

Sex and the City of God: *Intimacy and Wholeness*



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A grayscale photograph of a person lying in bed, looking up towards a window with curtains. The scene is softly lit, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The person's head is resting on a pillow, and their hands are clasped near their face. The window in the background shows light filtering through the curtains.

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Most Christians have stories about how their sexuality has been realized, redeemed, repressed, or rejected by their churches. Why is this subject so difficult for the Christian community to examine and why is it often used as a platform for harm and division within our congregations? What are we afraid of? How can we learn to live beyond our fears and teach our children to do the same?

Although Jesus in the Gospels only rarely speaks about sex, marriage, divorce, or adultery, he is often depicted as strongly supporting those viewed as sexual outcasts. Early Christian traditions tended to reject Greco-Roman patterns of marriage and family in favor of ascetical practices, which favored the repression of passion and pleasure. St. Augustine, for example, identified sexual desire as one of the primary hindrances to the soul's spiritual development. St. Thomas Aquinas warned against the danger of sexual pleasure corrupting the power of reason. In fact, the institutional church did not become involved in the cultural institution of marriage until the 12th century CE—and when it did, it was apparently for as many financial and political reasons as theological ones. At the same time, historical Christian traditions include a wide range of rich, poetic, and mystical writings that extol the value of desire and draw on erotic language to describe the soul's relationship to God.

In this new millennium, we have the opportunity to develop a more comprehensive view of sexuality and Christian faith. Constructing such a view begins by asking some key questions: What has been the cost of separating spirituality from sexual pleasure? Are there connections to be drawn between the denial and repression of our God-given erotic desire and today's epidemic of sexual and domestic violence? How do race, culture, age, and geography affect the choices we make about sexuality and intimacy? How do we discern what is authentically human in our sexual desires and reflect theologically on those desires? How do our understandings of sexuality and sexual ethics affect our positions in the national debate on same-gender marriage? What values should guide decisions about who is allowed to receive the sacrament of marriage? What is the relationship between civil and religious marriage?

We are pleased you have joined us to explore these and other issues during the 2005 Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, featuring some of the most esteemed thinkers and boldest actors in the effort to illuminate the sexual rainbow found in the wholeness our Creator intended.



EARL LECTURERS AND PREACHERS

Douglass Fitch

Douglass Fitch is the pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco. He has built a solid reputation as a policy-shaper in The United Methodist Church by working as the director of the Council on Ministries and associate general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Fitch also founded Asian, Native American, and Hispanic study centers in Methodist universities across the country, establishing scholarship funds and acting as a guide and coach to hundreds of divinity students. Equally important is his work as a mentor to some of the brightest young pastors and bishops in the church. In his numerous teaching positions, Fitch has worked tirelessly to ensure that minority voices are heard and encouraged in the church. Fitch has been a Rockefeller Fellow and holds degrees from the Reed School of Religion, the Gammon Interdenominational Theological Center, and Greenville College.

Christine E. Gudorf

Christine Gudorf is the professor of Christian ethics, ethics and development, and feminism at Florida International University. A Catholic theologian, Gudorf is a prolific writer on ethics, women's issues, reproductive issues, sexuality, and spirituality. She has worked on religious and feminist research projects throughout Latin America and Eastern Europe. Gudorf has received numerous awards and honors, including multiple appointments to the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Her published works include *Body, Sex and Pleasure: Reconstructing Christian Sexual Ethics*; *Victimization: Examining Christian Complicity*; *Ethics in World Religions: A Cross-Cultural Casebook*; and "Why Sex is So Good For Your Marriage" in *U.S. Catholic*. Gudorf is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Christian Ethics.

Eric H. F. Law

The Rev. Eric H. F. Law is the missionary for congregational development of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. For the past 12 years, he has been a consultant and trainer in establishing multicultural ministry and inclusive community, helping churches from the major denominations constructively address the challenges of sexual identity, racism, and cultural diversity. Law's consulting work has allowed him to share his expertise in congregational development and multicultural ministry with the Roman Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), The United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and United Church of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally. In addition, Law served as the consultant for the Interreligious Council of Southern California, bringing together people from nine religions to participate in a two-year inter-racial dialogue program after the 1992 Los Angeles riots. Law is the author of five books, including: *The Wolf Shall Dwell With The Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community*; *The Bush Was Burning But Not Consumed: Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy*; and *Inclusion: Making Room for Grace*.

Gene Robinson

The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson is the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. He has served as executive secretary of the Episcopal Province of New England and as a member of the Board of Trustees for The General Theological Seminary. Much of Robinson's ministry before he became bishop of New Hampshire focused on helping congregations and clergy in conflict and analyzing congregational dynamics. He developed and led the "Being Well in Christ" conference approach to clergy wellness in 20 dioceses; initiated "Fresh Start," a two-year mentoring program for all clergy in new positions; and co-authored a curriculum used in 44 dioceses. Robinson has also focused on issues of health and social justice. He co-authored three AIDS education curricula for youth and adults and has done AIDS work in Africa. Within the Diocese of New Hampshire and throughout Province 1, he has facilitated antiracism training. A leader in the diocese's partnership with the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund for affordable housing, he served on the board of the New Hampshire Endowment for Health, a foundation working to obtain access to health care for the uninsured. As the first openly gay and partnered bishop in the Episcopal Church, Robinson strives to open respectful, relational dialogue in the church.



EARL PANELISTS

Andrea Bieler

Andrea Bieler is associate professor of Christian worship at PSR, where she directs worship that is both formative and contextual. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover, Germany, she brings her experience in ritual studies, feminist theology, intercultural exchange, and Jewish-Christian dialogue to bear on her work. Bieler's research interests are Jewish and Christian worship practices, the challenges of modernity, ritual studies, the theology and language of prayer, eroticism and mysticism, the meaning of ritual in pastoral care, and liturgy and sexual violence. She has published several articles on worship and is the author of a book on the women's ordination movement in German Protestantism.

Jim Mitulski

For more than 20 years, Rev. Jim Mitulski served as pastor in predominantly GLBT churches in New York's Greenwich Village and San Francisco's Castro District. He also served as program director of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center of the San Francisco Public Library, and as executive director of the Rainbow Adult Community. He was co-chair and the longest serving member of San Francisco's Ryan White Planning Council, an organization that distributed \$36 million annually to persons with HIV and AIDS. Mitulski is currently director of development for the national offices of the Metropolitan Community Church. He is an alumnus of Columbia University and PSR, and holds an honorary doctorate from Starr King School for the Ministry.

Renae Extrum-Fernandez

Renae Extrum-Fernandez is a clergy member of the California-Nevada Conference of The United Methodist Church. She serves as senior pastor of Walnut Creek UMC. Extrum-Fernandez is a three-time delegate to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Her service in the denomination has also included membership on the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race. She has been active in the Reconciling Congregations movement. She is an alumna of Boston University School of Theology.

Sharon Thornton

Sharon Thornton is associate professor of pastoral theology and pastoral care at Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre, MA. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Thornton has served in pastoral leadership at several UCC congregations. She has received degrees from the University of Washington, PSR, and the Graduate Theological Union. Thornton's book *Broken Yet Beloved: A Pastoral Theology of the Cross* addresses contemporary experiences of historical suffering. In teaching, she strives to cultivate a classroom climate open to imagination, courage, and critical thinking in order to address pastoral issues emerging in diverse communities of faith today.



WEDNESDAY PANEL: CLERGY AND SEXUALITY

William Stayton

Bill Stayton is psychologist, sexologist, and an ordained American Baptist clergy person. For 30 years, Stayton has served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania in the Human Sexuality Program. Now housed at Widener University, this program offers the only university-based doctoral program in human sexuality in the world. Stayton currently serves as professor and director of the program. He is a former president of SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States) and AASECT (American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists). He has appeared on several documentaries and numerous radio and television programs throughout the world and has authored more than 50 publications on sexuality.

