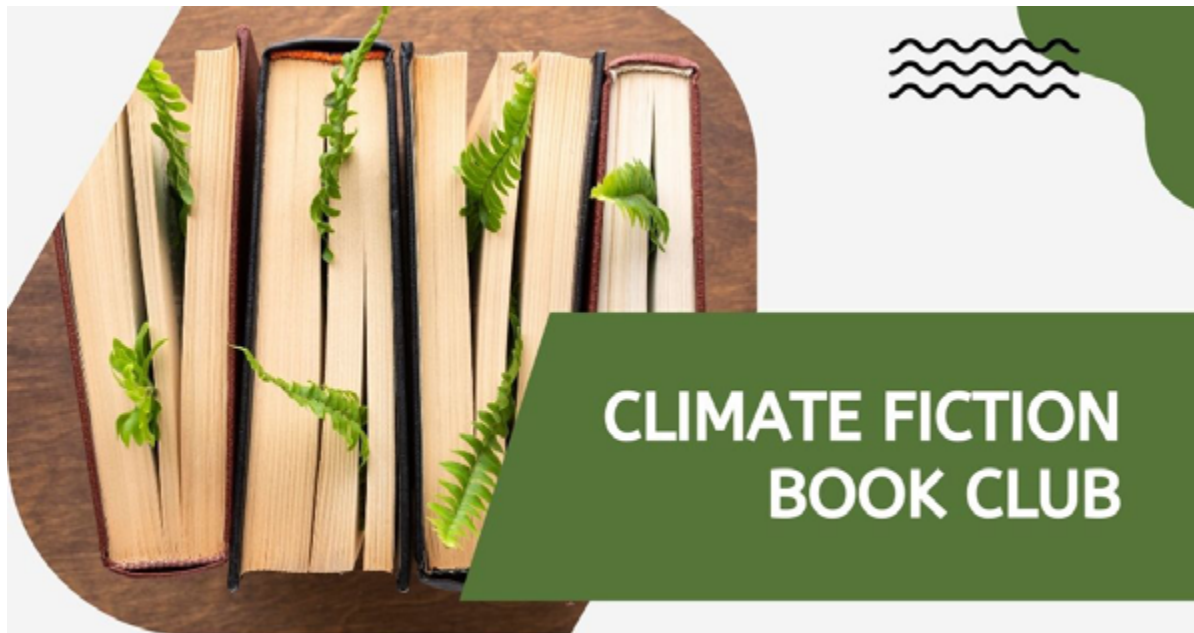
Learn more and sign up at www.gtu.edu/careworkshops

Explore Music and Spirituality with CARe

Friday, October 21 | 12-1:30 pm (Pacific) | Location TBD

Join us for a special CARe event! Our friends at the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble will be playing a selection of works inspired by the divine. A preview of the upcoming performance "Sounds Divine: A Transcendent Concert Experience," this informal lunchtime of music will explore mysticism and ecstasy within spiritual experience. Olivier Messiaen's *Poèmes pour Mi* and Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel* complement works of T.J. Anderson, Errollyn Wallen, Eric Nathan, and Maurice Ravel.

Contact Lydia Webster (lwebster@gtu.edu) for more information.



The [Center for the Arts and Religion \(CARE\)](#) and [Sustainability 360](#) at the GTU are excited to co-sponsor a Cli-Fi Book Club during the Fall 2022 semester.

Climate Fiction, or Cli-Fi, is a growing literary genre that addresses the effects of climate change on society, and this informal reading group will meet once a month to discuss a literary work with attention to the intersection of environment, the arts, and religion.

Anyone interested in exploring climate change in fiction and literature is welcome!

Wednesday, October 26 @ 3 pm PT

For more info email Matt Hartman mhartman@ses.gtu.edu

Madrasa-Midrasha Program

2022 Haas Student Grant Presentations

Monday, October 31 | 12:00 pm (Pacific) | in-person

Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road Berkeley, CA

[Please visit the event page for more info.](#)

Mystical Reading in Islamic & Jewish Traditions

Monday, November 14 | 12:00 pm (Pacific) | hybrid format

Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road Berkeley, CA

The event will feature Sam S.B. Shonkoff of CJS and Fateme Montazeri of UC Berkeley.

[Please visit the event page for more info.](#)

The Madrasa-Midrasha Program is excited to welcome Jewish studies and Islamic studies faculty from Stanford University and the University of San Francisco to the GTU-UCB faculty colloquia. Discourses include topics around pedagogy, diversity and inclusion, Islamophobia and Antisemitism, and challenges of working with and sometimes being confined by taxonomies determined and defined by the mainstream.

Center for Islamic Studies

The CIS celebrates and congratulates MA graduate, Huzaifah Bharucha, who defended his MA Capstone, titled, “Contradictions between Āhād Hadīth and Qiyās within the Hanafī Madhhab.”

Congratulations to Dr. Mahjabeen Dhala who will be presenting, “Prayer of the Planet: Environmental Ethics in Islam” at ECOTHEE-2022, 7th International Conference on Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Chania, Greece, Oct 26-29, 2022.

