SOCIAL CHANGE FIELD WORK
May 4, 4–8pm, Badè Museum

Students in the CSSC program, including all Changemaker Fellows, and students in PSR’s new MAST program have submitted their proposals for Social Change Field Work. Students’ exciting proposals offer promise of transformative and resilient change to various communities. Proposals range from working with Healing Arts with Refugees to rethinking the way we talk about Sexual Violence, from the application of the concept of Cultural Humility to Higher Education to exploring connections between Individual and Communal Grief and Healing, to an Affordable Housing project, to Conscious Parenting for LGBTQ Parents, to Constructive Dialogue among Immigrants, to working with Incarcerated Populations, among many other excellent proposals.

If you have not yet submitted your SCFW proposal and you intend on registering for either FERS-3001 or FERS-3002, you must submit your proposal ASAP. You may find the necessary form and instructions at the following link: [http://tinyurl.com/SCFWproposal](http://tinyurl.com/SCFWproposal) or email Acting Director, Grace Gilliam at ggilliam@psr.edu for further information.

If you would like to see the creative, informative, and transformative culmination of some of these projects, we invite you to the open to the public event on **May 4th 4-8pm** in the Badè Museum, where the Changemaker Fellows Presentations will take place—Mark your calendars!

All First Year Students
If you have not had an intake interview with Field Education Director, please do so as soon as possible by setting your appointment via this link: [http://odetteappt.setmore.com/](http://odetteappt.setmore.com/) The Process for Field Education placement for next academic year begins March 1st, but the invitations to placements actually has already begun. Your intake interview supplies us with the necessary information in order to invite placements relevant to your areas of desired vocational development. Preparation for 2016-17 Field Education begins with a simple interview NOW.
ANNOUNCING SPRING FIELD EDUCATION PLENARIES

All Field Education Plenaries will take place at 9:10am in Mudd 103

February 17: MissionInsight
Rev. Will McGarvey will provide training on MissionInsight’s FaithConnect tools that combine demographic data with “decisionable” information on cultural and social-values as found in selectable geographic areas. In a pilot program coordinated with Chuck Salter, president of MissionInsight, several PSR students will use these tools—already used by many UCC and UMC Conferences—to do detailed site evaluations as part of their academic courses.

March 16: Community Organizing
Erika Katske, Ignite Institute Program Associate and 2015-16 Changemaker Fellow, will present this plenary. Erika has 20 years of experience in organizing in faith, labor, LGBT, and public school communities on social justice issues that impact urban families.

April 13: Mental Health/Domestic Violence Assessments
In a pilot collaboration funded by Blue Shield to reach and educate religious and spiritual leadership throughout Northern California, Dr. Carolyn Thomas-Russell, Executive Director of A Safe Place in Oakland, will present training in assessment, intervention, and prevention.

2016-17 CHANGEMAKER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

PSR is now accepting applications for our 2016-17 Changemaker Fellows Program! We seek leaders who are working towards justice and equality, and who want to more deeply connect spirituality and social transformation in our local, national, and global communities. Changemakers express a deep commitment to addressing racism and privilege, and demonstrate both cultural humility and a strong vocational interest in working for systemic social change.

The 2016-17 Changemaker Fellowship will provide scholarships that will cover between 50% and 100% of tuition for PSR’s Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change, an immersive course of study, integrating theological reflection and spiritual formation with leadership for social change. It also covers expenses for exciting immersion opportunities, leadership training, spiritual formation, and faculty mentoring.

Applications received by February 15 will receive priority consideration. Click here for more information or to apply.

Immersive Learning at PSR Includes:

- local, national and international immersion courses taught by PSR faculty and community partners;
- classroom and online courses in every discipline that incorporate contextual immersion components;
- learning from other students, faculty, staff, GTU schools and centers;
- spiritual and leadership formation events with communities, denominational and multi faith networks;
- self-designed immersion courses;
- experiential research for course projects and papers;
- Field Education placements for MDiv and MTS students;
- semester long Social Change Field Work for MAST and Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change students.
Two International Immersion Courses, Holy Places and Displacements: An Immersion in the Middle East and Guatemala: Roots of Migration, took place over Intersession. Two others, Refuge in the City and Ministry in the City, took place in the Bay Area and Los Angeles respectively.