D. Mark Wilson

D. Mark Wilson has served as an assistant professor at PSR since 2004, and had previously been one of the school's adjunct faculty. At PSR, he teaches courses in organizational leadership in church and community, as well as other topics that strengthen students for religious leadership. Wilson earned his MDiv from Harvard Divinity School and his PhD from the University of Michigan. He was the recipient of the 1984 Billings Preaching Prize at Harvard and, in 1985, was named among the Outstanding Young Men of America. He has lectured and taught at the University of California, Berkeley, the American Baptist Seminary of the West, and St. Mary's College of California. Additionally, he served for 12 years as senior pastor of McGee Avenue Baptist Church in Berkeley.

Penny Nixon

Penny Nixon is senior minister of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of San Francisco, which has provided social, spiritual and practical programs to meet the needs of a changing GLBT community for 31 years. Nixon studied at the University of Cape Town, South Africa; Fordham University; Alliance Theological Seminary; Baptist College; and the San Francisco Theological Seminary. She served in the Global Mission Unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Soweto, South Africa, where she worked with the national student movement as an advisor and developed empowerment programs for youth.

Marie Fortune

Marie Fortune is the founder and senior analyst of the FaithTrust Institute, a multi-faith, multicultural organization that assists in addressing issues of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual violence, and sexual abuse by clergy. Fortune's publications include *Clergy Misconduct: Sexual Abuse in the Ministerial Relationship* with Deborah Woolley, et. al.; *Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us*; and *Sexual Violence: The Sin Revisited*. Her awards include the Antoinette Brown Award for Outstanding Woman Minister in the United Church of Christ, an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Starr King School for the Ministry, and the Alumnae Award of Distinction from Yale Divinity School.

Karen A. McClintock

Karen A. McClintock is an adjunct faculty member at Southern Oregon University where she teaches a course entitled "Sex, Gender and Shame." She holds a PhD in clinical psychology from the Union Institute in Cincinnati and an MDiv from PSR. McClintock's books include *Preventing Sexual Abuse in Congregations: A Resource for Leaders* and *Sexual Shame: An Urgent Call to Healing*. McClintock directly challenges the church by exposing the relationship of abuse to the theological articulation of patriarchy. McClintock is a consultant to schools and churches on issues of sexuality and sexual shame. She is also a therapist at Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Oregon.



8:00 am–9:00 am

REGISTRATION

9:00 am–10:30 am

EARL LECTURE BY GENE ROBINSON

“From the Closet to the Episcopate:
One Pilgrim’s Journey”

Bill McKinney presiding, Alvan Quamina invoking

10:30 am–11:00 am

BREAK

11:00 am–12:15 pm

PASTORAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

1. Conversation with Earl Lecturer Bishop Gene Robinson • *Loper Chapel*

2. Sex in the Bible: Interpreting and Teaching Texts of Sex, Violence, and Abuse

Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan and Boyung Lee • *Trinity Chapel, Trinity UMC*

The Levite’s Concubine, Bathsheba, Tamar—these are texts of sex, violence, and abuse that rarely serve as the scriptural foundation for sermons and teaching lessons. In this workshop, participants will have an opportunity to deal with some difficult texts relating to sex, sexuality, and violence, and explore ways to address and teach such texts in their local church.

3. Human Sexuality and the Church: I’m Coming Out!

Lydia A. Sausa • *Wesley Foundation*

This fun, interactive workshop will provide participants with specific knowledge, skills, and resources to establish a contemporary language about sexuality, address concerns with coming out and the church, and increase effective communication about sexuality and sexual behavior in various pastoral settings. In this workshop “coming out” is used broadly and encompasses not only coming out about one’s sexual orientation, but also experiences or identities that are challenging for people to discuss or “come out” about (e.g., transgendered identity, HIV status, abuse, incarceration, substance use, unplanned pregnancy, and abortion).

4. Sexual Secrets in Congregations: Wounds and Wounding

Karen A. McClintock • *North Room*

Like most families, the histories of most congregations include sexual wounds that result in confusion, anxiety, relational distance, and power struggles. The most extreme result of these wounds is that whole congregations become places of shame instead of grace. Shame may arise from touch boundaries being crossed, adoption, sexual attraction and behavior, sexual orientation, pregnancy, sexual harassment, and abuse. Such shame can debilitate leaders and

congregations. This workshop will explore the wounds created by sexual secrets in congregations, ways to address those wounds, and ways to prevent the formation of sexual secrets and promote the creation of healthy communities.



WORKSHOPS, continued

5. Queer Theology

Robert Goss • McCoy Room, Trinity UMC

Queer theology challenges the gender and sex constructions of ecclesiastical theologies. This theology is starting to make contributions to the contextual reading of the scriptures, hermeneutics, and theology. What is the potential of queer theology? Can queer theology escape some of the pitfalls of queer theory? Can it develop a liberative discourse of justice? This workshop will explore these and other questions.



6. Pastoral Care Responses to Sex in the 21st Century: New Paradigms for New Realities

Joe Driskill • Small Assembly

Issues shaped by race, culture, sexual orientation, and religious pluralism create new environments for understanding contemporary pastoral care. As the communal, contextual, and intercultural paradigms increasingly challenge the dominance of the therapeutic paradigm, pastoral care theory, counseling, and pastoral theology are developing new ways to view and participate in pastoral care. This workshop will explore the changing landscape of pastoral practices and look specifically at its implications for addressing human sexuality, including concerns and issues voiced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) members of religious communities. This workshop will examine ways that faith communities can respond with compassion and justice to new pastoral realities.

7. Coming Out to Your Asian and Pacific Islander Family: The Importance of Family Acceptance and Social Support

Belinda Dronkers-Laureta • McLean Lounge

Social stigma, family loyalty, and reticence to discuss openly sexual matters make “coming out” difficult for many Asian and Pacific Islander (API) LGBT people. Intergenerational differences, language barriers, and nationality variations further strain the familial relationships of API-LGBT individuals, making their coming out process to family members extremely complex. In this workshop, participants will examine how API parents and their LGBT children experience unique culture-based distress and emotional difficulties, strategies for addressing these situations, and ways in which clergy can support API LGBTs and their families as they address these issues.

8. What's So Queer about Christianity? Sex and Religion in LGBT Communities

Facilitated by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS) • Durant House

Sexual and gender identity, pastoral care and ministry, and religious faith combine in powerful ways among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. This workshop, facilitated by PSR's CLGS, will consider those intersections and their implications for the practice of Christian faith in today's churches. Panelists include David Kundtz, writer and psychotherapist; Penny Nixon, senior minister, San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church; and Christina Hutchins, poet and theologian.

9. Holy Hormones!

Lizann Bassham and Brian Wetzel • Fireside Room, Trinity UMC

In this workshop, we will explore various resources available for working with adolescents around the issues of sexuality and spirituality. Resources will include *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith*, a comprehensive sexuality curriculum developed jointly by the United Church of Christ (UCC) and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and *Love—All That and More*, developed by the FaithTrust Institute to help youth develop healthy relationships and learn to identify warning signals that may lead to dating violence. Workshop participants will come away with ideas and exercises designed to help adolescents and the adults raising them build healthy sexuality within the context of their spiritual lives.

