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Goddard Chapel in the snow, January 7, 2022

A New Year Greeting from our University Chaplain

Greetings of peace and hope to you as the spring semester at Tufts soon begins!

This past Wednesday, the University Chaplaincy team gathered virtually for our annual retreat. We were newly energized by the prospect of beginning another season with the Tufts community, from weekly gatherings of our many communities at Goddard Chapel and the Interfaith Center to Signature Programs. This semester's offerings include a joint program with the Career Center about meaning, calling and purpose for undergraduates in February; our [See No Stranger](#) book groups in preparation for the Russell Spiritual Life Lecture Series with Valarie Kaur this March; a series on just being (vs. ever-doing) entitled *The Rest of Us* for faculty and staff in April; and an in-person multifaith Baccalaureate Ceremony for seniors in May!

Ushering us into this new semester are three special events celebrating the living legacies of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, whose prophetic voices of care and compassion have transformative power to renew us in our shared work toward justice and liberation today. A Day of Community Action will provide an opportunity to engage the still-radical and powerful vision of justice and dignity for all that propelled King and countless civil rights activists to work for justice, peace, and healing in their communities and the world. The Day of

Celebration and a pre-Celebration lunch will engage the themes of community care inspired by themes in one of Rev. Dr. King's most famous sermons, *A Knock at Midnight*.

King preached different versions of this sermon, based on one of Jesus's parables in the Gospel of Luke, through the years. Each time, he diagnosed the midnights in the social, psychological, and moral order of his day, the midnights of despair and injustice, of war and white supremacy, of callousness and denial. He provocatively challenges the church who, he proclaims, has failed to respond to the genuine needs and longings of all people. And he invites his listeners to listen anew to the knock on our doors, compelled by the quest for the bread of love and of hope. When we answer the door and offer this bread, we are doing the work of radical care and compassion.

In 2022, we can name our own midnights in the orders of our day: a still-ravaging pandemic exposing the deep inequities and injustices that abound in our society; the perilous fragility of our democracy and grave threat to voting rights; racism and antisemitism, misogyny and xenophobia. We know our midnights. And the bread of radical, revolutionary love has power to nourish and sustain us. How will we, in our richly diverse community of identities, ideas, beliefs and practices, share and break the bread of hope, of faith and of love together? We have a new semester to hold and respond to this question.

I hope that you will join us for all of these events honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and I am glad to be in community with you this year.

Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain



The full University Chaplaincy team smiles at their team retreat, January 12, 2022

Upcoming Signature Events

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

QUEST FOR THE BREAD OF LOVE

Radical Community Care

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Held Virtually**

Join us as we welcome local activists Dr. Makeeba McCreary of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund, Imari Paris Jeffries of King Boston, and Tufts student leaders Amma Agyei, E22 and René LaPointe Jameson, E22, for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. We will collectively reflect on the commitment shared by the Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King to each other and their community.

**Please join us Friday, January 21
for a virtual pre-Celebration
lunch to discuss our theme!**

For more information, visit
chaplains.tufts.edu/mlk
through the QR code below.

Register here:



“When you stop hoping, you’re dying... in the midst of this hopelessness, men and women reach out for the bread of hope. Then, that is the quest for the bread of love.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., “A Knock at Midnight,” 1967

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the Office of the President, The Office of
the Provost, Tisch College of Civic Life,
and the Tufts University Chaplaincy



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

Wednesday, January 26, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET, held virtually

Save the date for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Celebration. This year’s theme, *Quest for the Bread of Love: Radical Community Care* is based on the 1967 speech, “A Knock at Midnight” wherein Rev. Dr. King proclaims: “When you stop hoping, you’re dying...in the midst of this hopelessness men and women reach out for the bread of hope. Then, that is the quest for the bread of love. Everybody needs this bread” The event will orient the Tufts community to the commitment that both Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King shared to deep care of one

another, self, and community in the midst of the quest for justice and transformation. We will welcome local activists Dr. Makeeba McCreary of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund, Imari Paris Jeffries of King Boston, and Tufts student leaders Amma Agyei, E22 and René LaPointe Jameson, E22 to a panel to collectively reflect on the commitment shared by the Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King to each other and their community. You can [find more information about the event and our panelists on our website](#). This is the first public event of three to bring us together as a community to deepen our understanding of the radical work of the Kings, and to continue to shape Tufts into a place of true belonging, equity, and care. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager [Nora Bond](#) with any questions or accessibility needs.

