

GTU Dean's Newsletter

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Thank you to all who have contributed to the Dean's Newsletter. Please note that this will be the last issue for the 2024-2025 school year. We will resume publication on Monday, September 1, 2025. If you would like to contribute an announcement for that edition, you can do so by using this [online form](#). Have a great summer!

EVENTS

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

1:00 pm on 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](#).

Sponsored by the Pacific School of Religion.

The Creatives' Cove Trip to the Oakland Zoo!

10:00 am on May 23

Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road Oakland, CA 94605

We'll be hearing from GTU student Wolf Clifton about animals, ethics, and religion, as well as enjoying this fantastic zoo in the heart of Oakland. Please email lwebster@gtu.edu to register.

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

Sponsored by the GTU's Center for Arts and Religion.

NCB's Radix Live (Online and Free)

From Solitude to Solidarity: Ron Dart on Evelyn Underhill and the Contemplative Path

5:00 pm on May 29

Online (Zoom)

Join us as Ron Dart introduces Evelyn Underhill, one of Christianity's respected guides to the inner life, and reflects on her wisdom for our anxious, noisy age. Drawing from her writings, he'll unpack why contemplation is not only personal but communal, a way to be more deeply present in the world.

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

Sponsored by the New College Berkeley.

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](#).

Sponsored by the China Academic Consortium.

Join Us for DEI Matters!

DEI Matters: A Convening on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

9:00 am on Friday, June 6

Berkeley School of Theology, Karpe Hall (2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley)

Led by Dr. A. Brian Leander, author of the newly released Diversity Oriented Churches, this convening will build on the research and best practices of the

last twenty years. Myths will be dispelled, understanding broadened, and hope for a truly reconciling church kindled.

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

Sponsored by the Berkeley School of Theology.

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](#).

Sponsored by GTU Academic Affairs.

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.

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](#).

Submitted by GTU Academic Affairs.

Certificate in Climate Justice & Faith Accepting Applications

The Center for Climate Justice and Faith at PLTS is accepting applications to the Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith due June 15. This two-semester program prepares students to advocate for climate justice. 100% online; bi-monthly discussion groups; Students from 30 countries; Program cost \$600

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

Sponsored by Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

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.

Submitted by China Academic Consortium.

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](#).

Sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies.

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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