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A Greeting From Your Catholic Chaplain

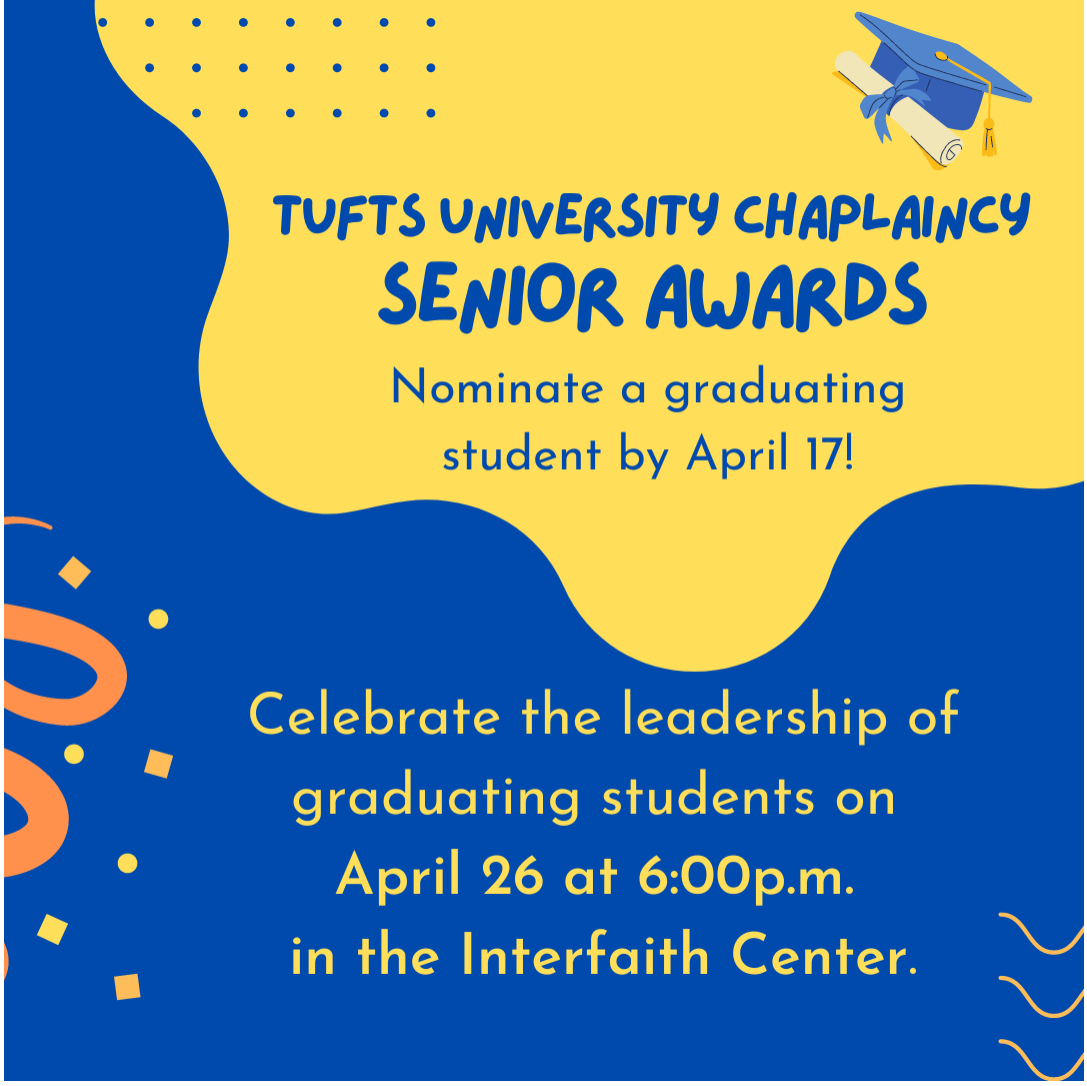
Upon arriving to campus early afternoon on Sunday, I settled into my routine and traversed the perimeter of the sanctuary to unlock the doors. To my utter delight, when I opened the cloister door which faces the library roof, I was met with one of the fleeting iconic beauties of this space—the sight of perfectly timed afternoon sun pouring through that sliver of a stained-glass window, filling the dark corner with warmth, the beaming scarlet inching across the grey slate. I just managed to get the picture above to remember it.