10. InterPlay: What “The Body” Wants

Cynthia Winton-Henry • Wesley Foundation

What if there was an easy going, gentle, fun, but fast-working megavitamin for body and soul? Would you take it? Not without suspicion? In InterPlay your suspicion is welcome. InterPlay is a time-tested, people-tested system of ideas and practices that affirms the body wisdom of each person’s diverse sexuality, spiritual path, history, strengths, and challenges. This workshop introduces InterPlay’s most basic spiritual practices: incorporating stories, moving, using the voice, using silence, and noticing. This easy kind of listening to our own body wisdom can help us think in a more integrated way about our physicality and spirituality and to pay attention to what the body really wants both individually and collectively.

11. Am I Called? Discerning One’s Call to Ministry

Nicole Naffaa • Sunburst

Have you experienced a call to ministry? Do you feel a tug pulling you in the direction of seminary education? The question of whether or not we are called to ministry often raises more questions. This workshop will provide you with a safe place to explore and reflect on these questions. We will explore what it means to be called in general and called to ministry in particular, and we will look at some tools for discernment. The workshop will be interactive. It will include time for individual reflection, group sharing, and a closing prayer ritual. Come explore your call!

12:30 pm–2:00 pm

ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BROWN BAG LUNCH

At the Wesley Foundation. Information on page 22

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT BROWN BAG LUNCH

Information on page 23

2:30 pm–4:30 pm

PANEL: MARRIAGE

Del Brown presiding, Iakopo Yan Lan invoking



TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Gene Robinson, Preacher
Jay Emerson Johnson, Presider
7:30 pm

PRELUDE	"When Israel Was In Egypt Land" "Give Me Jesus" "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" <i>From 7 Reflections on African-American Spirituals—Richard Billingham</i>	Larry Marietta
	"Duch Tvoy Blagiy" <i>Pavel Chesnokov, composer</i> <i>Translation: "Let Thy Holy Spirit fall upon us, we pray. Alleluia"</i>	Cantare Con Vivo
PROCESSION		Worship Leaders & Choir
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Jay Johnson
OPENING HYMN	"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"	New Century Hymnal 467
	"Awaiting the Redemption of the Body: Thanksgiving, Yearning, and Repentance"	
	Psalm of the Whole Body Praying <i>by Edward Hays</i>	
	Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18-26) <i>(The congregation is invited to follow the lead of the liturgical dancers as they move to the music).</i>	
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION	God of grace and hope, we confess our longing for redemption: We have not always honored your image in others or in ourselves; We have not always cherished the bodily work of your creation; We repent of any evil we have inflicted on others and of any evil done on our behalf; Restore our sense of wonder for your creative work, and give us the strength to be your ministers in the world.	
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Bishop Gene Robinson
ANTHEM	"How Can I Keep From Singing" <i>Ron Staheli, composer</i>	Cantare Con Vivo
MESSAGE/SERMON		Bishop Robinson
HYMN RESPONSE	"There is a Balm in Gilead"	New Century Hymnal 553

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, continued

Prayers of the Community

Jim Mitulski

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION **“God Is”**

James Cleveland, composer

Cantare Con Vivo

D. Mark Wilson, soloist

BENEDICTION

Bishop Robinson

Recessional

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”

Traditional African-American Spiritual

This evening's readers and liturgical dancers include: Joellynn Monahan, Roland Stringfellow, and Mai-Anh Tran; Andrea Bieler; Dina Claussen, Niccole Coggins, Margaret Dawedeit, Carla De Sola, Martin Grizzell, Mi Ok Lee, Donnel and Sylvia Miller-Mutia, and Enver Rahmanov.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:45 am–9:00 am

REGISTRATION

9:00 am–10:30 am

EARL LECTURE BY CHRISTINE E. GUDORF

“Is a Christian Ethics Possible?”

Mary Ann Tolbert presiding

Brenda Vaca invoking

10:30 am–11:00 am

BREAK

STUDENT-LED WORSHIP

Mark Unbehagen, Presider

Julia Watts Besler, Cantor

11:00–11:45 am

PRELUDE

PSR Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a lover to beloved, God calls to us,

In this season when our hearts yearn
for nature's renewal
and our spirits awaken
with stirrings of love.

**As the rain to the grass of springtime,
as lover to beloved, God calls to us.**

Arise my love, my fair one, and come away,

For, lo, the winter is passing,

Flowers appear on the earth
And the time for singing has come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

WORD OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

New Century Hymnal 28

LITANY

Here I am, O Holy One, lonely for Your Presence.

Your Presence which fills Creation fills me with hope,
with hope of tenderness again and of our sharing,
of our sharing of renewed openness to love renewed.

To love renewed, here am I.

Here am I, O One whom I am to love with all my heart,
with all my heart ready to listen again to our song.

To our Song of Songs open my senses.

Open my senses to love blossoming.

To love blossoming, let me hear Your voice.

Let me hear your voice again saying, “Arise my beloved!”

Arise my beloved, my fair one.

My fair one let me behold your watching presence,

Your watching presence behind the lattice of the world.

Behind the lattice of this world, let me again awaken,

let me again awaken to the sound of the bird of melody.

To the sound of the bird of melody let me hear.

Let me hear, “Here am I!”

PSR STUDENTS' WORSHIP SERVICE, continued

The voice of my beloved!
Behold as he comes,
dancing and skipping
over hills and mountains.

SONG OF SONGS 1:1-4

"On Those Words"
(*Dilectus Meus Mihi*)

by St. Teresa of Avila

SONG OF SONGS 1:5-6

Excerpt from *What Matters Most:
Ten Lessons in Living Passionately
from the Song of Songs*

by Renita Weems

SONG OF SONGS 1:7-8

"The Singer of the Song of Songs"

by Yehuda Amichai

SONG OF SONGS 2:8-10

"Yedid Nefesh"

a prayer from
Siddur Sid Shalom

SONG OF SONGS 3:1-5

"He's the Lily of the Valley"

African American
Spiritual

SONG OF SONGS 4:9-11

Excerpt from "Uses of the Erotic:
The Erotic as Power"

by Audre Lorde

SONG OF SONGS 5:2-7

LITANY

We grow suspicious of love
have grown suspicious of love
When ideals become an embarrassment to us,
We grow suspicious of love,
When once there was fragrance and melody and form,
We grow suspicious of love,
Where once there was softness and sweetness,
We grow suspicious of love,
When all that remains is surface glamour,
We grow suspicious of love,
Exploiting or being exploited,
We grow suspicious of love,
Damaged in its selflessness, destructive in its selfishness,
We grow suspicious of love,
Let me trust again,
Let us trust again.
In love's innocent power to restore the soul,
Let us trust again.
For our own sake,
Let us trust again.
For the sake of the one I love,
Let us trust again.
For your sake, O beloved,
Let us trust again.
Many rivers cannot quench love,
Nor waters sweep it away.

PSR STUDENTS' WORSHIP SERVICE, continued

SONG OF SONGS 7:12-14

"Love's Vision"

by Edward Carpenter

SONG OF SONGS 8:6-7

An Excerpt from *The Living Flame of Love* by St. John of the Cross

SONG OF SONGS 8:8-10

A poem

by Joy Harjo

CLOSING HYMN **"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"**

New Century Hymnal 331

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

Larry Marietta

Richard Billingham

Today's worship participants include: Andrea Bieler, Aaron Brody, Christopher Chua, Rachel Ciupek-Reed, Elaine Dempsey, Martin Grizzell, Shanya Luther, Rachel Meyers, Julia Watts Belser (cantor), Jolie Kanat, and Niccole Coggins.

The PSR Ensemble includes: Susie Bjork, Donene Blair, Oscar Burdick, Niccole Coggins, Matthew Fox, Carol Anne Fusco, Ann Jefferson, Dong Soo Lee, Sarah Robinson, Megan Rohrer, Bruce Saunkeah, Sara Steen, Maggie Stoddard, Latu Toetu'u, and Mark Unbehagen.

