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A Message from our University Chaplain

Dear Tufts Community,

Our hearts are broken at the tragic, sudden loss of our fellow community member, Madie Nicpon, A23. Madie was a gifted and radiant friend, family member, teammate, and classmate. We are not the same without her, and this loss has impacted us profoundly. You can read the President's official message to the University about Madie here.

I have witnessed incredible tenderness and support within the Tufts community in the last few days, and I continue to recall words of solace from poets and prophets like Mary Oliver who writes that “there is always grief more than enough, a heart-load for each of us," (from her poem, "Ocean," published in *Red Bird*).

Grief is a natural and important response to loss, and best held with others. Healing takes a long time, and everyone's path through grief is different. Sudden loss can rupture our sense of stability, and you may feel sadness, anger, anxiety, guilt, numbness, distractedness, or loneliness in the coming days and weeks. As a member of our community, we hope that you will also share how you are feeling with people who can support you, for I believe that Valarie Kaur's words ring true: “...grieving loss in community is how the hole turns into a wound that can heal,” (*See No Stranger*, p. 33).

The full resources of University's support services are available to you. The University Chaplaincy, along with our colleagues at Counseling and Mental Health (CMHS), and Dean of Student Affairs Office are here for you. Additionally, Goddard Chapel is open Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for anyone wishing to come in and light a candle for Madie, to sit in quiet reflection, or to write a card in support of Madie's family or friends. If you would like to be contacted by a chaplain, please complete this brief form.

You are important to us, and we are here for you.

With care,

Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

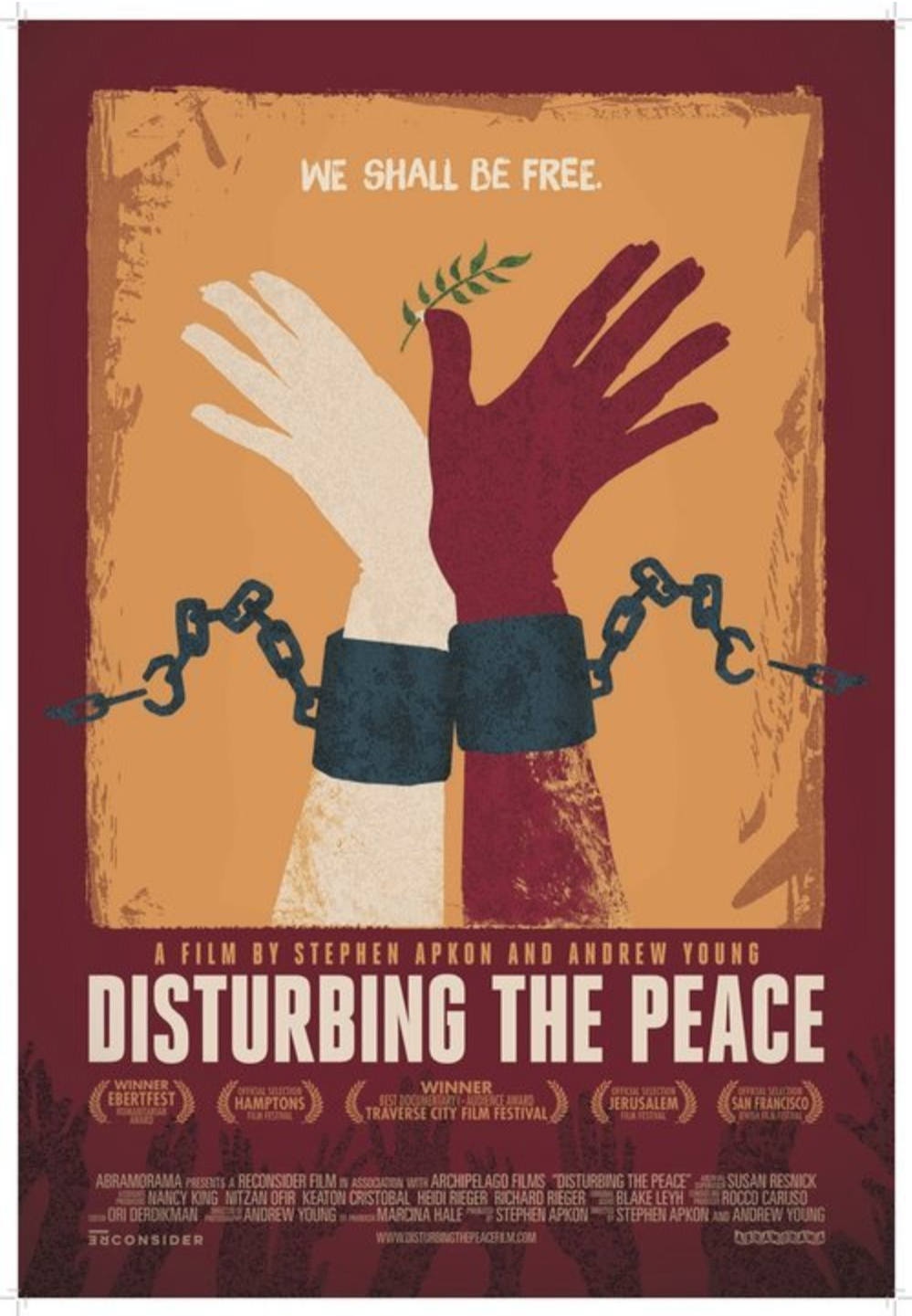
Contact a Chaplain

Religious and Philosophical Life Programs

Submit to the Trans Day of Remember 2021 Gallery
Proposals accepted until October 20 - today!