Whenever I encounter this great meeting of time and space, I think about architects and artists who designed the chapel and what care they took to make sure to place the sun in conversation with the stained-glass. Of course, there was no electricity installed when Goddard Chapel was built and so we were reliant on such strategic thinking and planning to make the most of day light. But unlike the yellow windows that illuminate the sanctuary and offices in the afternoon sun, this here little window seems to have been added simply for its beauty and the wonder it would inspire.

This past week, the sight felt all the more powerful as we were preparing for the Palm Sunday celebration, a day observed with the color red. An ever-growing team of student leaders in the Catholic community came together to create a beautiful service. There were singers in the choir, musicians on guitar and piano, a bevy of readers who proclaimed what is the longest gospel passage of the year, and of course, the assembly in the pews with palms in hand. Given the challenges of life during the pandemic and the way that congregations (across traditions) continue to struggle, it is no small thing to see this community take shape with such spirit, faithfulness and creativity. These students inspire me—their commitment, care and leadership is itself a wonder, an inspiring happening of time and space on Sunday nights. I often think to myself: these students could be anywhere right now, and they are here, coming together to BE church in this chapel.

As we head further into this week—a week rich with overlapping holy seasons based on the lunar calendar (Ramadan, Passover, Holy Week/Easter)—I invite you to pause. Can you take stock of the intersections in your midst, the meetings of time and space that inspire? What are your coordinates? How might a single moment connect you to something greater than yourself?

All goodness,
Lynn Cooper
Associate Director and Catholic Chaplain



Nominate a Graduating Senior or Young Alum for an Award
Nominations due by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 17

This year, the University Chaplaincy hosts its second annual celebration to honor and uplift the wonderful contributions of our seniors and young alumni across all of our religious and philosophical communities. Our Senior & Young Alumni Awards provide an opportunity for our community to nominate and celebrate our graduating seniors and recent alumni, and the awards are themed according to our core mission commitments: pastoral/spiritual care; supporting religious, spiritual, and philosophical communities; engaging spiritual and ethical issues; and multifaith engagement. The Young Alumni award is for a recent graduate (2018-2022) who has provided leadership for current students and the University Chaplaincy through offering support, encouragement, guidance and engagement.

You are welcome to submit more than one nomination, as well as nominate yourself. You can nominate anonymously or share your name and email. Sharing your information ensures that you will be notified of the final awards decisions and Senior Award Celebration. All nominees will be honored at our celebration, featuring delicious food and mocktails, at the Interfaith Center on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please submit all nominations by 11:59pm on Monday, April 17 through this form. Reach out to University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger with any questions.

