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## News & Updates | September 2022

*Book Announcement: Liberating Gender for Jews and Allies: The Wisdom of Transkeit*

**Join Us for this Fall 2022 Online Course!**



*Queering Your  
Spiritual Leadership*

A FALL 2022 (7-WEEK) ONLINE COURSE  
WITH **PROFESSOR BERNARD SCHLAGER**  
PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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Join CLGS Executive Director **Bernard Schlager**, PhD, for this 7-week, 1.5-credit **online** course offered by Pacific School of Religion! We will explore queer spiritual leadership as expressed in the lives, writings, and activism of several queer leaders and organizations in US history.

In addition, students will be invited to reflect upon, articulate – and *queer!* – their own personal visions of spiritual leadership through a variety of learning projects, culminating with the creation of a Personal Vision of Spiritual Leadership Final Learning Project.

[Click HERE for more information on this Fall 2022 ONLINE Course!](#)

## The Queernesses of Jewish Heresy: Sabbetai Zevi, Jacob Frank, and the Eros of Hasidism

with Rabbi Dr. Jay Michaelson and Professor Naomi Seidman

A CLGS Jewish Queeries Series Event

**ONLINE Thursday, 8 September 2022, at 1pm | Pacific Time**



Join us as we celebrate the recent publication of ***The Heresy of Jacob Frank: From Jewish Messianism to Esoteric Myth*** (Oxford Univ. Press, 2022), the newest book by CLGS Visiting Fellow Dr. **Jay Michaelson!**

Dr. Michaelson will be joined in this discussion by Professor **Naomi Seidman**, the Jackman Humanities Professor at the University of Toronto.

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

## Decolonizing Spiritual/Faith-Based Exploration and Formation

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

**With Maij Mai**

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

In this online CLGS Lavender Lunch **Maij Mai** explores what possibilities can exist when cultivating spiritual/faith-based exploration and formation spaces, particularly for marginalized communities whose experiences do not align with institutionalized faith-based spaces, communities, and traditions.

**Maij Mai** (they/he/sib/homie/fam), Coordinator of the **CLGS Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable**, is a BlackVietnameseBipolar TransNonbinaryQueer



currently existing in – and with – beloved community in Durham, North Carolina.



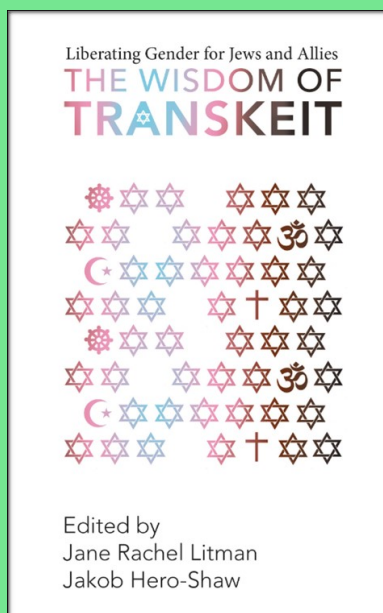
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## *Out of the Closet and Into the Libraries!*

A CLGS Book Launch for

*Liberating Gender for Jews and Allies: The Wisdom of Transkeit*

**ONLINE: Sunday, 18 September 2022, at 6pm | Pacific Time**



Join us for the book launch of *Liberating Gender for Jews and Allies: The Wisdom of Transkeit* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022), an extraordinary collection of essays by trans Jews and allies that explores cutting-edge ideas about gender through the lenses of tradition, art, autobiography, and solidarity.

Co-edited by CLGS staff members Rabbi **Jane Rachel Litman** and Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw**, this book offers analyses of biblical and rabbinic thinking, sample rituals, guidance on Jewish practice, spoken word poetry, music, trans Jewish history, psychology, and personal stories.

[Click here to register for this online CLGS Event!](#)

## Queering Pre-Marital Counseling

*An Online CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation*

## Faith Family Equality

### The Latinx Roundtable

Sixteen months after his marriage to his partner Rich, **Manuel Frank-Lampon** reflects with Rev. Dr. **Carla Roland Guzmán**, Coordinator of the CLGS Latinx Roundtable, on his participation in – and experience of – pre-marital counseling.

Join us online for this initial conversation (in a series of upcoming conversations) on the place of pre-marital counseling for people in queer relationships. Some questions we will explore include the following:

- What materials are available?
- What is needed?
- How can this process be made more expansive and more inclusive?

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

## CLGS' Fall 2022 Online Lavender Lunch Series



We are proud to announce the line-up for our **Fall 2022 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:

- 13 September: ***Decolonizing Spiritual/Faith-Based Exploration and Formation*** with Maji Mai
- 11 October: ***Reproductive Justice and Black Queer Bodies*** with Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow
- 8 November: ***Queer Autobiography: We Were Gender Fluid Before We Even Knew What It Was*** with Dwayne Ratleff and William Martin
- 13 December: ***In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*** with Shannon TL Kearns

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



# Disability Dance, Jewish Text, and the Sacred Potency of Difference

## Professor Julia Watts Belser

The 13th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture

**ONLINE: Thursday, 20 October 2022, at 2:30pm | Pacific Time**

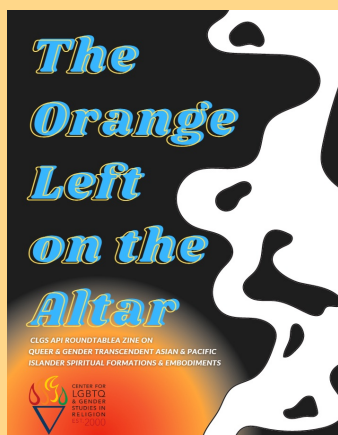


In this online **CLGS Harkness Lecture**, Professor **Julia Watts Belser** of Georgetown University probes the embodied ethics and spiritual insights of Claire Cunningham's *Thank You Very Much*, a contemporary dance performance that brings queer disability culture into provocative conversation with the glittering world of Elvis tribute artists.

Using disability dance to surface unexpected liberatory possibility within biblical and rabbinic Jewish texts, this lecture will bear witness to the violence arrayed against queer and disabled lives and also claim the sacred potency of queer disability joy—illuminating the revelatory power of the choice to unfurl the brilliance of our embodied difference.

[Click here to register for this online CLGS Lecture!](#)

## Check out these CLGS Resources!



CLGS is proud to announce **The Orange Left on the Altar**, the first edition of the **CLGS Asian American/Pacific Islander Roundtable Zine!**

We invite you to check out this new resource, which offers a space for Queer



The **3rd edition** of our popular weekly blog  
**52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families**

and Gender Transcendent Asian/American & Pacific Islander folks (and probably many others) to explore, ruminate on, & tangibly & intangibly experiment with what spiritual formation & embodiment can & may look like.

[Click here to view the Zine!](#)

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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