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## News & Updates | June & July 2022

[Click HERE to Apply for our 2022-2023 Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort!](#)

### CLGS Remembers and Honors Rosemary Radford Ruether



CLGS remembers and honors the life, scholarship, and social activism of Dr. **Rosemary Radford Ruether** (1936-2022), who served as Carpenter Professor of Feminist Theology at Pacific School of Religion and The Graduate Theological Union from 2000-2005.

Professor Ruether, a staunch and longtime ally of LGBTQ people, spoke at the Center's first Lavender Lunch in September of 2000, delivering a lecture and leading a discussion on her then recently-published book ***Christianity and the Making of the Modern Family*** (Beacon Press, 2000).

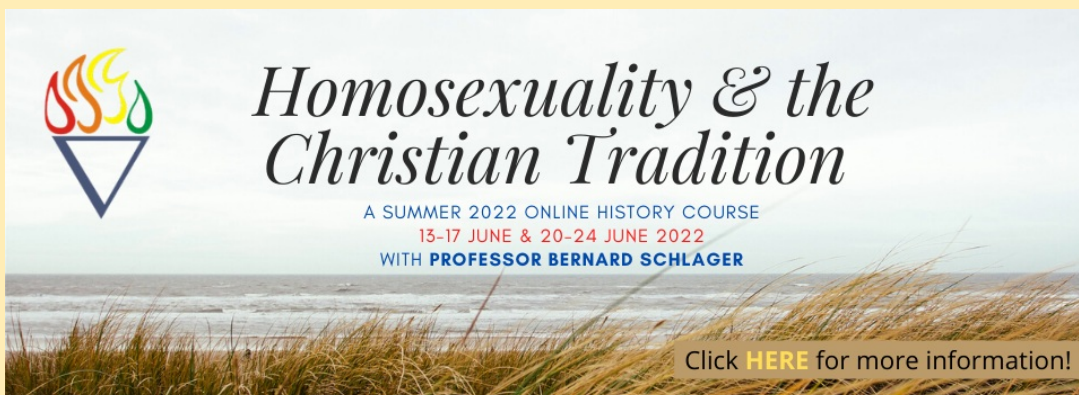
[Click HERE to read more about Professor Ruether's Life and Legacy](#)

### Homosexuality and the Christian Tradition

A Summer 2022 ONLINE Graduate Course

Taught by Professor Bernard Schlager, PhD

**13-24 June 2022**



This online Summer 2022 ONLINE Graduate Course, offered by Pacific School of Religion, will be offered from 8:30am to 12:30pm (Pacific Time) the weeks of **13-17 June and 20-24 June 2022**.

[Click Here for More Information on this Summer 2022 Course!](#)

# Witness Our Welcome! An interreligious Celebration

LIVE & ONLINE: Sunday, 5 June 2022, at 5pm | Pacific Time

Join CLGS in this interreligious (live and online)  
**Celebration of God's Inclusive Love Welcoming All of God's Children: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Gender Expansive +, and Straight Allies!**

Featuring a special message from **The Rev. Dr. Bishop Megan Rohrer** (Bishop of the ELCE Sierra Pacific Synod) and the first openly transgender Pastor-Bishop in a mainline Christian denomination.



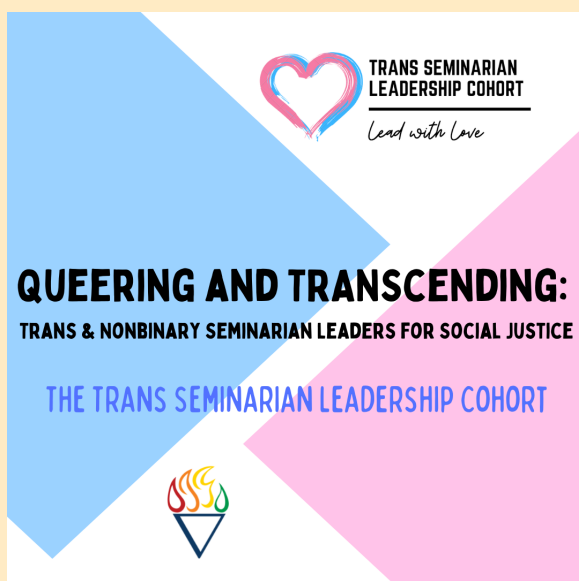
WITNESS OUR WELCOME 2022 is sponsored by more than 30 local faith communities and organizations.

