

# 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

### **Living Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions – A Conversation with the Authors**

**A CLGS Lavender Lunch**

**1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 15**

**Online**

At this CLGS Lavender Lunch we will explore the recently-published book *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions*. This book offers 12 stories of faith, sacrifice, joy, and pain by LGBTQ+ people who have been employed by Catholic parishes and schools.

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

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### **CTNS Public Forum with Dr. Hyung-Joo Lee**

**A New Hope for Eschatology in Cosmic Perspective: Beyond the Prediction of Standard Big Bang Cosmology**

**4:00 pm on Friday, May 16**

**Online**

Dr. Hyung-Joo Lee, a cosmologist theologian, discusses the conflict between the predictions of Big Bang cosmology and those of Christian eschatology. He proposes that the quantum nature embedded in our universe allows us to

retrieve eschatological hope by opening up a new possibility.

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

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## **Beginnings, Middles, and Ends (Rituals to Move you Through Transitions) with the CLGS Trans Religious Leadership Cohort**

**1:00 pon Tuesday, May 20**

**Online**

In this workshop, we will explore how rituals can be sources of collective and individual power, especially in times of transition. We will draw upon our queer communities' deep histories of being adept at creating special, sacred places where we play with rules and traditions.

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

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## **Registration Open | Chinese Worldviews Seminar**

**8:00 am on Friday, May 30**

**Online**

This course explores themes of traditional cultural and religious values & current dynamic developments in China through many special lectures from China scholars, insightful readings, and videos. 3 Fri-Sat sessions 5/30-31, 6/13-14 & 27-28. May be audited or for credit. Limited to 20 participants.

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

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## **FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS**

### **GTU Student Election Results**

The Votes Are In!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the doctoral student elections. We are excited to announce the results. Please meet your committee members. Congratulations to all the candidates and thank you for your commitment to representing and supporting our doctoral student community!

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

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## **Last Chance to Experience Eve's Eden!**

### **Exhibition Closing Party and Fundraiser**

#### **Doug Adams Gallery, 2400 Ridge Rd, Berkeley**

Join CArE in the Doug Adams Gallery on Thursday, May 15 from 4-7pm for one last chance to experience Eve's Eden before it closes on May 23. Enjoy refreshments, mingle, and have the chance to take an original artwork home with you!

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

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## **Summer Language Courses at the GTU**

Register today for summer language courses at the GTU. The Spanish and French courses will run from July 7th to August 1st, Monday to Friday. The German course will run from July 7th- August 8th Monday-Thursday. Registration deadline is June 15th.

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

*Submitted by GTU Academic Affairs.*

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## **Essay Competition: Comparative Theology and Peacemaking**

All students of the Graduate Theological Union are invited to submit an essay of not more than 2000 words to be considered for a \$1000 scholarship award for the best essay in comparative religion or theology addressing some aspect of the role of comparative theology in peacemaking.

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

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## **A New Book from CLGS: Mapping New Terrain in Queer Religious Scholarship: Essays in Honor of John Eastburn Boswell**

CLGS is proud to announce the publication of *Mapping New Terrain in Queer Religious Scholarship: Essays in Honor of John Eastburn Boswell*. Edited by Bernard Schlager, Executive Director of the Center, this book contains 11 essays based upon lectures given in our annual Boswell Lecture series.

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

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## **This I Believe – Rev. Christine Haider-Winnett (MDiv '15)**

The PSR Alumnx Council of meets bi-monthly. As a practice, they take turns sharing a personal "This I Believe." Rev. Christine Haider-Winnett shared this reflection.

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

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## **Position Available: Annual Fundraising Gala Coordinator**

Responsible for all logistics of ERRChina/CAC's two fundraising events in September. This is a charitable annual paid job from May 1 to October 30. The busiest time will be August and September. If interested or know someone who is please email ASAP.

For more information, email [errc@errchina.com](mailto:errc@errchina.com).

*Submitted by China Academic Consortium.*

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## **Summer Modern Hebrew Intensive**

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union is thrilled to offer the Modern Hebrew language intensive at the GTU again this summer. The course will meet from July 7th through July 25th and will be taught by Aviv Peretz.

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

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## Spirit of Cinema: Miracles and Wonder in Biblical Epics

**Open through the spring semester at the Jesuit School of Theology's Manresa Gallery**

A joint exhibition with Blackfriars Gallery highlighting vintage movie posters featuring scenes from biblical epics.



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