Nominate a Senior or Young Alum

Religious and Philosophical Programs

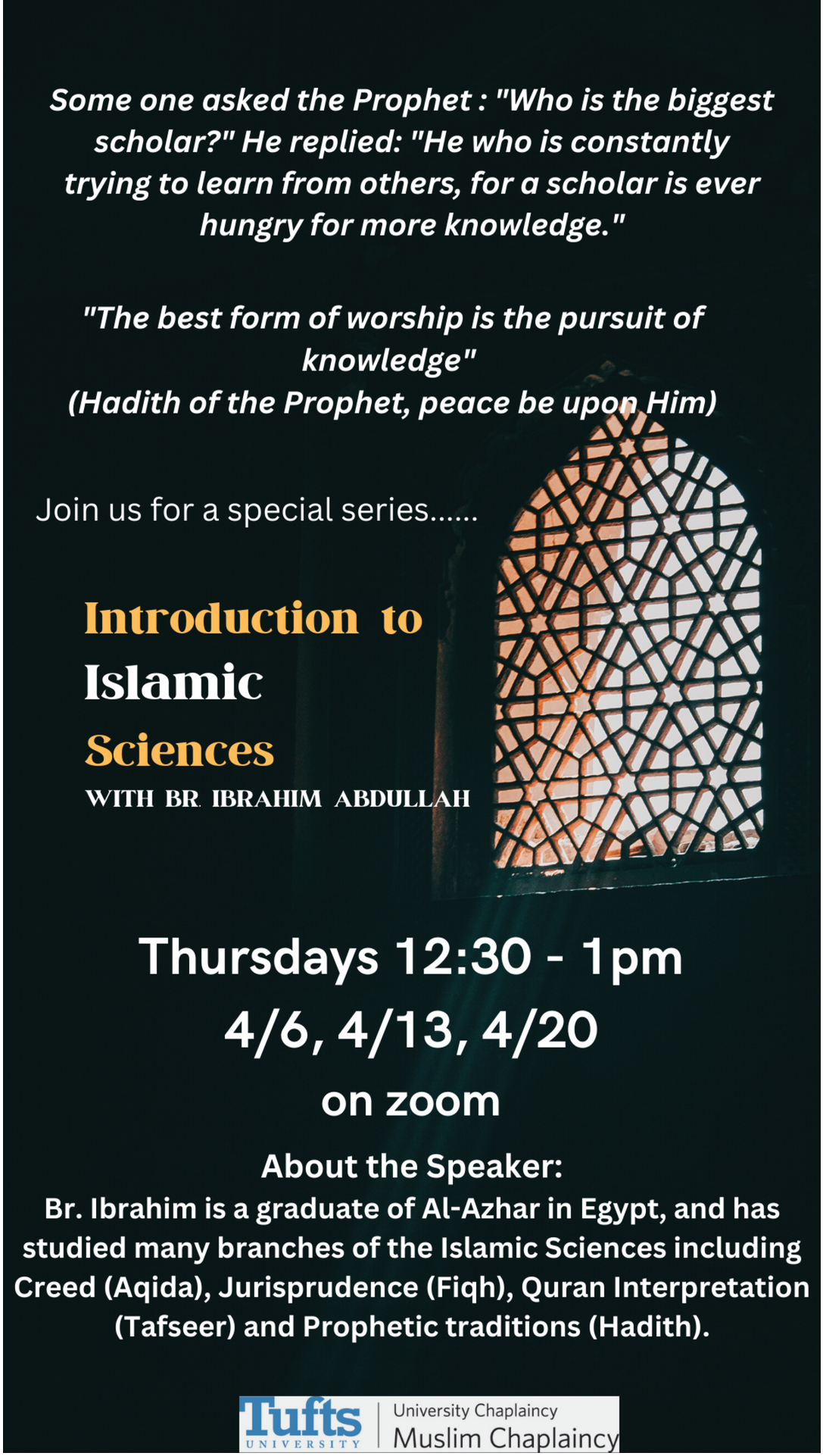
Passover Programs

Passover begins sunset on Wednesday, April 5 and ends at sunset on Thursday, April 13 this year

You are invited to Tufts Hillel's Passover seders where you can expect great food, connection with your community, and spiritual renewal! Together we will retell the story of Passover, finding new relevance for our lives in the story of our people's liberation. Click here for a full list of passover programs and events hosted by Tufts Hillel.

Multilingual Rosary for Holy Week
April 3 - 6, 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. and April 7, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Goddard Chapel

All are welcome for a rosary circle this Holy Week. Bring your own traditions, share the rosary in your primary language of prayer. Rosaries and guides provided. Please contact Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper with any questions.