**HOLY PLACES AND DISPLACEMENT**

*An Immersion in the Middle East*

January 11–23, 2016

*Led by Dr. Yii-Jan Lin, New Testament faculty, and Dr. Peter Makari of UCC/DOC Global Ministries*

*Excerpts from the course blog:*

“The van couldn’t take us any closer; the roads were closed due to the arrival of the Palestinian president. We would have to walk about half a mile to the checkpoint…” – 18 Jan

“The contradictions that were experienced in the span of our 15-hour day are vast and yet not really contradictions at all. Rather they reflect the complexity that is the human experience quite accurately. . . I wept for the generations of people uprooted from the land on which I was accessing through my American and presumed Christian privilege. And then when the tears stopped I renewed my promise to justice and my commitment to the vocation I am being formed for. . .” – 14 Jan

**PARTICIPANTS**

Blyth Barnow  
Brook Conner  
Quentisha Davis  
Victor Dominguez  
Joliene Gatlin  
Winford Horsely  
Latishia James  
Joseph Kwon  
Michelle Ma  
Jessica McFarland  
Ed Stewart  
Ayoka Turner
2016 Changemaker Fellows Immersion

GUATEMALA: ROOTS OF MIGRATION

January 16-27, 2016
Led by PSR faculty, Dr. Boyung Lee and PSR President, Dr. David Vásquez-Levy

Changemaker Fellows traveled to Guatemala hosted by urban and rural communities, such as Tierra Nueva and Casa del Migrante, and in partnership with Sister Parish and with NISGUA, Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala.

Excerpts from the course blog:

“After learning about the work of DESGUA, several of the members shared their personal experience with migration. I am overwhelmed with respect for the men who told their stories today, not only for the resilience they showed in the face of adversity and the strength of their dream, but for the love they transmitted through their testimony...” – 20 Jan

“. . .in Guatemala I have found my wholeness. Here, many of the people we’ve met were the trained resistance as well as the Mayan cosmovision spiritual leaders. They are people that talk of tactical training in resistance as readily as naming books as weapons. The ancestors have guided and instructed their resistance to all that would hope to suppress their humanity, with weapons of reclaiming indigenous culture, teaching children, and weapons of spiritual practice. At the same time, the ancestors dreamed my comrades onto a bridge to shut it down in the name of black freedom and justice...” – 21 Jan

FOLLOW THEIR IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE VIA COURSE BLOGS

If you missed following their immersive experience live you can still interact with their Course Blogs on the PSR website:

psr.edu/holy-places-and-displacements
psr.edu/roots-of-migration

PARTICIPANTS
Anissa Abdel-Jelil
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Vivian Chavez
Mahsea Evans
Amelia Gentile
Varthana Heang
Tinashe Hyemingway
Erika Katske
Matice Moore
Jose Toledo
Xan West
Toyomi Yoshida
IMMERSIONS

New course added! Open to alumni/ae and friends of PSR!

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE CRISIS, RELIGION, GLOBALIZATION AND THE POST-COLONIAL STATE

Led by Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy, PSR president, and Dr. Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna co-founder and UC Berkeley faculty

Paris, France / July 11-22, 2016

The course addresses the on-going global migration and refugee crisis readily documentable on the daily news and extensive policy debates at the local, national, and international levels. At present, the number of people that are on the move from their homeland as immigrants or refugees number over 50 million and are not confined to one region, ethnic, or a religious group but come from populations all over the globe. For more info, contact contexted@psr.edu

Interest Session will be Wednesday February 24, 5:30pm, Badè Museum

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES OF LIBERATION: CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

August 2016

Contextual Learning at PSR and Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS) will again partner with CETLALIC, a language school with deep progressive roots and a passion for a liberating pedagogy. This two week immersion will include language study for ministry and will engage liberation theologies, base communities, women's groups, LGBTQ communities, and social justice advocates. This immersion will now be offered each summer through partnerships with PSR, CLGS, Glide Church, and Cathedral of Hope.

THANK YOU IMMERSION FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS!