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12:00 pm–1:30 pm

DENOMINATIONAL LUNCHES

1:45 pm–3:45 pm

PANEL: CLERGY AND SEXUALITY

Mariellen Sawada-Yoshino presiding,
Heather Leslie Hammer invoking

4:00 pm–5:15 pm

PASTORAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

12. Youth Ministry: Adults Empowering Youth with Information About Intimacy and Wholeness

Michael Mansfield • Fireside Room, Trinity UMC

Question-centered sexual education is vital for junior and senior high youth. Creating the context for young people to feel and think through a complex sexual situation before it's actually happening is a critical skill for youth ministers in this culture at this time. Wholeness and intimacy should be trademarks of our teaching and our information process with youth. This is an interactive, common sense, skill-based approach to sexuality and spirituality for youth ministers.

13. Conversation with Earl Lecturer Christine E. Gudorf • Loper Chapel

14. Healthy Relationships/Healthy Families: What Is It All About?

William Stayton • Small Assembly

Marriage and family are two of the most misunderstood institutions in our society. Biblical models are numerous and complicated. This workshop will focus on marriage, committed relationships, adultery, divorce, and lifestyles in both ancient biblical times and modern America. What have we learned from the past and what mistakes are we still making?

15. Gender Plurality and the Church: Serving Transgender Individuals in Communities of Faith

Megan Rohrer • North Room

In this interactive and informative workshop, we will explore the experience of being transgender, with particular attention to issues related to the participation of transgender individuals in communities of faith. This workshop is a good introduction for those not familiar with transgender issues. Participants will receive ideas and suggestions for how they can provide more effective pastoral care and support to transgender people, and how members of the clergy can be a prophetic voice to others about transgender issues.

16. Entering the Lover's Garden: Reading the Song of Songs

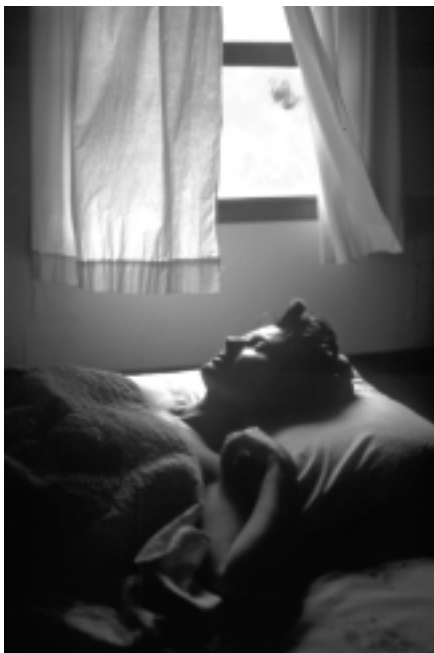
Mark Unbehagen and Julia Watts Belser • McLean Lounge

"Oh give me the kisses of your mouth, for your love is more delightful than wine." Second-century scholar Rabbi Aquiva wrote, "All the [scriptures] are holy, but the Song of Songs is the Holy of Holies." For centuries this text has been the subject of theological debates, sermons, mystical inspiration, and musical composition. Liturgically, the text is wedded to the Exodus story as part of the Passover Shabbat service and intimately connected to the Christian concept of virginity through its use in the Daily Office. Poetry? Pornography? Allegory? Or key to intimacy with the Divine? This workshop will include a brief sampling of historical and contemporary interpretations, an experience of the Song of Songs in different liturgical contexts, and the opportunity to share your interpretation.

17. Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us

Marie Fortune • Trinity Chapel, Trinity UMC

Sexual ethics for Christians, clergy in particular, are foundational for how we live in community. This workshop will explore a framework of ethical guidelines based not on a criterion of only heterosexual marriage, but on a much more substantive criterion of relationships between and among all of us. This framework is more demanding than a traditional, conservative approach and more rewarding in sustaining relationships of trust and intimacy.



18. The Body as Sacred: The Spirit Within

Penny Nixon • Wesley Foundation

One of history's greatest exaltations of the body is Walt Whitman's *I Sing the Body Electric*. This 19th-century praise of flesh and bone sings the holy anatomy of bodies, in poetic detail from head to toe. While not particularly religious, Whitman recognized the divine composition of bodies and proclaimed, "If anything is sacred, the human body is sacred." In this workshop, participants will explore how the Church's teachings have placed the body at the center of political and spiritual struggles; what it means to embrace a liberating, embodied spirituality; and the challenges involved in the spiritual task of re-sacralizing the body.

19. What Goes On in this House Stays in this House

Kendal Brown • Balcony Room

How do we make current conversations surrounding LGBT issues more relevant for a wider segment of the African-American community? How do race, ethnicity, and culture affect our ability to live as whole and honest beings? This workshop will explore the complexities of issues facing the African-American LGBT community, particularly the lack of visible and relevant options for out living. We will also discuss practical methods for addressing some of the racial, ethnic, and cultural realities of the African-American LGBT community.

20. Clergy Families in Crisis: Stories of Abuse and Prevention

Marijke Fakasiieiki and Mary Stamp • McCoy Room, Trinity UMC

Since the early 1990s, the Clergy Families in Crisis (CFIC) project has lifted up the untold stories of clergy families that have experienced misconduct and abuse. CFIC has sent out surveys to clergy, ex-spouses, regional judicatories, and local churches to learn the hidden costs of the crises; developed a nationwide network among denominations, judicatory heads, and families; and researched the history of clergy marriage, divorce, and scandal since the time of the early Church. This workshop will examine the implications of this work and the current efforts of CFIC.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

WORKSHOPS, continued

21. Erotic Authenticity and the Divine

Charlie Glickman • Durant House

A deep connection with the Divine occurs on all levels—mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, and sexual. Erotophobia and sexual shame can block this connection, especially when we lack tools to describe, discuss, and respond to them. In this interactive workshop, we will explore what shame is, how it relates to sexuality and spirituality, and ways in which our erotic authenticity can support our relationship with the Divine. Drawing on the work of Audre Lorde, Silvan Tomkins, and others, we will describe ways in which we can overcome sexual shame in ourselves and in the people we support, and how this can enhance our relationships with the Divine.

5:30 pm–6:45 pm

RECEPTION FOR CLGS'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

At PSR Badè Museum. Information on page 23

6:45 pm

ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BANQUET

At PSR Dining Hall (pre-registration required)



8:45 am–9:00 am

REGISTRATION

9:00 am–10:30 am

EARL LECTURE BY ERIC H.F. LAW
**“God’s Challenge for Us:
Achieving Intimacy in a Fearful World”**
Paul Extrum-Fernandez presiding
Blake Arnall invoking

10:45 am–12:00 pm

PASTORAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

22. Talking about Homosexuality in Congregations

Speed Leas • Trinity Chapel, Trinity UMC

Congregations can engage in discussions of the Bible, theology, sexuality, and life together in community in many ways. Some engage in carefully planned study of these issues, while others employ a “don’t ask, don’t tell, don’t talk” policy. What method is best for a congregation? When is the right time to engage in discussions of controversial issues? When is the right time to take public positions on such matters? This workshop will explore such questions and offer tools for assessing the readiness of a congregation to tackle these issues and various strategies for starting discussion, engaging the congregation, making decisions, and taking affirmative action.

23. Conversation with Earl Lecturer Eric H.F. Law • Loper Chapel

24. The Interlacing of Art and Religion

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu • Durant House

The issues of human sexuality and religious doctrine appear to stand on opposite sides of a chasm; increasingly, ways to cross this chasm seem to elude us. One area where human experience is held as precious is in the arts. This workshop explores the deepening conversation between art and religion being developed at the GTU in theological aesthetics, and offers a model of interlacing as an alternative way of celebrating the complexity of being human. During the workshop, participants will learn a methodology for interlacing and will experience a practical method for recovering the arts as a theological source that diverse communities can use to expand their own theological questions.

