



# Tufts

# UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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## A Greeting From Your Catholic Chaplain

This past Sunday, the Catholic community reconvened in Goddard Chapel for our first mass of 2023. When I arrived in the early afternoon, the sanctuary was dark and quiet, just as I expected. I unlocked the door from the meeting area, stepped onto the scarlet carpet and greeted the space that has been my good friend for so long—"Hi Goddard Chapel", I said, "it is good to see you. I have missed you."

I thought back to the rainy night in December when the Interfaith Student Council stopped by the chapel. We were on a pilgrimage to the various sites of spiritual significance on campus, sites that the students had chosen and then graciously reflected openly on. We spent time in the garden at Hillel, passed favorite trees and benches, heard Muslim, Humanist, Christian, Buddhist and Jewish students expound on their relationship to the Interfaith Center on Winthrop Street. When we reached Goddard Chapel, the rain had picked up and we decided to spend a bit more time inside, exploring the sanctuary.

We began by sharing stories. The Hindu Student Association also hosts weekly events here, and had Hindu and Christian students ever reflected theologically on what it means to share sacred space? What did it mean to us, that Buddhist meditation and Protestant worship both belonged on this same red rug? The evening was turning into something magical as we knit the fullness of Goddard Chapel together.

When we reflected together on the practice, one student remarked that they felt like they were on a ship, awake to the sounds of creaking wood as people traversed the old building. There are real limitations to, and problems with, this space—the boxed pews with their troubled history, stained glass depictions of white male biblical figures—and yet, the chapel held us that night on our pilgrimage just as it did on Sunday evening, and just as it has for over almost 150 years. Imagining Goddard Chapel navigating the next century is to open ourselves to the endless possibilities of togetherness.

As you begin this new semester, I invite you to stay awake to the physical spaces around you. Wonder, just for a minute, what a space was, and is, and could be. And lastly, here's my loving nudge: might you too be up for sharing with others what these places mean to you?

All the best with this new term.

Warmly,

Lynn Cooper

Associate Director of the University Chaplaincy and Catholic Chaplain

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## Upcoming Signature Programs

# “We Don’t Have Much Time”

RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS AND  
BUILDING THE FUTURE NOW

With Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles

January 30, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Breed Memorial Hall



*“But we do not have much time. The revolutionary spirit is already world-wide. If the anger of the peoples of the world at the injustices of things is to be channeled into a revolution of love and creativity, we must begin now to work, urgently, with all the peoples, to shape a new world.”*

– *The Trumpet of Conscience, 1968*

### Join us for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

We will welcome Dr. Jean-Charles of Northeastern University, author of *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. She will offer a compelling vision for ending racism, mass incarceration, and sexual violence informed by King’s final writings. Dinner will be provided, and the winner(s) of the Student Voices Award will offer their creative response to this year’s theme.

The event will take place in-person and is open to everyone in the Tufts community and local community members.

RSVP for  
dinner here



## MLK STUDENT VOICES AWARD

“What does love and creativity look like for you in the service of action for love and justice?”

Interested undergraduates and graduate students are invited to respond to the question above for this year’s MLK Student Voices Award. Submissions must be original work, but can have been created for another class, activity, or contest. Submissions can be considered as essays, poems, songs, art, and performances, and are due by Wednesday, January 18 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Find more information and submit at [go.tufts.edu/studentvoicesmlk](https://go.tufts.edu/studentvoicesmlk).



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### “We Don’t Have Much Time:” Raising Consciousness and Building the Future Now

#### The 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration

Monday, January 30, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Breed Memorial Hall

Join the Africana Center, Tisch College of Civic Life, and the University Chaplaincy for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration. This year’s theme, *We Don’t Have Much Time:” Raising Consciousness and Building the Future Now*, is inspired by a series of lectures that King offered in 1968 that were published as a book entitled *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. The 2023 guiding quote is from King’s book and reads: “But we do not have much time. The revolutionary spirit is already world-wide. If the anger of the peoples of the world at the injustices of things is to be channeled into a revolution of love and creativity, we must begin now to work, urgently, with all peoples to shape a new world.”