This is a special thanks for all who participated and contributed in the various ways to the student-led fundraising efforts to help curb the regrettably expensive costs of international Immersions. It takes a village!
GET READY FOR THE HISPANIC SUMMER PROGRAM AT OBLATE

Each summer, the Hispanic Summer Program at Oblate brings together nearly 85 participants from the U.S. and Puerto Rico, representing a wide variety of traditions, denominations, and theological perspectives. The Hispanic Summer Program (HSP) offers 7 choices of 3-credit, accredited courses geared toward master-degree level Latina/o seminarians and graduate students. The program is designed primarily for Latina/o students enrolled in theological seminaries and university departments of theology or religion. We have also welcomed about 10% of non-Latina/o students nationwide who are involved in Latino-centered ministries and advocacy. HSP provides the opportunity for students to study with Latina/o peers and professors. The 2016 HSP will take place from June 18 to July 2 at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX.

Getting ready... Applications due February 13, 2016

LEADERSHIP

Workshops & Opportunities

FAITH-ROOTED ORGANIZING TRAINING
This full-day training is sponsored by Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, EBHO, and Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. This training will offer tangible skills around organizing, and will help you to tap your own deep motivations and visions. This training has proven transformative to the veteran and novice social justice advocate alike. It is a great way to energize others in your congregation and help build a common framework and ethos among your colleagues and fellow congregants. $20 suggested, email sandhya@ebho.org for scholarships. To register, please visit: http://bit.ly/1OZIuIr. For more information, please email kristi@workingeastbay.org or call 510/893-7106 x 314.

CROSSINGS/MOJÁNDOSE OPENING RECEPTION & GALLERY TOUR

Applications due February 13, 2016

PSR CAMPUS-WIDE COMMUNITY DAY: “LIVING INTO THE COVENANT OF BELOVED COMMUNITY: BUILDING ON THE STRENGTH OF OUR RACIAL-ETHNIC DIVERSITY”
All PSR students will join faculty and staff in worship, dialogue, and service, as we co-create community that thrives from the rich tapestry of ALL of us! Dr. Lisa Walker, Director of Cross-Cultural Student Development at UC Berkeley will facilitate.
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS & OPPORTUNITIES

THE ENNEAGRAM AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

William D. Glenn, a PSR trustee, is offering an Enneagram workshop at The Bishop’s Ranch retreat center in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, CA. William D. Glenn MA, MDiv practices psychotherapy and spiritual direction in Sonoma County and San Francisco. Since 1978 he has worked with the Enneagram and its intuitive principles both in his clinical and spiritual practices and as a workshop leader for over thirty years. A former Jesuit, Glenn has worked extensively in schools, in health care communities, in prisons, and has provided leadership for many Bay Area not-for-profit organizations. Register here.

DR. NAMI KIM LECTURES: “HOMOSEXUALITY IS A THREAT TO OUR FAMILY AND NATION”: CHALLENGING THE KOREAN PROTESTANT RIGHT’S ANTI-LGBT MOVEMENT

This talk discusses the ways in which the Protestant Right has led the anti-LGBT movement in South Korea. It will specifically examine three loci of the Protestant Right’s anti-gay bashing: mass media, the grade school, and the military, and expose the complex but often hidden interplay between homophobia, heterosexism, anticommunism, and ethnocentric nationalism of conservative Korean Protestant Christianity. Dr. Nami Kim is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. This event is co-sponsored by the GTU Korean Student Association.

LGBTQ+ CAREER CONFERENCE: STRATEGIES FOR THRIVING DURING AND BEYOND BERKELEY

Tips, tricks and tailor-made advice for LGBTQ+ students interested in internships, job search strategies and career advice from LGBTQ+ professionals! Topics covered: coming out in the workplace, gender presentation, resumes and networking, with added considerations for being transgender and/or QTPOC professionals. The event culminates with your ability to connect with LGBTQ+ professionals across various industries such as education, business, tech, non-profit and entrepreneurship. Sponsored by UC-Berkeley’s Career Center and the Gender Equity Resource Center, in partnership with SF LGBT Center, and Golden Gate Business Association. Registration is required and opens on January 14th at 12pm. For details visit: geneq.berkeley.edu/career Questions? Email mboyce@berkeley.edu

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION SEMINARY SUNDAY

For 149 years, Pacific School of Religion has trained transformative leaders of faith-based communities and organizations. Your church’s support is essential to preparing tomorrow’s faith leaders and community builders. Will you celebrate the ninth annual Pacific School of Religion Sunday on Sunday, February 28th in your congregation or community? During worship, share the unique mission and ministry of Pacific School of Religion, highlighting the importance of theological education. We’ll provide you with sermon ideas and materials for distribution. Consider inviting a member of the PSR community to: Preach at your church or give a Moment for Mission during the service. Congregational support is essential to the continued flourishing of PSR and the ministries its graduates pursue. If you are able to participate in PSR Seminary Sunday, please fill out the form at this link.
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING/STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
The 2016 Student Christian Movement-USA Leadership Training Program will be held in Minneapolis, MN from March 31st to April 3rd. Register here.