25. From Mechanics to Morality: What is the Church Saying About Sexuality?

Shanya Luther • Wesley Foundation

Many mainline, liberal churches are patting themselves on the back for dealing with sexuality in open and affirming ways and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness. But is this enough? If a church is to focus on the business of healing, then it must address all issues of sexuality. What are we saying to young people about sexuality? What are we saying to the global community about sexuality? What are we saying from the pulpit about sexuality? This workshop will explore the many ways churches can talk about and deal with issues of sexuality and justice.

WORKSHOPS, continued

26. Beyond Fight or Flight: Families and Congregations Face “The Gay Issue”

Tom and Mitzi Henderson • McCoy Room, Trinity UMC

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered congregants and their families are too often considered to be “problems” for their congregations. When denominational policy is hostile or a congregation is divided in its position on homosexuality, families and pastors face challenging dilemmas. In this workshop, participants will examine the issues raised for families, the choices they make, and how pastors can lead congregations to deeper understandings of their faith.

27. Sex, Stigma, and Health: The Role of the Church

Alvan Quamina • North Room

This workshop will examine the connection between religious teachings and health. Specifically, it will examine how religious teachings influence perceptions of the body, sex, and sexuality, and how those perceptions may, in turn, influence preventive health behavior; the development, care, and treatment of disease; health-seeking behavior; and eventual health outcomes.

28. Our Bodies and Our Mystic Selves: Celebrating Our Sexuality, Owning Our Mystic

Pamela Falkowski • Small Assembly

So often we separate our sexuality from our mysticism, spacing them on two parallel tracks quite distant from each other. The mental and spiritual gymnastics that occur to maintain this illusion can leave us exhausted and unfulfilled. In this segment of “Our Bodies and Our Mystic Selves,” we explore the relationship between our sexuality and mysticism through a creative process using play, conversation, and contemplation, with attention to the body and voice. Come help dispel the myth and expand your imagination on how to touch and be touched by the Divine.



29. Over the Line: Professional Abuse of Trust and Sexuality

Kibbie Ruth • McLean Lounge

Embodied faith allows sexuality and spirituality each to be potent and interconnected. As empowering as that interconnection can be, it can also be implosive if faith leaders are unconscious of their vulnerabilities, unaware of particularly troubled parishioners, or neglectful of personal needs for spiritual and emotional well-being. Certain patterns of individual and congregational behavior can lead to inappropriate sex in the “sanctuary.” Fortunately, those behaviors and the resulting misuse of power and position can be prevented. This workshop will explore these issues and methods for prevention.

30. Intersex Makes for Great Dinner Table Conversation: What You Need to Know and How You Can Make a Difference

Thea Hillman • Fireside Room, Trinity UMC

In the United States, five babies a day undergo unwanted, unwarranted surgery to “normalize” their non-standard genitals. The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) is working to create a world free of shame, secrecy, and unwanted sexual surgeries. A board member of ISNA, Thea Hillman offers information for people who have never heard of intersex. The workshop is also designed for those who already understand that intersex is an issue that affects everyone, because it touches on issues of homophobia, family, and human rights. A short film about intersex will be shown, followed by a presentation and discussion. Questions and participation will be encouraged.

31. HIV/AIDS and the City of God

Jim Mitulski • Wesley Foundation

HIV/AIDS continues, 24 years into the epidemic, to be a disease that illuminates poverty and social stigma wherever it is found. As the rate of infection is spreading across the globe, churches and denominations with once flourishing HIV/AIDS ministries are generally doing less than ever. In the United States, the fight against HIV/AIDS has been complicated by the spread of syphilis and the use of crystal meth among gay and bisexual men, increasing rates of infection in youth of all sexual orientations and people of color, and reduced government spending for HIV/AIDS services and research. In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to reflect theologically on the history of HIV/AIDS and to strategize about what the communities we serve need from the church.



CLOSING WORSHIP

Rev. Douglass E. Fitch, Preacher
Ann Jefferson, Presider
12:15–1:15 pm

CALL TO WORSHIP & PROCESSIONAL

PSR Ensemble*

Adaptation of Psalm 133

Hineh Ma Tov (How Very Good and Pleasant It Is)

$\text{♩} = 54$

Hi - neh mah tov u - mah na - yim.
How good it is and how pleas - ant for

Shev - et a - heem gam ya - had. Hi - neh
peo - ple to dwell to - geth - er. Good and

mah - tov shev - et a - heem gam ya - had.
pleas - ant, peo - ple in peace to - geth - er.

Words: Psalm 133:1
Music: Hebrew round

PSALM 133
Irregular

WELCOME

Ann Jefferson

READINGS

Love is Dangerous
William Cleary

PSR Ensemble

Intimacy & Community
Adapted from Canticles and Gathering Prayers
Prayers by John P. Mossi/Songs by Suzanne Toolan

Sung response: "God of my life—be the God of my heart."

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:15-24

SERMON

Rev. Douglass Fitch

HYMN RESPONSE

"I'm Gonna' Eat at the Welcome Table"

Chalice Hymnal 424

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

CLOSING WORKSHIP, continued

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

God of all, source and goal of community,
whose will is that all your people enjoy fullness of life,
May we be builders of community,
caring for your good earth here and worldwide,
that we may delight in diversity and choose solidarity,
For you are in community with us,
our God, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“You are Salt for the Earth, O People”** New Century Hymnal 181

BENEDICTION Rev. Douglass Fitch

*The PSR Ensemble includes: Susie Bjork, Donene Blair, Oscar Burdick, Niccole Coggins, Matthew Fox, Carol Anne Fusco, Ann Jefferson, Dong Soo Lee, Rachel Meyers, Sarah Robinson, Megan Rohrer, Bruce Saunkeah, Sara Steen, Maggie Stoddard, Latu Toetu'u, and Mark Unbehagen.



SPECIAL EARL LECTURE EVENTS

BADÈ MUSEUM LECTURE AND RECEPTION

“At the Wizard’s Table: Shaman’s Altars in Peru”

Monday, January 24

3:30–5:00 pm

PSR 6; reception following in the Badè Museum

Join us for a lecture by Douglas Sharon, director of the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley.

UNCOMMON GRACE: AN EVENING WITH BISHOP GENE ROBINSON

Monday, January 24

6:30–8:30 pm

The Nob Hill Masonic Center, San Francisco

Enjoy a gala fundraising reception for PSR’s Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS). For more information or to purchase tickets, please call CLGS at 510/849-8206 or visit CLGS’s website: www.clgs.org.

PSR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BROWN BAG LUNCH

Tuesday, January 25

12:30–2:00 pm

Wesley Foundation, 2398 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Bring lunch and join PSR Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations Randy Sweringen and special guests for conversation. PSR alumna Lizann Bassham and comedian Brian Wetzell will be making a special presentation and leading a discussion.



PSR INFORMATION LUNCH FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Tuesday, January 25

12:30–2:00 pm

McLean Lounge, First Congregational
Church of Berkeley

If you have ever thought about attending seminary or pursuing graduate studies in theological education, this lunch is for you! Come learn about PSR, our programs of study, and much more. If you did not pre-register for this session, please bring a lunch.



DENOMINATIONAL LUNCHES

Wednesday, January 26

12:00–1:30 pm

Please join your denominational group for a lunchtime program and fellowship. Advance reservations are required.

RECEPTION CELEBRATING CLGS'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday, January 26

5:30 pm

Badè Museum at PSR

All alumni/ae and friends are invited to join us in celebrating the first five years of bold and vital programming by PSR's Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry.