[Register for the MLK Celebration](#)

Pre-Celebration Lunch to Discuss "A Knock at Midnight"

Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually

Join [Reverend Carrington Moore](#), Director of Community Organizing at King Boston, for an interactive discussion about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermon, "A Knock at Midnight," in which this year's excerpt on the bread of hope, faith and love is found. Rev. Moore will offer theological and pastoral perspectives both on this sermon and on King as preacher and activist. No preparation is required, but if you would like to read the sermon, or listen to a 1967 recording of King preaching the sermon. We look forward to a reflective and engaging conversation as we prepare for our Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. Day of Celebration on January 26. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager [Nora Bond](#) with any questions or accessibility needs. Please note, lunch will not be provided.

[Register for the Pre-Celebration Lunch](#)

Join the University Chaplaincy for the 7th annual

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of **COMMUNITY ACTION**

Saturday, January 29, 2022 • 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Breed Memorial Hall



Register at the QR
code above by Thu.,
January 27

Reflection, Action, and Community in the Legacy of MLK

- Engage with The Rev. Dr. King's legacy and its importance for our community today
- Support projects for On The Rise women's shelter; Black & Pink, a national prison abolitionist organization; and other local community organizations
- Explore Deepa Iyer's Social Justice Eco-System with fellow Tufts students

All program workshops and community service will happen on Tufts' campus.
This program is organized by the Interfaith Ambassadors and University Chaplaincy staff. Contact Shelby.Carpenter@tufts.edu with any questions.



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MLK Day of Community Action

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

Martin Luther King, Jr. in *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*
Chapter XI: Where Do We Go From Here?

How do you put your values into action? Join fellow Tufts students in reflecting and acting on this question during our annual MLK Day of Community Action on Saturday, January 29 at Breed Memorial Hall.. This year, we will be partnering with local community organizations to participate in meaningful action. The day will include community building, working on action items with local community organizations, and reflection with a grab-n-go dinner provided. The resources we will create include:

- Greeting cards for folks who are incarcerated in Massachusetts, and
- Essential kits for women and transgender people who are unhoused at this time

These supplies support the work of organizations throughout the Greater Boston area, including Black and Pink MA, On the Rise, and more.

Registration is required and closes at 11:59 P.M. on Thursday, January 27. [Sign up and learn more here](#). Spots are limited. For questions, please contact University Chaplaincy program coordinator [Shelby Carpenter](#).

Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities



Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Volunteering with the Catholic Chaplaincy

Wednesday Breakfast Shift (leave campus 6 AM and return 9:30 AM); sign up today through email.

All are welcome as we rekindle our relationship with the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter. Since November 3, we have been sending 3-4 Tufts community members to help serve breakfast at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, located in University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop St. Cambridge, MA (in the middle of Harvard Square). The University Chaplaincy will provide a T Pass for transportation on the 96 bus into Harvard Square, which stops at 6:10 a.m. in front of the LGBT Center. Volunteers travel together. As a volunteer, you decide which weeks you are able to serve. We will have this shift through the spring semester. Please [email Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper if you are interested in signing up or learning more](#). You do not need to be Catholic to participate.