REMEMBERING MY FATHER ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL: AN INTERVIEW WITH SUSANNAH HESCHEL
Prof. Naomi Seidman (Center for Jewish Studies) will conduct an interview with Susannah Heschel about the life and legacy of her father, Abraham Joshua Heschel. Rabbi Heschel (1907-1972) was a prolific scholar, philosopher, and Civil Rights activist who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“BEARING WITNESS” STREET RETREAT
Leaving home and begging for livelihood are spiritual practices with deep significance in the earliest days of the Buddhist movement. “Bearing witness” to homelessness for four days and three nights is a way to explore this tradition in our world today. Led by Zen Priest Joshin Byrnes of Upaya Zen Center (Santa Fe) and the Zen Peacemaker Order, we will live on the streets of San Francisco with no resources other than our own true nature. We will beg for money, find places to get food, shelter, and use the bathroom. Each day we will engage in meditation, ceremony and council circle. By bearing witness to homelessness, we begin to see our prejudices and boundaries directly and to recognize our common humanness. It is a way to experience our interconnection and allow for the possibility of loving action to arise out of intimacy. To register or for more information contact registrar@upaya.org, call 505/986-8518, or visit our website www.upaya.org/programs/

PICO (PEOPLE IMPROVING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ORGANIZING) 2016 OPPORTUNITIES
PICO sponsors National Leadership Development Seminars four times each year. This intensive 6-day seminar provides leaders with an in-depth review of the theory and practice of congregation-based organizing. PICO affiliates (local, statewide, national) are Field Education Placement possibilities. For more info visit the website (piconetwork.org/about/training) or contact Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, Director of Clergy Organizing (408/772-3190, mrmathews@piconetwork.org). If you are interested in organizing a PSR cohort for the training, or in a placement, contact fielde@psr.edu

LGBTQI ASYLUM SUPPORT IN BERKELEY
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (eastbaysanctuary.org) is looking for persons to help with LGBT asylum cases. You do not need to speak Spanish to help with these cases. EBSC is also looking for Spanish speakers and speakers of other languages to help staff, volunteer attorneys, law school students, and therapists with interpretation for asylum cases and other procedural duties. EBSC, founded by Berkeley faith groups in the 1980s, aids 2,000 low income refugees and asylum seekers annually through free and low cost legal and social services. For more information, email admin@eastbaysanctuary.org
LEADING/TEACHING/PREACHING CALENDAR

All current PSR students—especially those enrolled in Field Ed—are invited to share with us times that they are scheduled to lead/teach/preach. Please add your scheduled appearances so that the PSR community might support you with prayer and/or presence. Add your times to our new Google doc at this link: http://tinyurl.com/psrpreachingcal so that we can then upload your times to the PSR website.

January 31st
• Lauren Hotchkiss, Epworth UMC, Berkeley, 10:00am
  Lauren also offers her musical talents at the weekly service at Grace North Church in Berkeley

February 7th
• Gyu-Hyun Kim, Clovis-Fresno Korean UMC, Clovis, 12:30pm
• Jessica McFarland, Tapestry Ministries (DOC), PSR Chapel, 5:00pm

February 10th
• Nikira Hernandez, Eden Church (UCC), Hayward, 7:00pm

February 12th
• Resonance Performances: Talking with Spirituals
  First Congregational Chuch of Berkeley, 7:30pm
  Bay Area-based composer Andrew Jamieson takes the African-American spiritual tradition as the starting point for a new set of compositions that are dynamically contemporary, technically virtuosic and faithful all at the same time. Spoken word artists Schmian Evans, YaNi Davis and Demetrius Burnett add powerful poetic visions to this event celebrating Black History Month.