Congratulations to CIS research scholar, Carol Bier on her publication, “Persian Velvets of the 17th Century: Symmetry, Craft, and Technology,” *Symmetry: Art and Science* 1-4 (2022), pp. 168-75, and on attending a two-day conference on “The Sasanians in Context: Art, History, and Archaeology,” hosted by the Freer Gallery of Art, National Museum of Asian Art, Washington DC, Oct 21-22, 2022.

Congratulations to GTU alum and visiting scholar, Dr. Ahmed Khater who presented a paper, “Contemporary Fiqh Issues Related to the Usage of Technology in Family Law,” at the Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America 18th Annual Conference in Chicago, Sept 9-12, 2022.

CIS is delighted to share that Dr. Ahmed Khater and Huzaifah Bharucha will present their work on Islamic Law at the forthcoming Islamic Studies @ GTU Zoom gathering on Oct 21. Please see the CIS/GTU events calendar for more details and we look forward to seeing you!

Center for Jewish Studies

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies

Please join CJS for the following events in October:

2022 Sukkah Building Party!

Thursday, October 6 | 12:30 pm

Please join us on the West Side Landing of the GTU Library (on Scenic Rd.) for our annual CJS [Sukkah Building Party!](#) Pizza will be provided, and all are welcome to attend.

Here are a few images from last year:



GTU Centers Book Giveaway

Thursday, October 20 | 12:30 pm

Please join us in front of the GTU Library for a [GTU Centers Book Giveaway](#). The various centers of the GTU have a number of books they would like to make available to GTU students, faculty, and the wider community. We hope to see you there!

Interreligious Chaplaincy Program

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Day at the GTU!

Wednesday, October 19 | 3:00-5:00 pm (Pacific)

The ICP invites all GTU students to learn about Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and meet Chaplaincy educators across the Bay Area and beyond.

The annual program is sponsored by the Pacific Community of Practice of the ACPE in partnership with the Field and Contextual Education programs at the Graduate Theological Union.

Join the virtual Zoom program: Meeting ID: 837 9889 4076 (Passcode: 760942)

Chaplaincy Hour

Join the Chaplaincy Hour every Thursday at 12:30 pm (Pacific)

The GTU Interreligious Chaplaincy Program welcomes students from other states, international students, and students outside the Bay Area in a weekly virtual gathering that serves as a way for students to join, discuss any issues--professional or academic--and strengthen bonds and friendships.

Please email ICP Director Dr. Kamal Abu-Shamsieh (kshamsieh@gtu.edu) for the Zoom link.

The Taube Family Jewish Studies Fellowship

The ICP welcomes applications from current and prospective GTU students to join the Taube Family Jewish Studies Fellowship for the Interreligious Chaplaincy Program. The fellowship covers partial tuition for required courses for the Certificate in Interreligious Chaplaincy. To inquire about the fellowship and ICP program, please reach out to the program director, Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, at kshamsieh@gtu.edu.

A Cohort of Hindu Chaplains

The ICP is partnering with the Hindu Community Institute (HCI) and jointly launching the new Hindu chaplaincy pathway. In September 2022, seven Hindu students were enrolled in the Interreligious Chaplaincy Certificate program from across California and other states, Canada, and Australia.

Neeti Soota, a current ICP student, reflected on the need for Hindu chaplains in Kutumba, HCI's inaugural journal. She said, "The Hindu diaspora needs to appreciate the need for spiritual care, as we now live in scattered communities instead of joint families or village environments. Accommodating Hindu religious practices in the above-mentioned settings is the gap we need to address. If we don't have Hindu chaplains as guides to serve people from our faith and tradition, then that gap gets filled by people who give their voice to our faith."

Berkeley Art and Interreligious Pilgrimage Project

The Berkeley Art and Interreligious Pilgrimage Project (BAIPP) is an invitation to create and experience art-infused pilgrimages in the Bay Area and beyond. It seeks to link sacred landscapes the world over to neighborhoods, gardens, and backyards as a way to connect with each other and with our ancestors, and to serve as a catalyst for spiritual healing and physical recovery. Don't miss our next event [Discussing The Berkeley Art and Interreligious Pilgrimage Project](#) with Dr. Barush on October 11th at 6:45 p.m. (PST) located at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA. Click [here](#) for a complete list of events!

Explore our Angel Island Pilgrimage:

Our latest pilgrimage to Angel Island, curated by GTU PhD student Ken Schoon, offers a spiritual journey of connection with past generations of immigrants to the United States. By revisiting the past, it attempts to transform understandings of the present in order to build a future where historical wrongs are repaired, trauma is healed, and people may be reconciled with one another.



Newest Team Member: David S. Zucker, MD, PhD, FAAPMR

David S. Zucker, MD, PhD, FAAPMR, is founding Medical Director and Program Leader of Cancer Rehabilitation Services at Swedish Cancer Institute in Seattle. Dr. Zucker 'developed and implemented a care model grounded in the understanding that cancer affects "molecule to spirit" and, that by optimizing functional health throughout the disease/treatment trajectory, the person is better able to negotiate the emotional, psychological and spiritual dimensions of cancer.' You can meet the rest of our team [here](#).