We will welcome scholar Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles as our keynote speaker. Dr. Jean-Charles is Director of Africana Studies, Dean’s Professor of Culture and Social Justice, and Professor of Africana Studies and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Northeastern University and is the author of *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. This powerful book invites us to critically reflect on King’s legacy and to resurrect King’s radical calls for transformation and justice for the sake of today’s most urgent issues: ending racism, sexual violence, and mass incarceration.

Following her keynote address, attendees will engage in facilitated table discussion about what it looks like to personally and communally take action in our lives and campus now. The event will also feature student artists and musicians as well as the poetry and photography of the three winners of the MLK Student Voices Award. Dinner is provided.

The event will take place in person at Breed Memorial Hall, and will include dinner. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager [Nora Bond](#) with any questions or accessibility needs. We will have ASL interpretation on-site. The event is sponsored by the President's Office, with generous additional support from the Provost's Office, the Department of History, the Department of Romance Studies, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Register for the MLK Celebration



**MLK DAY OF  
COMMUNITY  
ACTION**

ALUMNAE  
LOUNGE

February 4th | 11am - 6:30pm ■

### MLK Day of Community Action

RSVP by Thursday February, 2, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

Saturday, February, 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Alumnae Lounge

How can we channel our revolutionary spirits to create change? Join the Interfaith Ambassador Team of the University Chaplaincy for the 2023 MLK Day of Community Action for community building, workshops on MLK's legacy in modern activism, and direct action. Together, we will explore our own roles in the fight for change through the lens of carceral and food justice. Engage in service and advocacy opportunities with local organizations working to address these issues in our very own metro Boston neighborhoods. Locally sourced lunch and dinner meals will be provided. Registration is required and closes at 11:59 P.M. on Thursday, February 2. For questions, please contact University Chaplain [Elyse Nelson Winger](#).

## Religious and Philosophical Programs

# SERVICE CORPS SUNDAY

**Dinner and conversation**  
**Sunday, January 29, 6pm**  
**Rabb Room, Barnum Hall**

Come learn about service-oriented gap year and post-graduation opportunities! Dinner provided. RSVP to [chaplaincy@tufts.edu](mailto:chaplaincy@tufts.edu)



### **Service Corps Sunday (Dinner included)**

Sunday January 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Rabb Room in Barnum

Are you interested in learning about service and justice-oriented programs after graduation or perhaps for a gap year? Come for dinner and conversation sponsored by the University Chaplaincy. Representatives and alumni from Avodah, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, Life Together, and Quaker Volunteer Service will be visiting to share about their programs, discussing the work for justice, living in intentional community, and discerning a year of service. All are welcome, regardless of religious or philosophical background. Please email [Lynn Cooper](mailto:Lynn.Cooper@tufts.edu) or [Dan Bell](mailto:Dan.Bell@tufts.edu) if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

# CALLING ALL ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS!

Join the Tufts OCF for our GIM  
on Monday, January 30, at 6:30 PM  
in Tisch Library 226!



There will be  
**FREE PIZZA!!**



*Join our e-list!*

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Come learn about our services, service projects, and fun events with nearby schools!

*OCF stands for **Orthodox Christian Fellowship**,  
and we want you to find your people with us!*

## **Orthodox Christian Fellowship General Interest Meeting (GIM)**

Monday, January, 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Tisch Library 226

Our spring semester GIM will be held next Monday at 6:30pm in Tisch Library 226. We will be discussing the awesome things we have in store for the spring semester including services, holiday programs, and fun activities at Tufts and with other Boston area schools. We hope you can join us next week. Bring a friend!

**Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities**

# STAAR IS HIRING!

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Applications Due: Feb. 13

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TUTORS

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FELLOWS

Got questions? Sign up for an  
info session on Tutor Finder!

## SUBJECT & ON-CALL TUTOR INFO SESSION

Feb. 2, 12:30-1:30  
Dowling Hall  
Milmore Room

## WRITING FELLOWS INFO SESSIONS

Jan. 30, 12-1, Campus Ctr. 012  
Feb. 1, 12-1, Campus Ctr. 203  
Feb. 6, 12-1, Campus Ctr. 012



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617-627-4539 | [StAARCenter@tufts.edu](mailto:StAARCenter@tufts.edu)

### StAAR is Hiring Tutors and Writing Fellows

Applications due February 13

The StAAR Center is hiring Tutors and Writing Fellows for the 2023–2024 academic year! These positions are paid peer tutors who work with Tufts students. Undergrads and graduate students are invited to apply. For full details and links to the applications, visit the [StAAR Center Work With Us page](#). To learn more and hear from current tutors, sign up for an informational session on Tutor Finder. There are no GPA or letter grade requirements to apply, and all majors are welcome! Applications due February 13.