February 14th
• Sonny Graves, First Congregational Church Berkeley (UCC), 11:00am

February 21st
• Ally Vertigan, Community Congregational Church, Tiburon, 7:30am and 10:00am

MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The office of Field Education continually updates both job announcements and Field Education opportunities. Look for these recent listings, among others, at this link.

Congregations
• Multicultural Residency @ Parkview Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA
• ¾ Pastor @ UU Fellowship of Bozeman, MT
• Director of Youth Ministry @ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon, CA
• ½ Time Minister @ People’s UUA Church, Ludington, MI
• Nursery Care Director @ St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, CA
• Children’s Ministry Director @ Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA

Community Agencies
• CPE opportunities @ San Francisco Night Ministry, Sutter Health, Alta Bates, and more
• Program Developer @ Thrive East Bay, Oakland/Bay Area, CA
• CLGS Student Administrative Assistant @ PSR
• Office and Operations Assistant @ Wilderness Torah, Berkeley, CA
• Faith-based Organizing Intern @ Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA) and California Domestic Workers Coalition (CDWC), San Francisco & Oakland, CA
• Managing Editor @ Tikkun Magazine, Berkeley, CA
• Associate Director for Racial Justice with the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law @ Columbia Law School, NY
• Community Organizer @ East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), Oakland, CA
• Program Coordinator @ Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy (FAME), Oakland, CA
DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Are you interested in connecting with or learning about a particular denomination? Our offices maintain contact with several denominational representatives for students. Find their contact info and denominational happenings here:

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Contact: Rev. Clarence Johnson, Director
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Montgomery Hall #212
105 Seminary Road
San Anselmo, CA 94960

ANTI-RACISM TRAINING WITH REV. SANDHYA JHA

The CCNC-N Regional Anti-Racism Boundaries Training will be held at Mills Grove Christian Church at 5410 Fleming Ave in Oakland, California. Rev. Sandhya Jha, author of Pre-Post Racial America, will run the training, which meets the yearly boundaries training requirement for DOC clergy. Costs will include dinner on Friday, light breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Trainers Revs. Sandhya Jha and David Bell, both DOC Clergy, will be leading us through a series of conversations and activities that look at race and power. More information and registration details

162nd CCNC-N ANNUAL GATHERING, FEATURING REV. DR. MICHAEL KINNAMON

The theme for the 2016 Gathering will be “NEXT.” As in, what’s next? How do we vision mission for a church that continues to move forward into a world that is rapidly changing and creating new opportunities for growth and mission? Arden Christian Church in Sacramento will be hosting. More information and registration details

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INSTALLATION OF REV. DIANE WEIBLE AS NEW CONFERENCE MINISTER
All NCNC clergy and laity are invited to attend the installation at 4PM on Saturday February 20, 2016 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley UCC, 2345 Channing Way. New UCC General Minister and President John Dorhauer will be preaching. Don't miss this exciting event in the life of the Conference!

UCC-NCNC ANNUAL GATHERING
Race, racial justice, and dismantling racism will be the focus of NCNC’s 2016 Annual Gathering, June 16 – 19, at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Our theme — “Have You Seen Your Neighbor?” — is drawn from I John 4: 7 – 21, our focus Bible text for the event. For more info and to register click here.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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dbohn@psr.edu
You may contact Diana for Tuesday meetings

BROWN BAG LUNCH: DR. MARY MAAGA
Note: this is the 3rd Tuesday, rather than the 2nd Tuesday in order to avoid conflict with the Town Hall meeting on the 9th. Dr. Mary Maaga will be our guest and conversation partner. Mary is a ministry innovator and lives out her call through her prison ministry. She is an author and workshop leader who continues to find ways to invite others to be the church outside of the church. Come and meet Mary and share conversation.

UMC SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS
The Council of Bishops’ Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships is offering two UMC seminarian scholarships to attend the National Workshop on Christian Unity and the United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training in Louisville, Kentucky April 18-21, 2016. The application form can be obtained by emailing jhawxhurst@ocuir.org.
Salutations de Paris! Faculty Director, Odette Lockwood-Stewart, began the New Year on sabbatical in Paris, France where she will be living and writing through July.

Welcome back Grace Gilliam! After time spent on medical leave, Grace can be found back in the offices as Acting Director of Field Education and Contextual Learning.

Acting Associate Director, Marvin Lance Wiser, was blessed by his second child over the break. Natalia Amelie Wiser-León was born on January 7th.