

# GTU Dean's Newsletter

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Welcome to the GTU Dean's Newsletter. This newsletter is published every Monday when fall and spring semesters are in session. To submit events or news, please use this [online form](#).

## EVENTS

### **CAC Monthly Online Lecture/Forum**

**5:00 pm on Friday, March 28**

**Online**

Dr. P.C. Lo (Academic Dean of the Chinese Studies Center, Fuller's Theological Seminary, holds two PhDs philosophy, SUNY Buffalo and religious ethics, Yale) will give an online talk on March 28 (Friday) at 5pm PT Tentative Topic: The Nature of Zionism.

Please email [cac@errchina.com](mailto:cac@errchina.com) for more information and to register.

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### **Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde to Deliver Inaugural Robert N. Bellah Lecture**

**5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 9**

**First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana Avenue**

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, will deliver the inaugural Robert N. Bellah Lecture on Religion and Public Life, hosted by the Graduate Theological Union. The title of Budde's address is: "Following Our North Star in Tumultuous Times."

For more information, [click here](#).

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### **Death Cafe**

**3:00 pm on Thursday, April 10**

## Online ([via Zoom](#))

All members of the GTU Community are invited to our next Death Café, facilitated by GTU faculty. The Death Café movement began in 2011 in London. At a Death Café people drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. The aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Hosts: Professors Hannan, Dhala, Abu-Shamsieh and Esterson.

For more information, email [resterson@gtu.edu](mailto:resterson@gtu.edu) or [click here](#).

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## FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS

### **Summer 2025 Interreligious Research Grants | Madrasa-Midrasha Program**

Each year the Madrasa-Midrasha Program offers summer research grants for students working on interreligious projects related to Judaism and Islam, funded through generous support by the **Walter & Elise Haas Fund**.

For more information, [click here](#).

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### **Listen to Eve's side of the story!**

In "Eve's Eden" in the Doug Adams Gallery, watch an 11-minute film written by author Anita Diamant that tells the Garden of Eden story from Eve's perspective. Played by Palestinian-Israeli actress and singer Mira Awad, Eve complicates the well-known myth in this beautifully shot short film.

For more information, [click here](#).

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### **Call for Submissions to 2025 Climate Justice and Faith Student Colloquium**

The PLTS Green Justice Seminary Initiative and JST Laudato Si' Action Committee invite MA and MDiv students at GTU-affiliated schools and centers to present at a Climate Justice and Faith Colloquium May 2, 2025. Interested students must submit a proposal for a 15-minute presentation by April 1st.

For more information, [click here](#).

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## Chinese University of Hong Kong - Term Time Exchange

We are pleased to announce that the application for the 2025-26 Term 1 Exchange Programme at The Chinese University of Hong Kong is now open. We cordially invite GTU students to apply for this enriching academic experience and broaden their horizons. Application deadline is April 1, 2025.

For more information, [click here](#).

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