Introduction to Islamic Sciences

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., held virtually

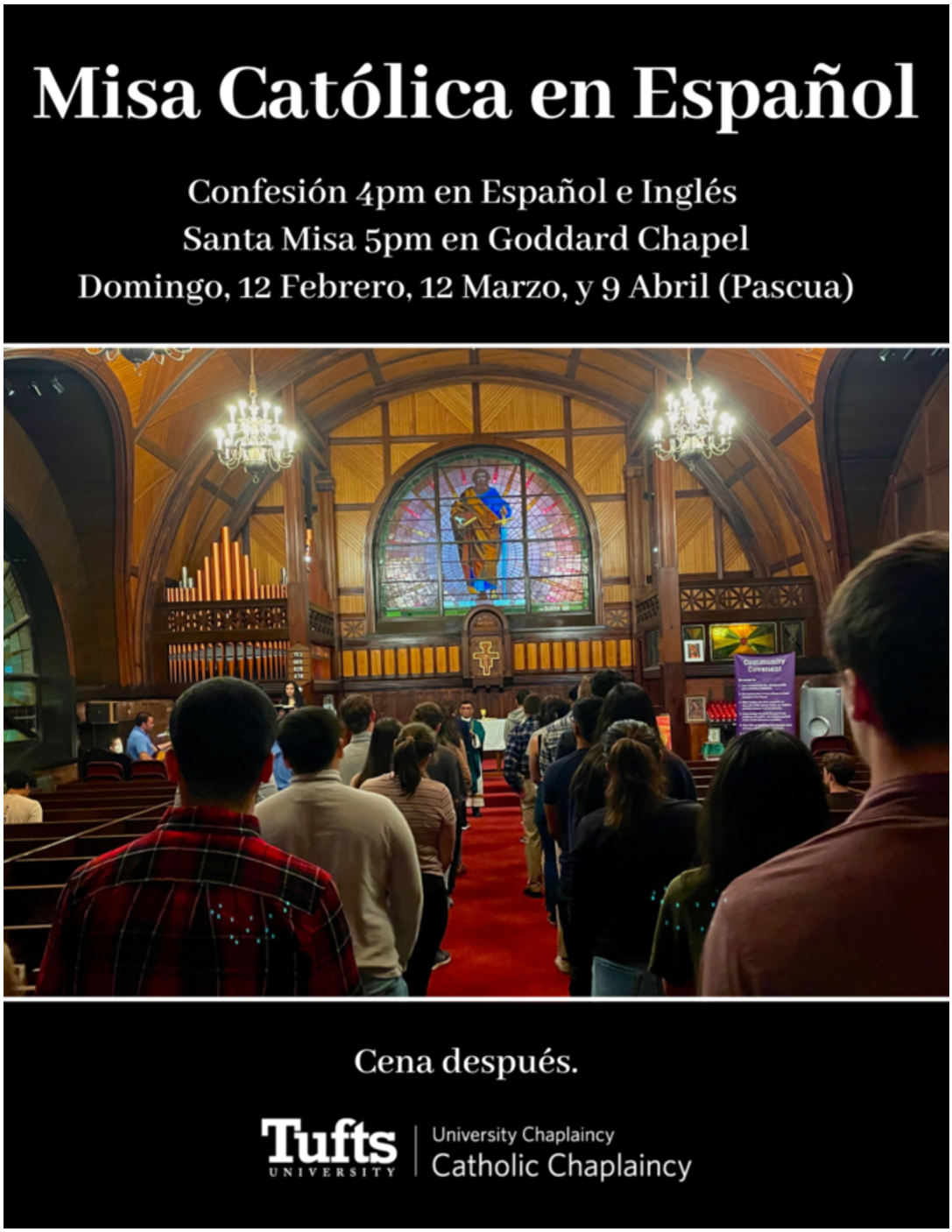
Join for an overview and introduction to the various areas of knowledge within the Islamic tradition. All are welcome. Br. Ibrahim is a graduate of Al-Azhar in Egypt, and has studied many branches of the

Islamic Sciences including Creed (Aqida), Jurisprudence (Fiqh), Quran Interpretation (Tafseer), and Prophetic traditions (Hadith). Please email Muslim Chaplain Najiba Akbar for more information and the Zoom link.

