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CLGS: Shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.



Our 2019-2020 Trans Leadership Cohort

The **CLGS Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort**, now entering its seventh year, is a year-long educational opportunity for transgender, gender non-conforming, and nonbinary seminary students. A shared project of CLGS, the National LGBTQ Task Force, and the Freedom Center for Social Justice, our new Cohort includes the following people for the 2019- 2020 academic year:

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Call for LGBTQ Religious History Papers

1 December 2019 is the deadline for submission of papers for the 2019-20 [LGBTQ Religious History Award](#).

Initiated in 2005 by CLGS' LGBTQ Religious Archives Network, the LGBTQ Religious History Award honors outstanding research and scholarship in LGBTQ religious history.

The author of the awarded paper will receive a \$1,000 honorarium.

[For more information about the award, past honorees and submission guidelines, click here.](#)

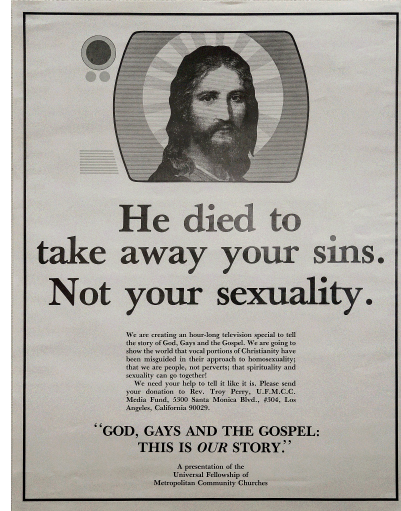


Standing on Holy Ground: Metropolitan

Community Churches and LGBTQ-Affirming Religion: A CLGS Exhibition at the GTU Library

This exhibition includes a sampling of items from the **CLGS MCC Archives** which are currently being processed; they will eventually be housed at The Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, California.

Including artwork, photographs, denominational publications, and news reports, this exhibition provides you, the viewer, with the opportunity to explore - and to celebrate! - a denomination which was one of the first to embrace and affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people as beloved children of the Divine.



[For more Exhibition details, click here](#)



A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Rev. Elder Jim Mitulski: "MCC Ministry Today: It's Who We Are and What We Do"

12 November 2019: Live at PSR and Online ([CLGS Facebook](#))!

Founded in 1968 by Rev. Troy Pery, The Metropolitan Church (MCC) combined deeply-rooted religious beliefs and practices (particularly from the Pentecostal, Baptist and Roman Catholic faiths) with the emerging gay liberation movement to develop innovative, affirming, and eros-positive theologies.

In this Lavender Lunch Jim Mitulski will speak about the MCC as a living, dynamic, and LGBTQ-affirming denomination.

[Click here for more information.](#)



CLGS Jewish Queeries Series: Kellen Kaiser reads from her book *Queerspawn in Love*

14 November 2019: Live at PSR and Online ([CLGS Facebook](#))

Kellen Kaiser was born in San Francisco. She is loved and supported by her four lesbian mothers and one younger brother. As a child, she frequently represented the gay community as a speaker on panels and in the media. Her story has appeared on CNN, in Marie Claire and in the Seattle Times.

Kellen went on to attend NYU Tisch where she founded a dialogue group about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Post-graduation, and making good use of that college degree, she became a nanny/actress, and an inconsistent blogger. She has recently published her first book, *Queerspawn in Love*.

[Click here for more information!](#)



PSR/ CLGS Fall 2019 Lecture

Dr. Megan Cifarelli of Manhattanville College will speak on **Discovering Others: Can We Find Non-Binary Gendered Individuals in the Archaeological Record of the Ancient Near East?**

Friday, 15 November 2019: 5:30pm -- 7:30pm at the Badè Museum
Pacific School of Religion | 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

[Click here for lecture details](#)



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Your donations make it possible for us to continue active programming that explores the lives and faith of LGBTQ people of faith and our families. Together, we are shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality. Thank you!

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