Now in its sixth year, this project is sponsored by the Tufts LGBT Center, the University Chaplaincy, and the SMFA at Tufts Student Affairs. This year, the Trans Day of Remembrance gallery will return to an in-person setting, and is welcoming proposals for site specific art installations and performances. The 2021 theme is *Trans Liberation*. Students are invited to submit proposals for installations at 230 Fenway in the Terrace Gallery (2nd Floor B-Side), LGBT Center, and/or Tisch Library. Proposals should consist of the following components: a short (~150-200 words) account of your personal interest in being a part of the project; a short proposal of your vision for the exhibition (medium, manner of display, etc.) including a rough breakdown of how you expect to use the $500 materials budget; a small portfolio consisting of up to three works that reflect your creative practice. The deadline to

submit a proposal in PDF format is October 20 at 11:59pm. Artists of all skill and experience levels are invited to participate – no formal art training is necessary. The sponosrs only ask that you use your art to bring joy, hope, and your vision for our collective futures. You can find more information and the submission form here, and reach out to the LGBT Center with any questions.



Visions of Peace Movie Screening and Discussion
Friday, October 22, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join the student group Visions of Peace in Barnum 008, for a screening of the film, *Disturbing the Peace* (2016). *Disturbing the Peace* tells the story of individuals, who otherwise would have never interacted with one another, and who challenge the current narratives of Israel and Palestine. Following the screening, there will be time for open discussion, and falafel will be served. If you would like to attend, please RSVP using this form by midnight on Wednesday, October 20. For more information on Disturbing the Peace, visit the film's website here.

Buddhist Theology for Authentic Transformation, with Dr. Hyun Kyung Chung
Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., ET held virtually

Join the Buddhist Chaplaincy for an event with Dr. Hyun Kyung Chung, who defines herself as a “salimist” (Korean Eco-feminist) from the Korean word “salim,” which means “making things alive.” She will speak from her experience as a social activist and womanist theologian on spirituality for authentic transformation. Dr. Hyun Kyung Chung M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Ecumenical Studies at Union Theological Seminary. Foci of her studies include: articulating the spirituality of women’s everyday work, Christian-Buddhist dialogue, interfaith peacemaking and an eco-feminist theology. Please RSVP to Buddhist Chaplain Ji Hyang Padma for the link to this virtual event.

Partner Programs

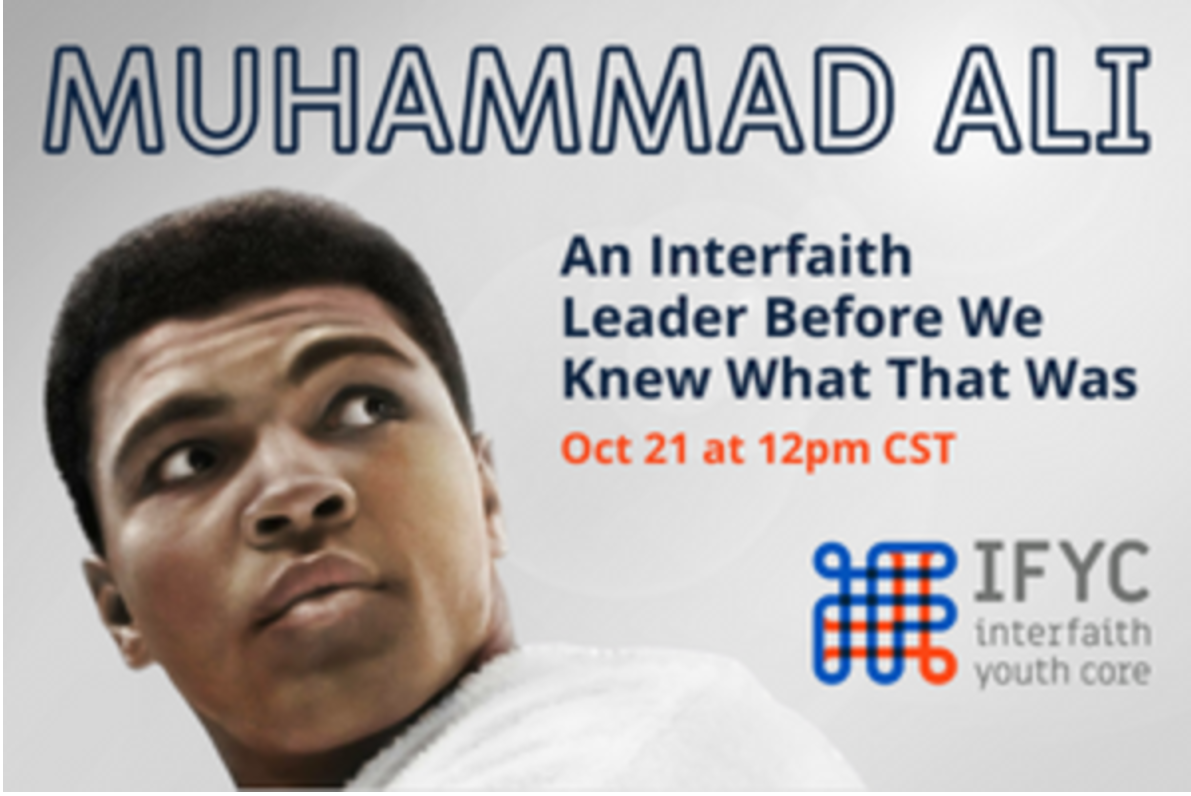
Tisch College Civic Life Lunch King Boston: Building Boston's Beloved Community with Imari Paris Jeffries
Thursday, October 21, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. ET, held virtually