Coming soon! Hare Krishna! A San Francisco Śrīla Prabhupāda Pilgrimage (September) and an eco-pilgrimage for Sukkot, curated by artist SaraNoa Mark (October)

Want to stay in the loop? We just launched our fall newsletter this month! To stay updated or support our project, subscribe [here](#).

Women's Studies in Religion



Thursday, October 20 | 5:30 - 7:00pm

Dinner Board Room, Hewlett Building, 2400 Ridge Rd.

The evening will be a celebration of the Women's Studies in Religion (WSR) program. Open to students, staff, and faculty. All are welcome, regardless of gender identity or expression. Join us for exciting conversations, refreshments, and amazing giveaways of WSR swag!

Facilitated discussions will consider topics such as:

- curating scholarship
- life after the PhD
- professional development
- publishing
- belonging
- scholarship opportunities

Participants can choose which conversations to take part in.

Come to learn more about the WSR certificate program and celebrate the women that contribute to the GTU.

Register at [WSRmentoring2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wsr-mentoring-2022-tickets-311111111111)



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Women's Studies in Religion

The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS) at Pacific School of Religion

Coming Out Day 2022: A CLGS/PSR Chapel Service!

Tuesday, October 11 | 11:10 am to 12:10 pm (Pacific Time) | Live and ONLINE

For more information visit clgs.org

A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Dr. Sylvia Rhue and Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow



Dr. Sylvia Rhue



Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow

Reproductive Justice and Black Queer Bodies

*Tuesday, October 11 | 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
(Pacific Time)|ONLINE*

For more information visit clgs.org

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation with Rev. Dr. Eric A. Thomas



Rev. Dr. Eric A. Thomas

Sal, Luz, y Azúcar: Africana Queer Christopoetics of Matthew 5 in Afrocubanidad

*Thursday, October 20 | 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm
(Pacific Time)|ONLINE*

For more information visit clgs.org

The 13th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture Professor Julia Watts Belser

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



Julia Watts Belser

*Thursday, October 20 | 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm
(Pacific Time)|ONLINE*

[Register here](#)

The Institute of Buddhist Studies

INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES PRESENTS
THE 2022 NUMATA LECTURE

RECEIVING AND GIVING: BUDDHIST WOMEN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A public lecture by Dr. Paula K. R. Arai.
Institute of Buddhist Studies
With Respondents Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
and Dr. Vanessa R. Sasson
Moderated by Dr. Nancy G. Lin

OCTOBER 14
1:00PM TO 3:00 PM PACIFIC TIME
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
ANNUAL FBWA MEETING



Register online for zoom link at <https://www.shin-ibs.edu/events/>



Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology

The Journal of the Graduate Theological Union

The BJRT invites new members to join its editorial team! We are currently seeking candidates for the following open positions:

Peer Review Board – The BJRT Peer Review Board is made up graduate students and established scholars who review articles in the Journal’s double-blind review process. Reviewers are typically assigned no more than 2 articles per volume. The Peer Review Board is comprised of volunteer positions.

Department Editors – Department Editors facilitate the Peer Review process, deciding which articles to submit to reviewers based on matching research interests and expertise and coordinating communication with Peer Reviewers. Department Editors are volunteer positions.

The BJRT is the volunteer-based and primarily student-led journal of the Graduate Theological Union. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please send an email to the BJRT at bjrt@ses.gtu.edu.

Explore Our New GTUx Offerings at gtux.gtu.edu



Psychedelics and Religion Part I

How are scholars of religion and spiritual experience contributing to the conversation on psychedelics? In this GTUx Original, experts examine contemporary psychedelic science, social movements, and public policy, navigate the terrain of sacred plant narratives, and explore how current theoretical frameworks may inform one another.



Dimensions of Hinduism

Dr. Laura Dunn offers an in-depth look at yoga and its historical and philosophical role in Hinduism. Citing sources from the Bhagavad Gita, Patanjali's Yoga Sutras, and sacred Hindu texts, Dr. Dunn details the lineages of yoga, mythical tales of divinities, yogic traditions, sacred philosophies, and practices rooted in ancient Indian practices to the creation of modern yoga.

Coming Soon:



Dr. Sam Shonkoff is joined by a panel of experts including David Presti, Celina DeLeon, and Thomas Cattoi in this second installment of our Psychedelics and Religion GTUx Originals – available this fall!



60 YEARS.

*Building a better
world since 1962*



Since its founding, The GTU has been at the forefront of advancing theological engagement with issues such as civil rights, gender equality, and climate justice. 60 years later, it remains steadfast in its commitment to building a better world through dialogue. Visit gtu.edu/60years to share your memories, shop for limited-edition 60th anniversary swag items, and explore the legacy — and future vision — of the GTU.



The Dean's Newsletter

The Dean's Newsletter is for official notices from the Graduate Theological Union Dean's Office regarding academic affairs and for announcements of educational events focusing on academic research and thus of particular interest to faculty and MA and PhD students.

Send submissions by the second-to-last Friday of the month to skennedy@gtu.edu
Sabrina Kennedy, Executive Assistant to the Dean

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