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**Check Out Our Spring 2022 Online Lavender Lunch Series!**

### The Paradox of Doing Nothing

A Reflection by Maij Mai, CLGS API Roundtable Coordinator

"It was the day before Christmas Eve when I tested positive for Covid-19," writes **Maij Mai**, the **Coordinator of the CLGS API Roundtable**.

Later in this reflection, Maij writes: "I'm so proud of us for simply existing. For breathing. For daring to dream and do nothing in a world that demands non-stop doing 24/7, 365 days a year."



[Click Here To Read Maij's Reflection!](#)

### CLGS Announces Our Spring 2022 Online *Lavender Lunch* Series!



Join us online this Spring for one – or more! – of our CLGS Lavender Lunches.

This semester we will be featuring **Sister Grace Surdovel**; **Benjamin Brenkert**; **Tahil Sharma**; **Pamela Pater-Ennis**; and **Unoma Azuah**. Each will be speaking on particular aspects of LGBTQ spiritualities, pastoral care, activism, personal stories, and/or reasons for hope in this New Year.

[Click Here for More Information on CLGS' Spring 2022 Lavender Lunch Series](#)

### *Finding Your True Self.*

Musings of a Black Bisexual Jew with **Chaim Ezra Harrison**

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

**ONLINE Thursday, 13 January 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time**

This online CLGS Jewish Queeries Series event focuses on “facets of my life growing up in – and very slowly opening – the closet,” writes **Chaim Ezra Harrison**.

Join us as Chaim explores discovering Judaism, navigating his Black/biracial identity, and how his identities intersect to make him who he is. Chaim’s goal in telling his story is to help you find yours, whatever the complexities of your own identity.



[Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event via Zoom!](#)

## The PSR Certificate in Sexuality and Religion



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The **Certificate of Sexuality and Religion (CSR)**, sponsored by Pacific School of Religion, is available via Online and Distance Learning!

Expand your ability to lead within LGBTQ organizations

and communities with this graduate-level certificate. Designed as a 1-year course of study for professionals and graduate-level students, the CSR can be earned 100% remotely.

Graduates of the program can expect to advance their vocations as religious leaders and educators; as non-profit leaders and social change activists; as writers and as journalists; and as spiritually-rooted individuals at work in the world.

[Click Here for more information on our Certificate of Sexuality and Religion](#)

## Catching Up with Nicole Garcia

*A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*



In this online CLGS *Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*, sponsored by The CLGS Latinx Roundtable | *Fe, Familia, Igualdad*, Rev. **Nicole Garcia** talks about her experiences as an ordained pastor in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), including her decision to resign her call in July of 2021. A trailblazer, Nicole has experienced – and called out – racism, transphobia, and homophobia in the church.

Join us as we discuss what lies ahead for Nicole in the church, the Latine and LGBTQ+ communities, and in her counseling endeavors!

[Click Here to join this ONLINE CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation via Zoom!](#)



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Prof. Rolf Nolasco** is our 2022 Boswell Lecturer  
*Queer Bodies: Colliding, Expanding, Flourishing*  
ONLINE Thursday, 21 April 2022, at 6:30pm | Pacific Time

Professor **Rolf Nolasco**, Rueben P. Job Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, is our **15th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecturer**.



In this lecture Prof. Nolasco will explore how the queer body, which has been tagged as "intrinsically disordered, unholy, and perverse" is "good, indeed very good.. for our queer body expands as it makes room for and sacralizes creaturely difference or multiplicity."

Join us ONLINE for this, our 15th Annual CLGS Boswell Lecture!

[Click Here to register in advance for this ONLINE Lecture!](#)

## Check out these CLGS Resources!



**Transkeit: Expanding Gender for Jews and Allies:** View this video recording of a Pre-Publication Preview of the recently-published book by editors – and CLGS staff members – Rabbi Jane **Rachel Litman** and Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw**. [Click here!](#)



The **CLGS Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) Archival Collection** documents the remarkable work of LGBTQ Lutherans and their allies to support the vocational calls of queer Lutherans.  
[Click here for more information!](#)





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

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