PSR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BANQUET

Wednesday, January 26

6:45 pm (reservations required)

D'Autremont Dining Hall at PSR

Join your seminary friends, faculty, and staff for this annual gala presentation of the Distinguished Alumni/ae Awards. The 50th reunion of the class of 1955 and the 25th reunion of the class of 1980 will be honored in a special way. For more information, contact Randy Sweringen, director of alumni/ae and church relations, at 510/849-8218. Advance reservations are required.

2005 PSR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/AE



JON ECKELS



CYNTHIA WINTON-HENRY



JAMES TREAT

Renowned poet, essayist, activist, and teacher **Jon B. Eckels** (MDiv 1966) has written 14 volumes of poetry. His most recent, *Sing When the Spirit Says Sing: Selected & New Poems 1960–1990* (1999), won an American Book Award in 2000 from the Before Columbus Foundation, which recognizes significant works by African American authors. His other written works include *Pursuing the Pursuit: The Black Plight in White America* (1977), a study of slavery and contemporary oppression of African Americans. His *Home is Where the Soul Is* (1969), published by the influential Broadside Press, is considered one of the seminal works of the black poetry movement. He is currently working on three books, including one about the relationship between Blacks and Jews, and one containing critical social essays.

After completing his Master of Divinity at PSR, Eckels earned a master's degree in literature from Stanford University. He has served as an instructor of English, American literature, poetry, and creative writing at Mills College and Merritt College in Oakland, CA. At Mills, he was instrumental in developing the Black Studies Program. Eckels also co-founded several community schools in Oakland and Berkeley, was a visiting scholar at the University of Ghana in Ligon, and taught English at Stanford University.

An ordained minister in The United Methodist Church (UMC), Eckels has pastored UMC churches in California and New York. During his tenure in New York, he was chairman of the New York Chapter of UMC Ministers and a member of the UMC Committee on Religion and Race. He was also a founding member of the Alamo Black Clergy in Oakland, CA.

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Cynthia Winton-Henry (M.Div. 1983) weaves together spiritual leadership, scholarship and intellectual practice, artistic expression, pastoral care and community development. Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), she has chosen to make the wider community her “church.” She has a long record of interfaith ministry, working with Christians of all stripes and members of many other faith and spiritual traditions.

Winton-Henry is co-director of Body Wisdom, Inc., a not-for-profit organization devoted to the integration of body, mind, heart, and spirit both inside and outside of faith communities. With Phil Porter, she is the co-founder of InterPlay, a philosophy and practice that encourages and enables body-spirit integration. InterPlay has been offered in more than 40 cities on four continents. Its transformative work creates communities of understanding and peace in many different settings.

Using a model she created called “The Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human,” Winton-Henry has shaped community-based performances in San Francisco, Chicago, Raleigh, Seattle, Sydney, and Nashville. These performances have involved as many as 70 people, most of whom are not professional performers. She also co-directs WING IT! Performance Ensemble, a multicultural group of more than 20 artists/spiritual caregivers who perform in countless concerts, benefits, and community events. This year WING IT! celebrates its 15th year.

Winton-Henry is the author of several books, CDs, and videos, including the just-published *What the Body Wants* (2004). An active member of First

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James Treat (MA 1989) currently teaches interdisciplinary courses in native studies, religious studies, and creative expression at the Honors College at the University of Oklahoma. His research focuses on native religious diversity in the contemporary period, and especially on the relationship between tribal and Christian traditions in reservation and urban communities. He addresses the broad theoretical and practical questions raised by the intersections of religion, culture, and politics in a diverse and conflicted world.

Treat is the author of *Around the Sacred Fire: Native Religious Activism in the Red Power Era* (2003) and the editor of *For This Land: Writings on Religion in America* by Vine Deloria, Jr. (1999) and *Native and Christian: Indigenous Voices on Religious Identity in the United States and Canada* (1996).

He completed his PhD in religious studies in 1993 at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, where he also served as a teaching assistant for the Native American Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley. His doctoral dissertation, passed with distinction, was titled *Contemporary Native Religious Identity: The Indian Ecumenical Conference*. He held faculty appointments in the American Studies Departments of the University of California at Santa Cruz and the University of New Mexico before moving back to his home state of Oklahoma in 2000.

Treat has worked extensively to bridge native and non-native communities. He has spoken at a wide variety of venues, including forums sponsored by Northern California Interfaith

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Eckels has been a human rights activist since the 1960s and has spoken and read around the nation and the world. In Oakland, he was chairman of the Anti-Poverty Commission, vice president of Opportunities Industrial Center, and founder and publisher of the UHURU newspaper.

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Congregational Church of Berkeley, she provides pivotal leadership for the church's innovative 6@First service. She has been an adjunct faculty member in the area of dance and theology at PSR for 20 years.

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Council and the recent Healing the World Conference at Asilomar, CA. His awards include *Best Editorial Media Award – First Place*, Native American Journalists Association, 1997; Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient, American Indian Student Services, Center for Student Life, University of Oklahoma, 2001-2002; Excellence in Teaching Award Honorable Mention, Committee on Teaching, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1994-1995.



WORSHIP AND WORKSHOP LEADERS AND PRESIDERS

Blake Arnall is a 4th year Master of Divinity student and a member of the Quaker/Society of Friends.

Lizann Bassham has been working in the field of youth ministry for over 20 years. She has written youth ministry curricula and taught courses at PSR and the GTU on youth ministry, adolescent spirituality, and spirituality and sexuality.

Aaron Brody is the Robert and Kathryn Riddell Assistant Professor of Bible and Archaeology and the director of the Badè Museum at PSR.

Del Brown is vice president for academic affairs and professor of theology at PSR.

Kendal Brown is PSR's new assistant to the director of recruitment and admissions and serves as associate pastor of Christian education for City of Refuge United Church of Christ (UCC) in San Francisco. His first book (in progress) explores the realities of African-American, same-gender loving individuals and paths for fully integrated living.

The Cantare Chorale is a symphonic choir of 100 voices, which along with the Chamber Ensemble and the Cantare Children's Choirs of Oakland (three children's choirs encompassing grades 1–8 in West Oakland), comprise Cantare Con Vivo under the direction of David Morales. Cantare Con Vivo, through its rich variety of musical offerings, is committed to the ongoing development and nurturing of a responsive community whose diverse and creative energies foster a vital force within the Bay Area.

Christopher Chua is the PANA Institute's director of research programs.

Rachel Ciupek-Reed is a 2nd year MDiv/MA student at PSR and serves as the seminary's gifts coordinator.

Nicole Coggins is a 2nd year MDiv student, a member of the PSR Chorale, and the student representative to the PSR Board of Trustees.

Elaine Dempsey is a member of the bi-coastal acoustic rock trio, Big Wide Grin. Her music has won recognition from the Northern California Songwriter's Association.

Joe Driskill is associate professor of spirituality at PSR and dean of Disciples Seminary Foundation in Berkeley. His writings have focused on Protestant spiritual exercises, ethics and spiritual care, and spiritual direction.

Belinda Dronkers-Laureta is a founding member, co-coordinator, and president of the Board of Asian & Pacific Islander Family Pride. She is an advocate who works to gain total acceptance for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community.

Paul Extrum-Fernandez is vice president for institutional advancement at Pacific School of Religion.

Marijke Fakasiieiki, a member of Clergy Families in Crisis and a 1998 MDiv graduate from PSR, serves as the assistant regional director for Church World Service/CROP in Northern California, Northern Nevada.

Pamela Falkowski is an experienced retreat director, workshop facilitator, teacher, and spiritual director, specializing in process and personal transformation. She is also a musician, artist, and massage therapist and integrates these gifts into her programs.

Marie Fortune is the founder and senior analyst of FaithTrust Institute. She is a nationally and internationally known educator and consultant, editor of the *Journal of Religion & Abuse*, and author of several books addressing sexual and domestic violence in a religious context.