Good Friday Ecumenical Service
Friday, April 7, 12:00 p.m. at Goddard Chapel

With many Christians all over the world, we gather on Good Friday to bear witness to Jesus' Passion. Hosted by Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper and Protestant Chaplain Dan Bell, this service is a time of

prayer and song as we keep vigil and stay awake to the tombs in our world and the tombs in our heart. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please email Suzie Cartreine, University Chaplaincy Music Director.



Pascua/Easter
Sunday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.at Goddard Chapel

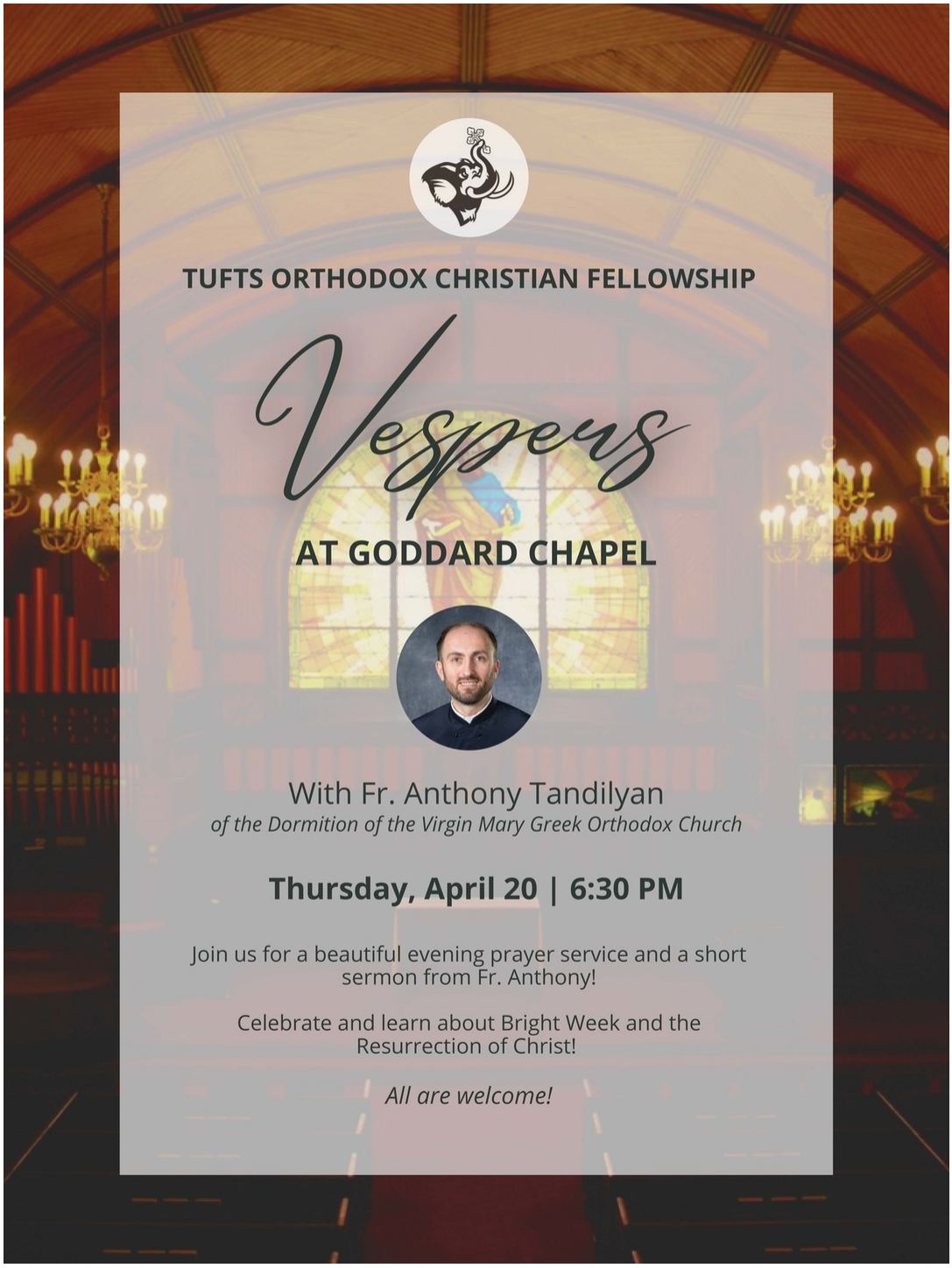
The Catholic Chaplaincy hosts Spanish Mass for Easter this year, and all are welcome. The community will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ together. Please reach out to Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper with any questions.