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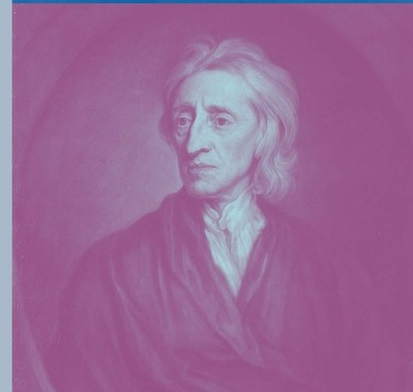
Special Topics: Political Liberalism & Religion

Religion and Politics are traditionally the two topics one shouldn't discuss at the dinner table. This course discusses both, with a focus on their contested relation. It explores the historical development and contemporary debate over the separation of religion and politics. It begins by examining the arguments for this separation made by early modern philosophers, including Benedict Spinoza, John Locke, and Moses Mendelssohn. It explores their philosophical and theological roots, as well as their implications for religious traditions and communities. It then turns to a present-day discussion of religion in the public sphere, which is centered on the philosophy of John Rawls. After consideration of Rawls's writings, the positions of his critics and defenders are analyzed. This course counts towards the Humanities distribution requirement.

Yonatan Brafman

Spring 2022

Thu, 9:00 - 11:30 AM



Spring Semester Class: Special Topics: Political Liberalism and Religion

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Mystērion

The Theology Journal of Boston College

Religious and Legal Perspectives on Migration: A Symposium on *Christianity and the Law of Migration*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Mystērion: The Theology Journal of Boston College invites 250-300 word abstracts from undergraduate students in the Greater Boston Area engaging with an author or theme in *Christianity and the Law of Migration* (Routledge, 2021).

Proposals need not be written from a Christian perspective to be considered.

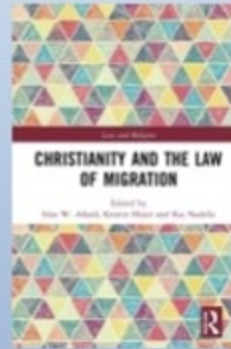
Abstracts should discuss the author's intended presentation, of 8-10 min. Students should be prepared to deliver papers of up to 3,000 words on the day of the conference:

March 19, 2022.

Papers delivered at the conference—which will be held in person at Boston College—will be assigned a graduate student respondent. At the conclusion of the conference, authors will be invited to revise their work and have it published in a special issue of *Mystērion*.

All papers delivered at the conference will be eligible to compete for \$250 and the Macrina Award for Excellence in Theology.

Questions should be directed to Editor In-Chief Dennis Wieboldt at wieboldt@bc.edu. Abstracts, along with the author's name, school, and major, should be sent to wieboldt@bc.edu by January 20.



Featured Respondent
Kristin E. Heyer, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology
Boston College

Religious and Legal Perspectives on Migration: A Symposium on Christianity and the Law of Migration

Submit abstracts by January 20

Religious and Legal Perspectives on Migration: A Symposium on Christianity and the Law of Migration takes place this March at Boston College. Students do not need to be a theology/religious studies major to participate, and the only requirements for the abstract are: (1) that it is no more than 300 words, and (2) that it outlines how the student intends to engage with an author or theme in [Christianity and the Law of Migration](#), which is available online through most university libraries. Please reach out to [Dennis Wieboldt](#) with any questions.

Partner Programs

AAC x SMFA at Tufts SGA

RETURN & RENEWAL

Art Show

Calling for art by Asian & Asian American students! Submit by Jan 19, 2022.

go.tufts.edu/renewal



Return and Renewal: An Asian & Asian American Art Show

Submissions due by January 19

This collaborative show gives visibility to the diversity of perspectives and lived experiences of Asian & Asian American students at Tufts. The theme of this show is “Return and Renewal.” As we all enter 2022, head towards a new semester, and as some approach the Lunar New Year, the gallery honors the energy often felt at this time. We are calling for submissions connected to your Asian or Asian American identity that relate to feelings of recovery, restoration, opportunity, new beginnings, and sparkles of hope. Accepted artwork will be displayed at the SMFA in the Terrace Gallery during the month of February. Artists will also have the opportunity to speak about their work at the opening if they choose to. You can [find more information via this link](#).

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](#).

Tu B'Shevat

Sun., Jan. 16, 2022

Tradition: Judaism

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