Join Tisch College for a conversation with activist, educator, veteran and the Executive Director of King Boston, Imari Paris Jeffries. King Boston is a groundbreaking nonprofit organization working closely with the City of Boston and the Boston Foundation to create a living memorial and bold programing to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and their time and work together in Boston. In his role at King Boston, Imari Paris Jeffries brings a wealth of experience from the nonprofit management, racial equity, community activism, education reform, and social justice sectors. He serves as a Trustee of the UMass System and on the boards of United South End Settlement Houses, MA Budget and Policy Center, and Governor Baker's Black Advisory Commission. Paris Jeffries is a three-time graduate of UMass Boston and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. through UMass Boston's Higher Education Program. This event is generously cosponsored by the Africana Center, the Political Science Department, JumboVote, the University Chaplaincy and the Department of Studies in Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora. University Chaplain Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger will moderate the discussion. You can register here.

Fall 2021 Groups with Counseling and Mental Health Services
Meets throughout the semester

Counseling and Mental Health Services (CMHS) offers a wide variety of confidential groups and workshops for Tufts students. The following groups and workshops still have space: Oasis: Holding Space; Coping with Loss in a Remote World; Growing up with Family Mental Illness or Addiction; Living with Bipolar Disorder; ReST and Renew: Tools for Uncertain Times for Undergraduates; ReST and Renew: Tools for Uncertain Times for Graduate Students; Black Wellness Workshop; Connection Matters: International Students Discussion Group; Connecting with Care in the Community. You can find out more about all the groups and sign up here.

Resources, Scholarships and Opportunities



Muhammad Ali: An Interfaith Leader Before We Knew What That Was
Thursday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually

Join Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) President, Eboo Patel, in conversation with filmmaker, David McMahon, and public intellectual, Donna Auston, to talk about Muhammad Ali and his legacy of interfaith cooperation. Coinciding with the release of a four part film by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and McMahon, Muhammad Ali, this dynamic group will explore the complexity of Ali, from his refusal to fight in the Vietnam War, membership in the Nation of Islam, and experience as a public figure and proud Black man in America. Now one of the most celebrated men of the last century, Muhammad Ali's ability to connect with so many, demand more of his country, and pursue greatness has much to teach us all. View excerpts of the film here. You can register for the virtual event here.

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.

Installation of Granth Sahib Ji as Guru
Wed., Oct. 20, 2021
Tradition: Sikhism
This day celebrates Gobind Singh Ji's passing on guruship to Scripture, henceforth known as the Guru Granth Sahib.

Reformation Day
Sun., Oct. 31, 2021
Tradition: Christianity-Protestant
Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation of Christianity with Martin Luther's challenge to the Roman church in the sixteenth century C.E.

Samhain
Sun., Oct. 31, 2021
Tradition: Wicca/Paganism

The New Year and the final harvest festival, celebrating the last gifts of the Earth before winter and the return of the spirits of the dead.

All Saints Day
Mon., Nov. 1, 2021
Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
Christian celebration of the lives of all the saints, especially those not having a special day; Orthodox churches observe the day in mid-summer.

All Souls Day
Tue., Nov. 2, 2021
Tradition: Christianity-Roman Catholic
Catholic Christian observance in memory of all the faithful who are deceased. In some Latin cultures, this day is known as "The Day of the Dead."

Diwali (Dipavali)
Wed., Nov. 3, 2021
Tradition: Hinduism
Known as the Festival of Lights, it is dedicated to the goddess Kali in Bengal and to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, in the rest of India. As with several other festivals, Diwali is associated with one of the stories about the destruction of evil by Vishnu in one of his many manifestations.

Diwali/Mahavir Nirvana
Wed., Nov. 3, 2021
Tradition: Jainism
This Festival of Lamps celebrates the attainment of Moksa by Lord Mahavira. A burning lamp symbolizes the "light of knowledge," which dispels the darkness of delusion and ignorance.

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