Easter Dinner
Sunday, April 9, 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.at the Interfaith Center (58 Winthrop St, Upper Hall)

Join the Protestant Student Association (PSA) and Catholic Community at Tufts (CCT) for an ecumenical Easter celebration and delicious dinner! Come early if you would like to help decorate. There will be an optional egg hunt too.

Interfaith Iftar during the holy month of Ramadan
Wednesday, April 19, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.at Breed Hall

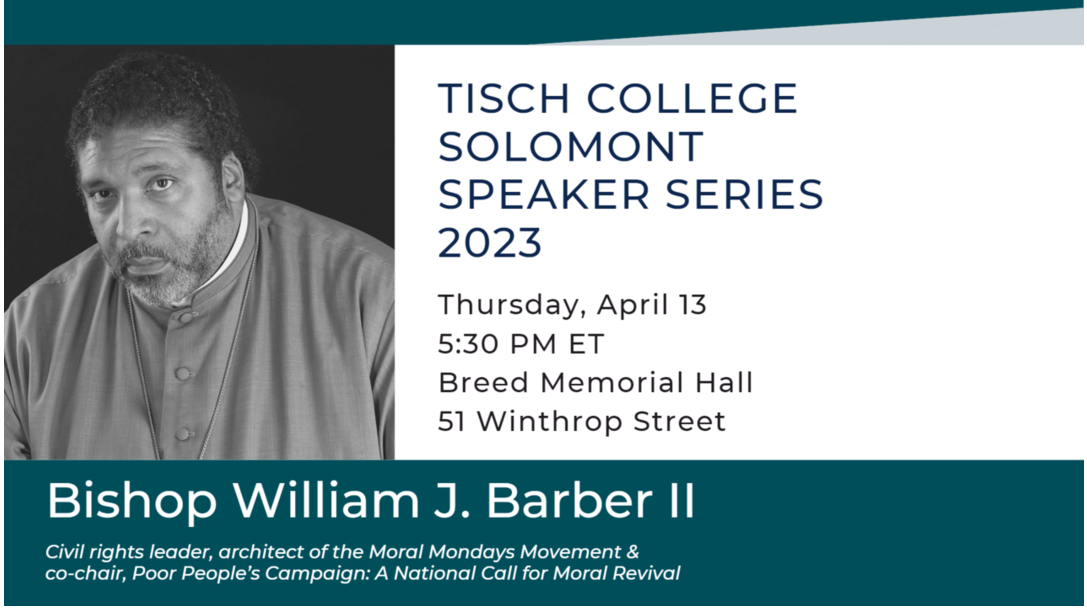
The University Chaplaincy would like to say Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing this month! We would also like to extend an invitation to all students, faculty and staff to this year's Interfaith Iftar hosted by the University Chaplaincy and the Muslim Students Association, which will be held on April 19 from 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in Breed Hall. Please RSVP here if you would like to attend this iftar. For more information about Ramadan at Tufts you can visit the Muslim Chaplaincy's Ramadan Page.



Vespers with the Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) for Vespers with Fr. Anthony Tandilyan. There will be an evening service and a short sermon, followed by fellowship time. Please reach out to the OCF with any questions.

Upcoming Co-Sponsored Events



Solomont Speaker Series: Bishop William J. Barber II
Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m. at Breed Hall (51 Winthrop St.)