Charlie Glickman is a sexuality educator with Good Vibrations in Berkeley and San Francisco. He has served as an adjunct faculty member of Starr King School for the Ministry. His research focuses on the intersections of sexuality, spirituality, and shame to develop strategies that support erotic authenticity.

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu is an author, lecturer, theologian, and filmmaker. Her main work looks at the ways that art can reconnect us to God as beauty and to the wakefulness needed for a full and just life.

Robert Goss is pastor/theologian of the Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley in North Hollywood. He is the author of *Jesus ACTED UP* and *Queering Christ*, and co-editor of *Our Families, Our Values* and *Take Back the Word*. Goss is also co-author of *Dead, But Not Lost*.

Martin Grizzell is a 1st year PSR MDiv student; a dancer, performer, and textile artist; and founding minister of Priestly Praise.

Heather Leslie Hammer is a 2nd year Master of Divinity student.

Tom and Mitzi Henderson have four children, including a gay son. For the past 25 years they have been active locally and nationally in Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Both are elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and activists in their denomination's struggles over the role of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people.

Thea Hillman is a writer, performer, and intersex activist from Oakland. She is the author of the critically acclaimed *Depending on the Light*. A poetry slam champion, Hillman has performed her work at festivals, bookstores, and reading series across the country.

Ann Jefferson is PSR's worship director and part-time coordinator for the Certificate of Ministry Studies Program.

Jay Emerson Johnson is the programming and development director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at PSR.

Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan is associate professor of Old Testament and coordinator of the Certificate of Ministry Studies Program at PSR. His research and teaching focus on ancient Near Eastern studies (including Israelite history), biblical interpretation in Asia, and pedagogies for teaching the Bible.

Speed Leas has worked as a teacher and consultant to ecclesiastical groups throughout the United States and Canada. He has expertise in managing conflict and an extensive background as a management consultant to churches and synagogues.

Boyung Lee, a United Methodist elder, is assistant professor of educational ministries at PSR. Her ministry experience ranges from serving in one of Korea's poorest communities to serving in an affluent New England suburb. She considers Korea's poor, particularly its women, to be brilliant commentators on justice and realized eschatology.

Shanya Luther is a global mission intern with the UCC, working on HIV/AIDS prevention; she is working toward ordination in the UCC. Luther develops and presents faith-based workshops and seminars that explore the connection between sexuality and spirituality.

Michael Mansfield is an educator, artist, activist, and minister with more than 24 years of experience with young people. He works regularly in schools, churches, and retreats throughout California and nationally. He also works and teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, Chabot College, Naropa University Oakland, and the University of Creation Spirituality.

Larry Marietta, our guest accompanist, is the director of music ministries at First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Karen A. McClintock is the author of *Sexual Shame: An Urgent Call to Healing* and a new release entitled *Preventing Sexual Abuse in Congregations*. She is a consultant for congregations and judicatories, an Alban Institute workshop leader, a clinical psychologist, and a faculty member of Southern Oregon University.

Bill McKinney is president and professor of American religion at PSR.

Donnel Miller-Mutia is a 2003 graduate from PSR and coordinator for community events and administrative assistant in PSR's Office of Community Life.

Sylvia Miller-Mutia is a 2003 PSR alumna and a youth minister at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Tiburon.

Jim Mitulski is recognized nationally for his groundbreaking ministries with people who have HIV and AIDS. He has chronicled his 15 years as pastor at San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church in the books *Out in the Castro: Desire, Promise, Activism*; *Take Back the Word*; and *The Church with AIDS*. Mitulski is now director of financial development and associate director of leadership development for the Metropolitan Community Church.

Joellynn Monahan is a 2003 PSR alumna who serves as administrative assistant for the PSR Office of Field Education.

David Morales is the artistic director and founder of Cantare Con Vivo. He is the conductor of both the Chorale and the Chamber Ensemble. Morales brings over 35 years of professional experience as a conductor and minister of music with a broad range of choirs from church settings to community choruses.

Nicole Naffaa is director of recruitment and admissions at PSR and has a background in ministry with youth and young adults. She served as a campus minister at Santa Clara University for five years and as the director for youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of San Jose.

Penny Nixon is senior minister of Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco. She previously served the national student movement for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Soweto, South Africa. In 2001, PSR's Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry honored Nixon as a "Leading Voice" for LGBT people in faith communities.

Alvan Quamina is the managing director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at PSR. He previously served as the executive director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum and the executive director of AMASSI, Inc., an AIDS service organization in Oakland.

Enver Rahmanov is a graduating MRS student and a member of the Wing It! Performance Ensemble.

Megan Rohrer is media and society program director for the Gender Pluralism Institute. As a writer, musician, and artist, Rohrer has studied expressions of gender within various cultures and socio-economic classes through the use of narration and the arts. Rohrer is an MDiv student at PSR.

Kibbie Ruth has taught abuse prevention and intervention strategies and consulted nationally as the founder and senior consultant of Kyros Ministry. Ruth serves as adjunct professor at seminaries of the Graduate Theological Union and advises the California Department of Health Services and Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Lydia A. Sausa is a behavioral intervention trainer at the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, an adjunct professor at San Francisco State University in the Human Sexuality Studies Program, an instructor at the City College of San Francisco, an AASECT-certified sexuality educator, and a certified HIV counselor.

Mariellen Sawada-Yoshino is minister of the Wesley United Methodist Church in San Jose and a member of the PSR Board of Trustees.

Mary Stamp is editor of *The Fig Tree* monthly ecumenical and interfaith newspaper in Spokane, WA, and the *United Church News* of the UCC Pacific Northwest Conference. She started Clergy Families in Crisis in the mid 1990s to address the concerns of clergy spouses and children who had experienced abuse and divorce.

William Stayton is a psychologist, sexologist, and American Baptist clergy person. He serves as a professor and director of the Human Sexuality Program at Widener University. He chairs the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Roland Stringfellow is a 3rd year PSR MDiv student who is also employed as a guidance counselor at Berkeley High School.

Mary Ann Tolbert is the George H. Atkinson Professor of Biblical Studies and the executive director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at PSR.



Mai-Anh Le Tran is assistant professor of religious education and Asian American cultures at PSR and faculty administrator of the PANA Institute's Represent-to-Witness Youth Leadership Project.

Mark Unbehagen has a background in sacred music and is native to New Orleans—a city “birthed” between convent and brothel. He is developing a multicultural, multi-faith retreat center that affirms lesbian, gay, transgendered, bisexual, and heterosexual people. He is an MA student at PSR.

Brenda Vaca is a 3rd year MDiv student. She is engaged in advanced field education at Temple UMC in San Francisco and is launching a Latino ministries program there.

Julia Watts Belser, a poet, singer, and student of sacred texts, has led workshops on Jewish prayer, sacred music, cultural critique, and social justice for a wide range of audiences. Watts Belser has led sacred text study and taught liturgical chant.

Brian Wetzel has planned and led regional camps, conferences, and retreats for youth for more than 15 years. He currently works as a youth ministry consultant for several denominations and as a motivational speaker.

Cynthia Winton-Henry is co-founder of InterPlay and Body Wisdom, Inc. Over the past 25 years, InterPlay has developed into an international forum for health and peacemaking. Winton-Henry is co-author of *What the Body Wants: From the Creators of Interplay and Having It All: Body, Mind, Heart and Spirit Together at Last*.

Iakopo Yan Lan is a 2nd year Master of Divinity student and assistant systems Administrator in the Media Center.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please note that the Large Assembly Room will not be open during lunch on Wednesday as it will be the site of the United Church of Christ luncheon.