[Click Here for more information on this Interreligious Celebration!](#)

## Queering and TRANScending: Trans and Nonbinary Seminarian Leaders for Social Justice

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

With members of our **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**  
ONLINE Thursday, 8 June 2022, at 3:30pm | Pacific Time



Join members of our **Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort** for an online **CLGS Lavender Lunch** as they explore the complicated dynamics of ministry and religious leadership in extraordinary times. Presenters will invite attendees to explore their own leadership experiences (both religious and secular) to help "queer" the concept of theological education and activism. Participants will gain tools to further their own calling towards social justice and community engagement, within and beyond spiritual vocations.

The Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort is a year-long program for trans, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming seminary students.

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





**CLGS** is proud to serve once again as a **Community Sponsor** for the **18th-Annual San Francisco International Queer Women of Color Film Festival**

"QWOCCMAP will premiere 35 films in 5 screenings at their FREE International Queer Women of Color Film Festival, **10-12 June 2022**, at the Presidio Theatre in San Francisco's Presidio National Park. The 18th Anniversary Festival Focus, **Love, Embodied**, transmits networks of liberatory intimacy and collective care that traverse time and place. From the pulse of remembrance to plexus of kinship and community, to laughter that quickens to desire and the rhythmic rituals of dance and poetry, these films breathe expansive possibility into love and birth new worlds."

**For more information, click here to access the festival's website!**

**Pacific School of Religion Pride Event:  
A Legacy of Inclusion, A Vision for the Future**  
ONLINE Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 5pm | Pacific Time



In celebration of June, Pride Month, join **Pacific School of Religion** (PSR) for a panel discussion featuring PSR President Rev. **David Vásquez-Levy** in conversation with PSR alum Rev. **Loey Powell** (MDiv 77) and current PSR MDiv student **Ryan Cassata**.

While the fight for LGBTQ+ rights has made progress through policy, legislation, and public opinion over the past 50 years, the strongest and most impactful arguments against inclusion in the United States have been made on religious terms. Ensuring that we strengthen and even maintain the rights we have achieved requires that we make a compelling case for radical inclusion on religious terms.

Counting many LGBTQ+ "firsts" in religious leadership, PSR, as a progressive Christian seminary with a 155-year history of radical inclusion, is in a unique position to help connect the history of LGBTQ+ inclusion in the church to new challenges already on the horizon.

**Click Here to Pre-Register for this ONLINE Event**

**Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**  
**2021-2022 Cohort Spotlight**



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 2022 we will highlight a different Cohort member in this, our monthly e-newsletter.

# Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort Spotlight

## Leo Seyij

**Leo Seyij Allen** (they/them) works at the intersection of faith and justice among BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities in the South. Their spiritual formation and ministry are rooted in their experiences of Blackness/queerness, disability, the Black Church, liberation theologies, Zen Buddhism, and astrology.

Leo is a founding member of the immigrant justice group *Somos South Georgia* and serves on the boards of *Transmission Ministry Collective* and *We Remember Nashville* (a project of the *Equal Justice Initiative*). Currently, they are pursuing a dual Master of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary.



Leo leads justice and faith formation activities at Virginia-Highland Church (UCC) in Atlanta, Georgia. When they're not working or studying, Leo enjoys cooking for friends, brewery hopping, and binging socio-political commentary videos on YouTube.

## Check out these CLGS Resources!



### Love Is My Sanctuary: A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Unoma Azuah

View this recording of a recent CLGS *Lavender Lunch*, featuring **Ana Unomah Azuah** as she shares excerpts from her recently-published memoir *Embracing My Shadow: Growing up Lesbian in Nigeria* and discusses some of the challenges that she encountered as a lesbian coming of age in Nigeria.

[Click here to view the video recording!](#)



Check out 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 are posting 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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