Join Tisch College for a lecture and conversation with renowned orator, moral leader, civic rights activist and organizer, Bishop William J. Barber II, on organizing for multiracial democracy. Bishop Barber will discuss our individual and collective power to effect change on issues like systemic racism, poverty, and climate change at a time of historic demographic transition by breaking through divisions and centering solidarity. Generously co-hosted by the University Chaplaincy and the Africana Center with support from the Political Science Department, the Tufts Democrats and the Civic Studies Program. To register for in-person attendance, click here. We strongly encourage in-person attendance, however, the event will be livestreamed. Be advised there is no Q&A or chat feature with the livestream. You can find more information about the event on the Tisch College website.

Register for the In-Person Event

Unpacking White Christian Nationalism Series with Dr. Anthea Butler
Keynore address: Thursday, April 27 in Alumnae Hall, 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Brunch and conversation: Friday, April 28 in Alumnae Hall, 9:30am - 11:00am

How does white Christian nationalism impact a multifaith and multiracial democracy? The Interfaith Ambassador team, University Chaplaincy, and the Tufts Department of Religion invite you to an event series featuring bestselling author and renowned public scholar, Dr. Anthea Butler. Dr. Butler will deliver a lecture on her book *White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America* and join us for dinner and a discussion on Thursday, April 27. On Friday, April 28, participants will explore together the contours of American and global nationalisms in the major justice issues of our day. You can register for both events here.

The first 25 students to visit the Chaplaincy Office at Goddard Chapel after registering will receive a copy of *White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America* prior to the event. This event is funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations and is a part of Tufts University's Religious Diversity and Civic Life Initiative.

Register for Series

Partner Programs

KNICKERBOCKER RENAISSANCE: SLAVERY & EDUCATION

THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES AT TUFTS

COIT-PHELPS ANNUAL LECTURE

WED. APRIL 12, 2023

4:30-5:45PM

BARNUM HALL 104
TUFTS UNIVERSITY
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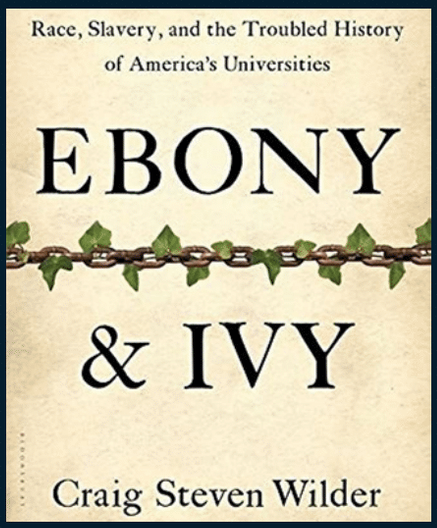

Author of Ebony & Ivy (Bloomsbury Publishing)

CRAIG WILDER

BARTON L. WELLER PROFESSOR OF HISTORY (MIT)

This is the inaugral event for the Slavery, Colonialism and their Legacies at Tufts Project.

Lecture will be followed by a Q&A and a light reception.

Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities at Tufts, the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, and the Office of the Provost.

Coit-Phelps Annual Lecture
Wednesday, April 12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at Barnum Hall room 104

Professor Craig Wilder of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will present the Annual Coit Phelps Lecture in the Humanities on the topic of "Knickerbocker Renessaince: Slavery and Education." This is the inaugural event of the Slavery, Colonialism, and their Legacies at Tufts Initiative, a university-wide, multi-year collaborative research project sponsored by the Center for the Humanities at Tufts, the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, the Tufts Archival Research Center, and the Office of the Provost. Student researchers will play a major role in this project over the next several years. Click here for more information about the lecture.