# REL 66 CONTEMPORARY CATHOLICISM

PEGGY HUTAFF | TR 1:30-2:45 PM

A study of the complex landscape of contemporary Catholicism in the U.S., emerging from the mandates for reform and renewal set forth by Vatican Council II (1962-65). We will study basic Catholic beliefs and practices; evolving models of church, ministry, and vocation; contemporary interpretations of ancient traditions and dogmas; the impact of critical scholarship in Religion and greater access to theological education; dialogues around ethical issues, such as contraception, abortion, diverse sexual identities, and lifestyles; controversies over women's ordination, optional priestly celibacy, and divorce; calls for change from feminist and other liberation-theological and social justice initiatives; parish closings; disclosures of clergy sexual abuse; the aesthetics and religious imagination of Catholic culture in its diverse expressions. Major focus on how Catholics in the U.S. have "lived their religion" amidst the push and pull of unity and diversity, continuity and change, gain and loss, in the wake of Vatican II. This course counts toward the Humanities distribution requirement.



SPRING 2023  
COURSE!



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# BLACK GODS

## INTRODUCTION TO AFRICANA RELIGIONS



**NEW SPRING  
2023 COURSE!**

### REL 02-08 (HIST 81) | NICHOLAS ANDERSEN | MW 3:00-4:15 PM

This course examines how peoples of Black African descent have imagined and fashioned gods, from the sixteenth century to the present. It begins with classical West African religions, moves through religious and cultural formations of the Caribbean, and concludes with religio-racial movements in the United States. As students survey ritual objects, performances, and texts, they will scrutinize the ways particular constructions of race and religion have influenced Black religious life and practice. Central questions include: 'What does Africa have to do with Africana religions?' 'Why did many enslaved Africans become Christians, and how did they take up Christianity?' 'What does it mean to say, "God is Black?"' 'What is the relation (if any) between belief, religion, and Black liberation?' Through their work, students will also theorize the dynamic exchange between gods, societies, and subjectivities.

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## Partner Programs

### UKRAINIAN SCHOLARSHIP IN TIMES OF WAR: A CONVERSATION WITH VOLODYMYR DUBOVYK

Tuesday, January 31  
5:30pm ET  
Cabot 702 (Medford Campus)



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#### **Ukrainian Scholarship in Times of War: A Conversation with Volodymyr Dubovyk**

Tuesday, January 31 | 5:30 PM ET | Cabot 702 (Medford Campus)

Please join us for an evening conversation and reception with visiting professor Volodymyr Dubovyk. He is spending the academic year at The Fletcher School and the School of Arts and Sciences. He is an Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations and the Director of the Center for International Studies at Odesa Mechnikov National University in Ukraine. He is one of the preeminent Ukrainian experts in the fields of international affairs, security studies, and foreign policy analysis.

This event is hosted by The Fletcher School, the International Relations Program, and the Office of the Provost. [Register here for the event.](#)

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## Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the [Harvard Divinity School calendar](#).

### **Lunar New Year**

Begins Sunday, January 22, 2023

"Tied to the lunar calendar, the holiday began as a time for feasting and to honor household and heavenly deities, as well as ancestors. The New Year typically begins with the first new moon that occurs between the end of January

and spans the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar—until the full moon arrives." [Information sourced from History.com](#), not Harvard Divinity School's Calendar.

### Sadeh

Tue., Jan. 24, 2023

Tradition: Zoroastrianism

"Sadeh an Iranian festival that dates back to the first Persian Empire, Achaemenid Empire.[1] Sadeh celebrates 50 days before Nowruz." [Information sourced from Wikipedia](#), not Harvard Divinity School's Calendar.

### Vasant Panchami (Sri Pancami)

Wed., Jan. 25, 2023

Tradition: Hinduism

One of many festivals to honor the advent of spring, this day is celebrated particularly in North India, where it is associated with Saraswati, the goddess of learning; however, it also retains connection with the goddess Lakshmi.

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