CONFERENCE BADGES

Please wear your conference badge to identify yourself as a registrant. Workshop participation is limited to those who have registered for sessions in advance.

MESSAGE BOARD

A message board is located in the registration area of First Congregational Church's Large Assembly. Registrants can leave messages for one another on the board and are encouraged to check it daily.

PARKING

Parking maps and other parking information can be found at the main information desk in First Congregational Church's Large Assembly. Parking is extremely limited and expensive, so we strongly encourage you to use public transportation.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found articles are located at the Earl Lecture's registration table in the Large Assembly at First Congregational Church.

AUDIO RECORDINGS

Audio cassette recordings of the lectures and worship services are available for purchase in the foyer of the church sanctuary. Unfortunately, no additional microphones may be placed on the speaker podiums or platforms.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION BOOKSTORE TABLE

The Graduate Theological Union Bookstore table is located in the Large Assembly and is staffed from 10 am to 3 pm. Books by Earl Lecturers and the faculty of Pacific School of Religion are available for sale. You can visit the GTU campus bookstore at 2465 LeConte, one block east of the PSR campus. Parking is available at PSR at 1798 Scenic Avenue. GTU bookstore hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm.

PSR DISPLAYS AND OTHER VENDORS

Information about PSR, alumni/ae activities, field education opportunities, and community groups—as well as sales of student art; PSR mugs, magnets, and 2005 Earl Lectures “Sex and the City of God” T-shirts; and books from the GTU bookstore—can be found in the Large Assembly Room at First Congregational Church.

UPCOMING EARL LECTURES

Next year's Earl Lectures will take place January 22-26, 2006. Please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.

E.T. EARL FOUNDATION

In 1901, Edwin T. Earl, inventor of the refrigerated railway car and a member of First Congregational Church of Oakland, established the E.T. Earl Lectureship Foundation at PSR to “aid in securing at Berkeley, the seat of the University of California, the center of secular learning for California, the adequate presentation of Christian truth, by bringing to Berkeley year by year eminent Christian scholars to lecture upon themes calculated to illustrate and disseminate Christian thought and minister to Christian life.”

For the past century, the E.T. Earl Foundation has brought to Berkeley such international figures as Theodore Roosevelt, Elie Wiesel, Howard Thurman, Maya Angelou, Paul Tillich, Gustavo Gutiérrez and Chung Hyun Khung to address critical issues of the day. In 1921, the lectures expanded to include a Pastoral Conference for clergy and lay people. PSR is proud to continue this fine tradition with its 2005 lectures and conference, “Sex and the City of God: Intimacy and Wholeness.”

HEALING AND REFLECTION

A quiet space for reflection and healing is available throughout the conference in the library at FCCB.

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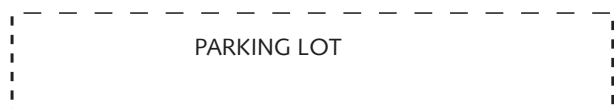
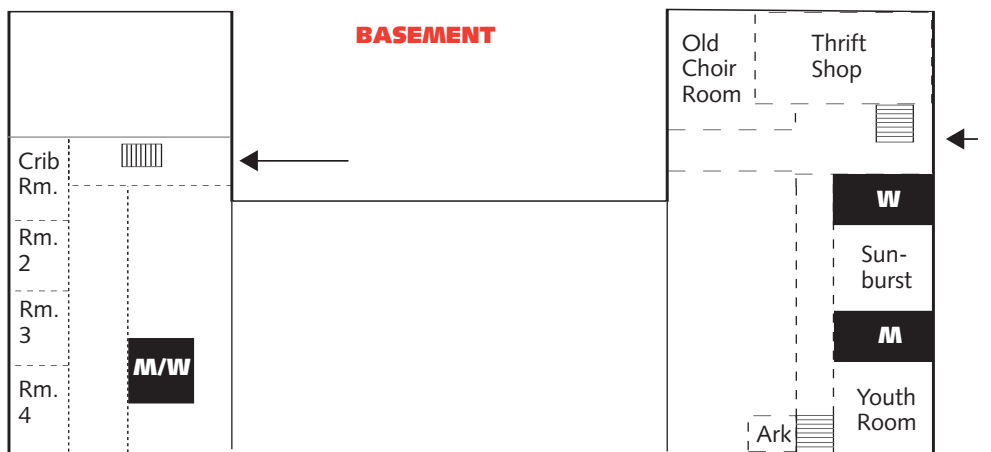
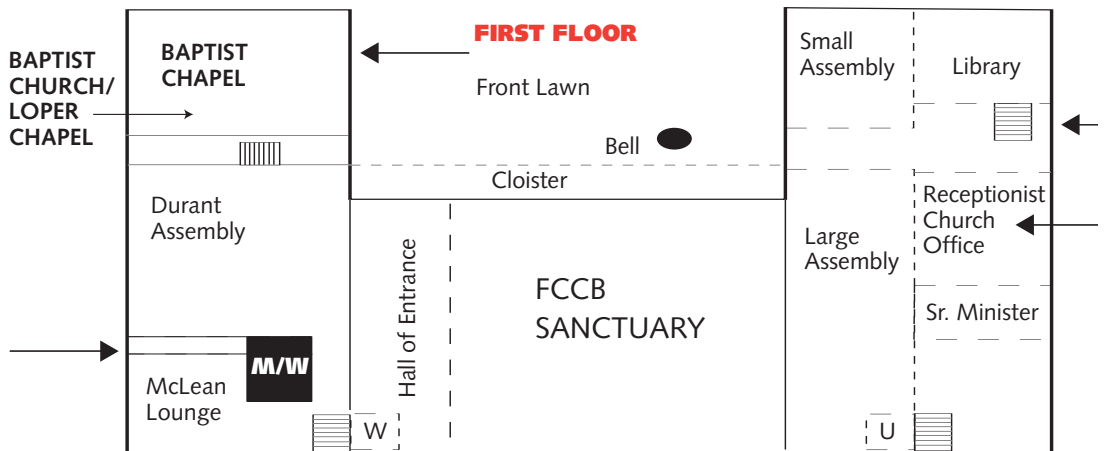
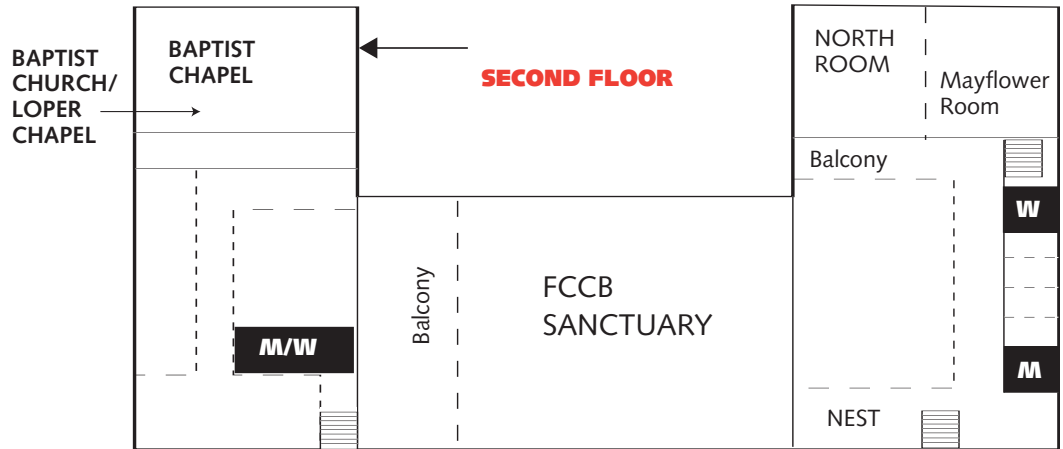
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