Refugees in Towns Symposium
Friday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Rabb Room in Barnum Hall

The Refugees in Towns Project at the Henry J. Leir Institute for Migration & Human Security is proud to present its third annual convening. This year's event, the Race and Migration Symposium, draws from RiT's ongoing research with the Hello Neighbor Network, focusing on the intersections of race and migration within the United States. RiT and Tufts University researchers will present their findings on how refugees learn about race and racism. The conference will then explore how organizations and advocates can foster more welcoming communities and expand racially informed resettlement programming, featuring panels with both practitioners and immigrants. Register via MyFletcher. This event is sponsored by Tufts' Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. We gratefully acknowledge their technical and financial support in producing our research with the Hello Neighbor Network. This event is free and open to the public. Participants are invited attend this event via Zoom or in-person. Coffee and lunch will be provided to in-person attendees. Panel information is forthcoming.

Tufts HiLLEL
Cummings/Hillel Program for Holocaust and Genocide Education

Survivors Speak: Stories from Sudan, Rwanda, Bosnia and the Holocaust

Survivors Speak: Stories from Sudan, Rwanda, Bosnia and the Holocaust
Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.at Tufts Hillel

Tufts Hillel is pleased to invite you to the annual Keynote Address for the Cummings/Hillel Program for Holocaust & Genocide Education, featuring Jack Trompetter, Bol Riiny, Jasmina Cesic and Consolee Nishimwe. At the reception, guests will have the opportunity to meet the speakers prior to the panel, where they will share their stories of survival and answer questions. Please RSVP for Survivors Speak here. If you would like to bring a guest, please include their name.

Register for Survivors Speak

Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities

University Chaplaincy Hiring Student Workers
Apply by Monday, April 17

Want to join the University Chaplaincy student worker team for Fall 2023-Spring 2024? Our student staff gets resume-building skills, event support experience, and a team of thoughtful, kind peers! Apply by April 17 on Handshake and reach out to program manager Nora Bond with any questions.

Apply on Handshake

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.

Great Lent
Ongoing through Sat., Apr. 15, 2023
Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox
In Orthodox churches, the first day of Lent marks the beginning of the Great Fast, the final six weeks of a 10-week period leading up to Holy Week and Easter (Pascha). In the churches that follow the Gregorian calendar, Lent is a six-week observance (40 days excluding Sundays) beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. It is a time of repentance and sacrifice in preparation for Easter.

Ramadan
Wed., Mar. 22 – Fri., Apr. 21, 2023
Tradition: Islam
The Holy Month of Ramadan is the month of fasting during which Muslims who are physically able do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset in honor of the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad. The evening meal is celebrated with family and in community.

Passover (Pesach)
Wed., Apr. 5 – Thu., Apr. 13, 2023
Tradition: Judaism
Passover commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It is celebrated for eight days with special prayers and symbolic foods at home, starting with the Seder, a ritual meal that re-enacts that ancient deliverance and emphasizes the freedom of the Jews under the guidance of God. The first two and the last two days are holidays.

Anniversary of the Founding of the Church
Thu., Apr. 6, 2023
Tradition: Latter Day Saints
Annual World General Conference of the Church held on Saturday and Sunday closest to this date each year.

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday
Thu., Apr. 6, 2023
Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
Commemorates the institution of the Lord's Supper/the Eucharist by Jesus prior to his arrest and execution. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin text of John 13:34, in which Jesus gives a mandatum novum ("new commandment"). The date observed by Protestants and Roman Catholics differs from the date observed by Orthodox Christians.

Good Friday
Fri., Apr. 7, 2023
Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his death by crucifixion. Observed as Holy Friday by Orthodox Christians on a different date from the one observed by Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Easter Sunday
Sun., Apr. 9, 2023
Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
Celebrates the resurrection from death of Jesus Christ. It is the oldest and most important festival in the Christian year and initiates the 50-day period culminating in Pentecost. Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians often observe Easter on a different date than Orthodox Christians.

Palm Sunday
Sun., Apr. 9, 2023
Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox
Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Pascha. In some churches, Palm Sunday is combined with the anticipation of Christ's death and so is also known as "Passion Sunday." Orthodox Christians often observe this Sunday on a date different from the date on which Protestant and Roman Catholics observe it.

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday
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